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## A MONSTROUS RESOLUTION.

There are not a few among the Grand Lodges in the United States which appear to be afflicted with a certain mental weakness. Present to them one side of the Masonic picture with one of the salient characteristics of the Craft prominently depicted in the foreground, and at once they realise its beauty. They admire it; they are prepared at any moment—indeed, at almost every moment—of their lives to go into ecstasies over its appropriateness to so ancient and honourable a Society. They will talk together for hours about the beauties of this characteristic, and those of them who are afflicted with *cacoëthes scribendi* are prepared at any time to write you whole volumes of gush upon the subject. But present to them the other side—the reverse—of the picture, with the same salient characteristic depicted with equal prominence in the foreground, and they know it not, they see it not, neither do they understand the justice and appropriateness of its presence. But the reader will naturally ask—What is the salient characteristic which is recognised and admired when it is depicted on the obverse, and ignored or rejected when it appears on the reverse? And our answer is—the Freedom which is the basis, as it is the boast, of Freemasonry. No one ever wearies of dilating upon the beauties of Freedom, when it is applied to a candidate for our mysteries and privileges. Note carefully, they say, that of the thousands upon thousands who have joined our ranks since Freemasonry was established in its present form, all have done so freely and voluntarily. They have been neither invited nor coerced to join us against their own inclination, neither have they presented themselves under the influence of any mercenary or other unworthy motive. They have formed a favourable opinion of the Craft and its principles, and they are of the opinion that if they are admitted, they will be enabled to enlarge their store of knowledge, and at the same time prove themselves more useful members of society generally. They come to us, as we have said, without invitation, *freely* and *voluntarily*, in accordance with that *freedom* which is necessarily at the root of all Freemasonry wheresoever it may be distributed over the surface of land and water. But the moment you suggest to the wisecracks in these minor American jurisdictions that those who were free to join, are likewise free to quit our ranks, and they greet you with volumes and resolutions, just to show how inexpressibly great is the iniquity of those abandoned reprobates, the non-affiliates, that is, the men who, having joined us *freely*, have had the hardihood to leave us *freely* to our own devices.

We have often been amused by the nonsensical endeavours which are ever and again put forth by those of the United States

Grand Lodges, which have the misfortune to be afflicted with non-affiliate on the brain, but we have never read a resolution passed by the most determined of those Grand bodies more calculated to bring ridicule upon Freemasonry than that which was adopted by the Grand Lodge of Idaho at its 30th Annual Communication in September against non-affiliates. This Grand Lodge was established in the later "sixties." It has a muster roll of some 30 lodges, and amongst these are distributed subscribing members to the number of between 1100 and 1200. There are also residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge a number of brethren, who have at some time or other been subscribing members of lodges either in Idaho or elsewhere, but who, for reasons which have appeared to them good and sufficient, have withdrawn from our ranks. They joined us freely and voluntarily, and they rightly consider they are as free to leave us. But no, says the Grand Lodge of Idaho. True, you joined us freely, but once a subscribing member of a lodge always a subscribing member. We need your subscriptions, and unless you re-join—assuming that you are what is called a Mason "in good standing"—we shall expel you from the Order. This is no exaggeration, nor the result of any wild effort of our imagination. Here is the resolution itself as taken from the printed Report of the Proceedings at the afternoon session on the second day of the meeting. "*Resolved*—That it is the duty of every Mason residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to be a member of some Masonic lodge, either within or without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. *Resolved*—That every Mason residing within this jurisdiction holding a dimit shall, within six months from this date, present his petition for membership in some lodge within this jurisdiction, and on failure so to do, or to pay dues according to the by-laws of the lodge nearest his residence, the Master of the lodge within whose jurisdiction such offending brother, if known, resides, shall order the Junior Warden of his lodge to prefer charges against such unaffiliated brother of un-Masonic conduct, in not so presenting his petition for membership, and such proceedings shall be had as provided for in trials for un-Masonic conduct, and if no sufficient excuse shall be shown for such failure to affiliate, and the offending brother be found guilty, he shall be expelled from the Order."

It is difficult to realise that such a monstrous resolution as this could ever have been formulated, much less adopted by a body of men who, we presume, are in the possession of their senses.

## ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM\*.

The third and concluding Part of Volume X. of the Transactions of our famous literary lodge—which we need hardly be at the pains of saying has been edited with that care and discrimination which we are in the habit of associating with its respected Secretary, Bro. SPETH, P.A.G.D.C.—well maintains the prestige which the lodge has acquired for the tone and character of its work. The first item in the Contents is a contribution from the pen of Bro. R. F. GOULD, and forms no part of the Transactions proper. Its title is "Masonic Celebrities: No. VII.—Bro. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND," the eminent Masonic

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Statistician of the United States, Past Grand Master of Maine, and unquestionably one of the most distinguished amongst our American Brethren. Bro. DRUMMOND, one of whose ancestors migrated from the North of Ireland and settled near the mouth of the Kennebec river in 1729, is in his 71st year, having been born at Winslow on the 30th August, 1827. In early life he exhibited great proficiency in mathematics, and even before the close of his academic career, discharged the duties of Principal of China Academy. But in 1848 he gave his attention to the study of the law, and no long time elapsed ere he succeeded in winning a high reputation at the Bar. His Masonic career dates from 1849, on the first day of which he was initiated in the Waterville Lodge, No. 33. He presided over it as W.M. in 1856 and 1857, and is still a subscribing member. After serving as Deputy from 1858 to 1860, he was, in 1863, elected and installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He is also Past G. High Priest of Maine, and Past General G.H.P. of the G.G. Chapter of the United States; Past G. Commander of the G. Commandery of Maine; Past G.M. of the G. Council of Maine, and of the General G. Council of the United States; Prov. G. Master of the Royal Order of Scotland, U.S.A., and Past G. Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. But his services in these several capacities have been surpassed by those he has rendered as Chairman of the Committees of Maine on Masonic Jurisprudence and Foreign Correspondence, and he has reviewed the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges since 1865, of those of other Grand Chapters and Grand Councils since 1866, and of other Grand Commanderies for about nine years prior to 1876. It is difficult to form an idea of the amount of labour—to say nothing of the judgment and ability required—in the compilation of these reports, each of which forms a fair-sized 8vo. volume. Yet he has compiled over 100 of these reviews, and is still as keen and just in his criticisms as he was a quarter of a century ago. He is, indeed, a man of marvellous ability and energy, and may be looked upon as the greatest authority on Masonic Jurisprudence in the United States. In treating of the career of this distinguished Mason, Bro. GOULD has done his work as biographer most admirably, and Bro. DRUMMOND and his friends in Masonry—of whom the number is legion—must be delighted at having so interesting and ample a record compiled by the foremost of our English Masonic historians. As the biography has been reprinted separately, it forms a worthy addition to what Bro. GOULD calls his "gallery of 'Old Masters;'" and we have no doubt it will be appreciated equally by his English as by his American readers, more especially as it is accompanied by a well-executed and, we should imagine, a life-like portrait of the eminent brother, with his autograph appended.

This essay of Bro. GOULD'S is followed by a short account of "How Frederick the Great of Prussia became a Freemason," by Bro. A. J. W. CERF, M.A., of Trinity College Lodge, No. 357, I.C., and then begin the Transactions proper with a record of the lodge meeting on the 1st October, when Bro. SYDNEY T. KLEIN was elected W.M. for the ensuing year—Bro. C. PURDON CLARKE, C.I.E., S.W., having been under the necessity of declining election to the chair for the present owing to the pressure of his official duties—and Bro. Sir WALTER BESANT re-elected Treasurer. When the business was over, Bro. GEORGE L. SHACKLES read a most interesting paper on "Masonic Medals," which had the great advantage of being illustrated by lantern slides and received a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable contribution to our knowledge of Masonic Numismatics. The other meeting of which a record is given was that held on the 8th November last, when Bro. KLEIN was installed in office as W. Master and delivered his inaugural address, the subject of which, as we stated in our Note of last week, was "Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, a Physical and Psychological examination of Masonic Symbolism." The time, however, at the disposal of Bro. KLEIN was insufficient to allow of his dealing with the subject in full, and accordingly he confined his attention "to Wisdom and Beauty" as representing "Omniscience and Omnipresence." It is a marvellous paper, which needs to be read and re-read in order that its meaning and intention may be fully grasped. Probably no member of the lodge could have compiled such a paper as this, but Bro. KLEIN, as a man of science,

is accustomed to examine minutely into abstruse questions which are outside the track pursued by the ordinary student. Hence this paper of his will be found exceptionally instructive, as those who have read it in our Christmas Number will, no doubt, most readily bear witness. The rest of the number is occupied with Notes and Queries, Reviews, and other lighter matter.

The "St. John's Card" of greeting from the W.M. and officers to the members of the two circles of the lodge is a work of art, accompanied, as we mentioned last week, by an engraving of the philosopher, ARISTIPPUS, discovering the geometrical figures drawn upon the sands of the island upon which he was wrecked. The greeting is most cordial, and the card conveying it most appropriate to the year to which it belongs. As usual, the "Card" is accompanied by a complete list of the names and addresses and Masonic qualifications in chief of the members of the Inner and Correspondence Circles, and hence, apart from the merit of the drawings and explanation, is of especial value as showing the material of which the lodge is composed.

### THE MARK MASONIC CALENDAR.

There is not a Masonic Annual published for any Grand Lodge or other governing organisation that is more complete and perfect than the "Masonic Calendar" of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters for England and Wales, &c., Edited by the ever-courteous Grand Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier, K.C.T.

Its title does not indicate its far-reaching character, for though one of its main objects is to provide for the lodges, councils, chapters, and preceptories which assemble in the Mark Masons' Hall, a considerable portion of the Annual is devoted to an exhaustive Roll of present and past Grand Officers (*Mark*), from 1856 to date, including all the Prov. Grand Masters, with their Deputies, during the same period, both for this Country and Abroad, and there is also a full list of the brethren who have been elected or appointed members of the General Board from 1856 to 1896, arranged alphabetically. Other Degrees are also carefully noted, including the Great Priory of Knight Templars, &c., so that whether for Mark Masons or members of the Chivalric Degrees, this handy work is simply indispensable.

There are several important tables that are of considerable value for reference, one concerning the number of Certificates issued, the total of Registered Members, the Warrants granted, and the Receipts under two divisions, for each year, since 1857, a period of 40 years, by which it is seen that for 1897, 1400 Certificates were issued, 36902 members have in all been registered, and over £2650 and £2900 have been received for the "General" and the Benevolent Funds respectively.

The Special Grants made from 1872 to 1889, inclusive, amount to £335; and for the Central Masonic Charities, £577. Under the "Benevolent Fund," the Receipts are noted from 1868 to 1896, those for the last year exhibiting a total of Investments, £6206 9s. 4d.; the "Education Fund" Investments amount now to £4938 0s. 4d., with 16 children on the Fund, and there are also "Clothing Grants." The "Annuity Fund" for 1896 has £6404 0s. 2d. invested, there being 16 Annuitants, costing £341 15s. per annum, and £60 for Christmas Grant. These and many more particulars are carefully detailed, and as the Secretarial work is all honorary, donors have the pleasure of knowing that their contributions are not subjected to any deductions for Salaries.

The "Mark Benevolent Fund" deserves still more aid than it receives, and I think if brethren would procure copies of this excellent Masonic Annual from the Grand Secretary (only sixpence each, post free), and familiarise themselves with the advantages of this beneficent Fund, they would gladly help with their subscriptions.

The Festival will be in July. So far, my old friend, the R.W. Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire "holds the Record" for the largest sum raised in any one year.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## Craft Masonry.

### Albion Lodge, No. 9.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there was a numerous gathering of brethren to witness the addition of another Master to the lengthy roll this lodge already possesses. During the proceedings it was mentioned by the Secretary that Bro. Vallentine, P.G.P., hoped to complete his 50 years' active membership in March next, when the unique event would be celebrated by appropriate rejoicing. The next in seniority is Bro. Friend, P.M., Treas., who has been a member for 46 years.

Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Dennis, W.M., supported by Bros. H. F. Cain, S.W.; F. B. Smith, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Francis, S.D.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., D.C.; A. G. Pritchard, P.M., Org.; Sydney H. Meyers, P.M.; G. Russell Beardmore, P.M.; E. H. Bradley, P.M.; E. J. Wickenen, P.M.; W. A. Evans, G. Tennant, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Major T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Cleave, P.P.G.D. Surrey; C. O. Burgess, P.G.D. Surrey; E. L. Berry, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Bucks; J. H. Austin, W.M. 1669; H. G. Walker, J.W. 1614; C. G. Smith, S.W. 2648; J. Young, 1805; J. W. Gibbs, P.M. 1804; E. H. Selby, P.M. 1601; J. W. Cain, P.M. 179; T. Hodgson, 2310; G. J. Barton, 1704; A. E. Rowe, 2580; H. F. Digby Smith, 1446; R. R. Banks, 1347; A. Stribling, P.M. 1347; H. J. Keen, J.W. 2073; W. C. Ferris, 1901; A. J. Millington, J.W. 1227; T. S. Cookes, W.M. 1347; Hugh Taylor, I.P.M. 1347; E. Parsons, 2473; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and a candidate was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. H. J. Cain was presented as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair by Bro. W. Dennis, who received well-deserved praise for his impressive and delightful rendering of the

ritual. The following officers were invested: Bros. W. Dennis, I.P.M.; J. R. Francis, S.W.; F. B. Smith, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Evans, S.D.; G. Tennant, J.D.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., D.C.; A. G. Pritchard, P.M., Org.; H. Weaver Brown, I.G.; E. H. Bradley, P.M., Steward; and T. Rawles, Tyler. Bro. Wickenden, P.M., was welcomed into the lodge as a joining member, and Messrs. Carr and Smith were duly initiated, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

A banquet was enjoyed at Freemasons' Tavern, which was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. Maj. T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br., responded for "The Grand Officers," and said he had been very pleased with the working, the W.M. ably performing the initiation ceremony immediately after his installation. The work of the junior officers was equally well done, and the members should be proud of them and of the antiquity of their lodge. He hoped the lodge would continue to prosper under its present excellent set of officers.

Bro. W. Dennis, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said it was the first occasion in his Masonic career that he had had the privilege of proposing that toast. He was personally extremely gratified at having such a very worthy occupant of the chair, whose health he now proposed. He (the I.P.M.) was one of many who remembered the W.M. joining the lodge, and they had watched his progress up the ladder from the junior offices, and had been impressed with the earnestness with which he approached the various duties cast upon him. No member of the lodge had more richly deserved the honour conferred upon Bro. Cain that day—that of being placed in the chair as W.M. The members respected and loved the W.M. as a Mason, and no words of commendation were, therefore, needed to do justice to the toast. The manner in which Bro. Cain, W.M., had rendered the initiation ceremony was a good omen of success for the coming year. When they had a Master who was conscientious and thorough, and who evinced a very deep interest in every move of the lodge; who was able at once to undertake and initiate two candidates, it was sufficient evidence that he was a Master of whom any lodge might be proud. At the close of the present year the members would have no regrets at having placed Bro. Cain in the chair, and they now wished him a very prosperous and successful year.

Bro. H. F. Cain, W.M., said it was indeed a difficult task to reply. His desire to do so was strong but his words were inadequate. There were two forms of thinking. There was the conventional form controlled solely by mind, and there was the deep and sincere manner emanating from the heart. His thanks were of the latter description, and he trusted that during his year he might by his conduct as Worshipful Master prove that he was in some measure worthy of the good opinion they had of him. He would turn to a more agreeable subject and propose "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." They had all been impressed by the able and finished manner in which Bro. Dennis discharged the office of Installing Master, and that beautiful rendering would remain in their minds for a long time. The I.P.M. was a very enthusiastic Mason, always doing his best for Masonry because his heart was in the work. He (the W.M.), had the great pleasure of asking the I.P.M.'s acceptance of a Past Master's collar and jewel, and to express the hope that he would long be spared to be with them at their meetings as he had been in the past.

Bro. W. Dennis, I.P.M., tendered his sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kind and enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. The remarks made concerning him were too flattering, but he could say he had done his best during the time he had been a member of that lodge. He felt exceedingly proud to receive the collar and jewel presented to him by his mother lodge. That was a feeling that every Mason should experience, for whatever services he rendered were acknowledged by the lodge, as in the presentation that night. He had not been absent from a meeting of that lodge since his initiation, and he felt proud there had been no interruption. So long as he was spared his intention was to do what little he could in this old lodge where he had found and made such friendships that he would not lose at any cost. He was proud of his position and appreciated the kindness and consideration always extended to him by the members of this lodge.

"The Initiates" and "Joining Member" were next given, being briefly replied to by Bros. Carr, Smith, and Wickenden, P.M.

Replying for "The Past Masters," Bro. W. L. Harvey, P.M., Sec., said there were doubtless many present who had never before heard the installation ceremony done with exactly the same working. The father of the lodge, Bro. Vallentine, was the last of three or four old members who were the sole persons capable of installing Masons into the chair 60 or 70 years ago. Bro. Vallentine performed that ceremony over 30 times consecutively, and had handed down to his successors the same ritual that had been performed for some 150 years. He would call their attention to a very unique demonstration which they expected to hold in the forthcoming March. They were going to celebrate the jubilee of full active membership of a member of the lodge, a brother who was initiated in March, 1848, and had been a member until the present time. The next oldest member was Bro. Friend, Treasurer, who had been a member 49 years. For two members to total nearly a century of years' membership was unique, and he thought the M.W.G.M. might possibly single out those men, who had stuck to Freemasonry and to one lodge, for honours. Masonry now was not what it was then, he was sorry to say. When they joined hands in Masonry in those days they meant it; nowadays it did not seem so. When those old Masons joined Masonry they joined as friends for life, and that was what they should work for. The jubilee of Bro. Vallentine would be unique, and it was a proud thing for the members to have such a man. They hoped to have a big meeting and give him a great reception. Bro. Vallentine was looking forward to it and was reserving himself for the occasion.

For "The Visitors," Bros. T. Cookes, W.M. 1347; C. O. Burgess, W.M. 2390, P.P.G.D.; and J. H. Austin, W.M. 1669, replied.

The W.M., in giving "The Masonic Charities," announced his intention of representing the lodge for the Boys' School.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I. Boys, made an eloquent appeal to the members—nearly all of whom were subscribers to the Institution—to support their W.M. and keep up the reputation already established by that ancient and venerable lodge.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Geo. Pritchard, P.M., Org., was assisted in the musical arrangements by Mdle. Marie Vagnolini, Miss Lillias Engholme, Mr. A. Pearce, and Bro. A. Strugnell.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

The installation meeting of this old and important lodge took place on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under very auspicious surroundings, a large gathering of the brethren being assembled. There were present Bros. H. L. Davies, W.M.; W. Baddeley, S.W., P.G. Stwd. Herts, W.M. elect; J. Jacobs, J.W.; J. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; A. Pinnington, S.D.; V. R. Romilly, J.D.; F. Hawkins, P.M., D. of C.; J. Holden, I.G.; T. J. Robins, P.M., Stwd.; G. Harding, Tyler; J. J. Willson, P.M.; F. J. Deaton, P.M.; W. J. Maynard, P.M.; T. B. Fulwood, P.M.; Elden, Wolff, Hunt, Mathew, Abrahams, Cartar, Schroeder, A. Osborn, Webster, Lee, Ware, Eddie, Syd. Davies, and others. The visitors included Bros. Dr. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. C. Mulvey, G. Purst.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; J. L. Last, P.M. 2321, P.P.G.R. West Yorks; F. G. Mason, W.M. 1385 P.J.G.W. Herts; J. Brittain, P.M. 1385, P.P.J.G.W. Herts; Fisher Young, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Gray, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; J. Falconer, W.M. 2509; H. T. Matthews, P.M. 1910; Rev. G. E. Gardner, Chap. 2509; R. Cranston, P.M. 2509; F. S. Plowright, P.M. 193; J. Marchand, P.M. 1572; J. A. Witthaus, P.M. 2509; J. Mc L. Rainsford, W.M. elect 1385; J. Lloyd, P.M. 1986; J. Hunt, P.M. 194; P. E. Campbell, P.M. 1670; F. Walker, S.W. 1627; J. Kenny, P.M. 15; H. Leavington, P.M. 857; H. Webster, P.M. 1804; C. Edis; F. Herbert, H. F. P. Inglis, W. H. Mackley, C. Hunt, L. A. Engel, W. Morgan, H. T. Hammond, J. Morris, C. Baker, H. Williamson, E. Boizet, A. Bertrand, J. W. Birch, M. J. Garcia, C. Simons, T. B. Tapton, A. Dickinson, S.W. 1929; J. J. Sewell, A. Gee, and J. Luck.

The lodge was opened at an early hour, and after the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Davies, passed Bro. W. E. Mathew, and afterwards, in a very impressive and perfect manner, initiated Bro. E. Abrahams, Bro. F. Hawkins, P.M., D.C., then presented the S.W., W.M. elect, Bro. William Baddeley, P.G. Stwd. Herts, for the benefit of installation. The Board of Installed Masters was very large, numbering over 30. The ceremony was performed in a faultless way by the Installing Master, Bro. Davies, and the W.M., on assuming the chair, was duly proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degree. The W.M. then appointed and

invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Jacobs, S.W.; A. Pinnington, J.W.; J. T. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; V. R. Romilly, S.D.; Sydney Davies, J.D.; T. Hawkins, P.M., Stwd.; C. Lee, I.G.; and G. Harding, Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. H. L. Davies, was then presented in very felicitous terms with the Past Master's jewel and collar for his very able services rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

The lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, in the Freemasons' Tavern, where, a choice banquet was served, nearly 80 being present. After the banquet the brethren were presented with a remarkably neat and well executed programme of the musical arrangements as a souvenir of the occasion. The W.M., Bro. Baddeley, in proposing the toasts is evidently an enemy to long speeches and in a few well-chosen words did all that was really necessary in each case.

The first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," was duly honoured, and also that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

In proposing the next toast, the W.M. said they were honoured that evening by the presence of five Grand Officers, which the brethren fully appreciated as a great compliment to the lodge.

The toast was most cordially received.

Bro. Dr. Mickley, P.A.G.D.C., very ably responded, and said, as a Hertford Mason, he was very gratified at seeing so many Hertfordshire brethren present, and trusted the W.M. would have a very pleasant year of office.

Bro. H. L. Davies, I.P.M., then rose and proposed the important toast of "The W.M., Bro. W. Baddeley," which he did with the utmost pleasure, for he had already shown the brethren during the short time he had been in the chair that he seemed thoroughly at home, and they looked forward to a very successful year under his guidance.

Bro. W. Baddeley, W.M., on rising, met with a very flattering reception, and said it was at all times difficult to make a speech, especially when the subject was one's self. However, he would endeavour to do everything in his power during his year of office to add lustre to the good old lodge Robert Burns, of which he was so justly proud of being Master.

The next toast was "The Installing Master," given by the W.M. with much feeling and in brotherly terms of regard.

Bro. Davies, I.P.M., responded in a way which evidently gratified the brethren by the hearty reception it met with.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Initiate," observing that it was fully possible to estimate a member's worth by the way in which he passed through the ordeal of initiation, and he had no hesitation in saying they had a member who would prove worthy of the Craft.

The initiate, Bro. Abraham, suitably responded to the toast.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The W.M. then rose, and proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He prefaced his remarks by saying that he had before him a list of visitors and trusted they would not think him wanting in courtesy if he refrained from reading out the names, which numbered over 50, as the time was passing so rapidly. The Robert Burns Lodge during the lengthened period of its existence had always prided itself on holding out the right hand of fellowship to its visitors, and he thanked one and all for their attendance, many having come a long distance.

Bro. F. G. Mason, W.M. 1385, P.J.G.W. Herts, in a very able speech, congratulated the lodge on having so excellent a Master, while at the same time he must congratulate the W.M. on being Master of so distinguished and ancient a lodge. He, on behalf of the visitors, wished him a very happy year of office.

Bros. Falconer, W.M. 2509, and Last, P.P.G.R. West Yorks, also responded.

To the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," which was next proposed from the chair,

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, said he thanked the W.M., Bro. Baddeley, for the very kind way in which the toast had been proposed, and the brethren for the very hearty reception given to it. Their Institutions were well worthy of the support so freely accorded, as was shown by the results of their respective work. As regarded the Boys' School, that year would be a great one, and he hoped a record one. He was delighted to say that those who were originally in opposition to the removal scheme had now altered their views, and were according the management their most generous support. Bro. McLeod further said it gave him great pleasure to know that that lodge would be represented on the occasion of the Centenary Festival by his friend, Bro. Baddeley, whom he heartily congratulated on attaining the high position of Master of so old a lodge.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who also responded, delivered a most impressive oration on the necessity for remembering the wants and needs of the Benevolent Institution, prefacing his remarks by saying that Bro. McLeod would have a record year, and so would he, but with this difference—Bro. McLeod's would be a record of the brightest, and his, alas! of the worst! Still, he trusted the brethren would support Bro. McLeod to the utmost of their ability.



The toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Past Masters of the lodge," was responded to by all the Past Masters present.

The W.M. then rose and asked the brethren to at once receive the toast of "Bro. T. T. Willson, the father of the lodge," as he was obliged to leave.

A most enthusiastic welcome was accorded to Bro. Willson, who rose and delivered a very interesting speech recalling the fact that he had been a member of the lodge 44 years, and wishing the W.M. every prosperity and success during his year of office.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the W.M. spoke of them in terms of high eulogium, the compliment being gracefully responded to by each in turn.

The Tyler's toast came last of all, and after this the brethren, according to custom, sang "Auld Lang Syne," thus bringing to an end a most successful meeting.

The programme of music was very successfully carried out under the direction of Bro. Pinnington ably assisted by Madame Norledge, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Hadron, and Bro. Walter George.

Bro. Baddeley, who thus enters upon his Mastership of the Robert Burns Lodge under such favourable auspices, was initiated, passed, and raised, and subsequently exalted to the Royal Arch, during his residence in Sydney, New South Wales. On returning to England, he became, in 1892, a joining member of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, High Barnet, and at the last annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hertfordshire, had conferred upon him the collar of Prov. G. Steward. In 1894, he became a founder and is the present J.W. of the Barnet Lodge, No. 2509, which, though meeting in New Barnet, Herts, is within the limits of the metropolitan district. About the same time he joined the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, and having last year served as S. Warden, was unanimously elected and installed in office as W.M., as above described, on Monday, the 3rd inst. In Royal Arch Masonry, he is Scribe N. of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, of which he was elected a member in 1892, and a member of the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25. He is the present S.W. of the Gladsmuir Mark Lodge, No. 367, and holds a minor office in the Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 258, of the same degree, while in November last, he was installed W.C.N. of the Gladsmuir Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, moored to the Gladsmuir Mark Lodge. In 1894, he was perfected Rose Croix, 18°, in the Camden Chapter, No. 132, and assisted in founding the Camden Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 163, and holds office in both those bodies. He is also a Knight of Malta, and a member of the Allied Degrees, so that, since his return to England, he has devoted a great amount of zeal and activity in connection with the several branches of our Society. Lastly, he has done excellent service to all our Institutions, being a Life Governor of both Schools, and a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to having given his services, as Steward, at as many as 10 different Festivals.

### Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge—founded in 1738—was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst., when the proceedings were of an unusually interesting description. Although the members number little more than a score, there were about 100 brethren present, a good testimony to the hospitality of the lodge, and particularly of its newly-installed W.M., Bro. Daniel Mayer. The ancient traditions of the lodge, with reverence to Charity, were amply maintained by Bro. Mayer—who will represent the lodge at the Centenary of the Boys' School—who heads the list with a magnificent donation of 450 guineas, which was increased during the evening to 700 guineas.

Lodge was opened by Bro. A. S. Berenburg, W.M., supported by Bros. H. Adlam, S.W.; Dan. Mayer, J.W., W.M. elect; A. G. Beale, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Tobias, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Lance, W. B. Abbott, J. G. Claridge, H. Coxen, J. Duncan, P.M.; E. C. Crouch, P.M.; W. Adlington, Org.; G. M. Fry, P.M.; W. W. Cook, P.M.; M. Speigel, P.M.; M. Ralph, H. B. Golds; J. F. Bell, and W. Balfour Clarke. Visitors: Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Loveland Loveland, Pres. B.G.P.; Jas. Stephens, Dep. G.D.C.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., P.G.S.B.; Lennox Browne, P.D.G.D.C.; A. W. Orwin, A.G.D.C.; W. Kanz, P.G.O.; W. Kuhe, P.G. Org.; E. Cutler, O.C., P.G. Org.; Stevenson Hoyte, P.G. Org.; Dr. Beresford Ryley, W.M. 2323, P.P.G.D.; P. H. Good, P.P. G. Chap.; D. Jones, S.W. 1586; E. Crouch, P.M. 857; Geo. H. Jones, W.M. 1586; C. J. W. Long, I.P.M. 2156; W. H. Burt, S.W. 916; F. W. Pawson, J.W. 2483; E. Chappell, S.D. 141; A. F. Hardyment, J.W. 1500; T. J. Woodrow, P.M. 2097; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; Geo. Evans, P.M. 172; C. R. Hendy, Sec. 1069; W. T. Dupree, P.M. 1069; S. Dointzer, P.M. 1017; C. M. Coxon, P.M. 1471, 2278; R. Wright, P.M. 1305; W. R. Carpenter, J.W. 2150; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; P. S. Lee, P.M. 1303; R. E. F. Landor, P.M. 2055; J. J. Collins, P.P.S.G.W.; C. L. Neil, W.M. 1728; C. E. Birch, P.P.G.W. Herts; J. M. Campbell, W.M. 256; C. L. Carson, I.P.M. 2190; A. Ritchie, S.W. 173; L. German, P.M. 1969; H. Klein, P.M. 2108; J. H. Marshall, P.P.S.G.W.; Reginald Groome, B. Groner, P.M. 1613; Harper Kearton, P.M. 1920; W. H. Brereton, P.M. 1920; J. Northcott, P.M. 2190; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D.; and many others.

After the opening of the lodge, the minutes were confirmed. Bro. R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. D. Mayer as W.M. in a very able and effective manner, that well deserved the commendation afterwards bestowed by the Grand Officers and others. The officers invested were Bros. A. S. Berenburg, I.P.M.; H. Adlam, S.W.; W. H. Lance, J.W.; A. G. Beale, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec.; H. A. Tobias, P.M., S.D.; W. B. Abbott, J.D.; J. G. Claridge, I.G.; H. Coxen, D.C.; J. Duncan, P.M., and E. C. Crouch, P.M., Stwds.; W. Adlington, Org.; and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Berenburg, I.P.M., as a small token of the esteem in which he is held, and was duly acknowledged. The W.M. presented the lodge with a banner of blue silk, on which a ship was beautifully embroidered; and, on the motion of the I.P.M., a vote of thanks was accorded the donor.

Letters of regret were read from the Grand Secretary and Bros. the Earl of Euston, J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., and others; and the lodge was closed.

An adjournment was made to the Hibernian Restaurant, where a choice banquet was served in the Throne Room.

During dinner a selection of instrumental music was played by the Meisterin Trio and the Bijou Sextette, and later on, under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., and W. Adlington, Org., they were reinforced by the Westminster Singers and Bros. Reginald Groom and Keefe.

The usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. Sir J. Monckton, P.G.W., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he rose in a dual capacity—as a representative and as an apologist. As representing the Grand Officers, he could not represent a better body of Masons. Those who knew him best would agree that he was not a "Fourth Degree" Mason, but those who understood what Plough Monday meant, and also the meaning of doing one's duty, would understand him when he said he had to remain at the Guildhall until late. He was therefore deprived of the great pleasure of hearing the installation ceremony, especially as he heard it was performed in an able manner. The Pro G.M. had been feelingly alluded to by the Worshipful Master, and the Deputy G. Master was especially interesting to himself as Earl Amherst was Prov. G. Master of Kent where he (Bro. Monckton) some 40 or 50 years ago first saw light—he meant Masonic light. The Grand Officers endeavoured to do their duty, and to show they deserved the honour bestowed upon them. He congratulated that old lodge on what had taken place that evening. There were a great number of young lodges to whom one felt bound to administer a few words of admonition, but that lodge was a father in Masonry and could teach them, and, therefore, advice and admonition were unnecessary. The Grand Officers congratulated Bro. Mayer on attaining the chair of so notable, honourable, and ancient a lodge, and congratulated the lodge on installing so good a Mason.

Bro. A. S. Berenburg, I.P.M., said the pleasing duty fell upon him to propose "The Health of the W.M.," but Bro. Mayer was so well-known that there was little that could be said of his good qualities that they did not know, and as for bad qualities—he had none, or next to none. The W.M. had been a regular and attentive member for some few years and had at last attained the position they all aspired to, the chair of a good lodge. During his membership he had to some extent raised the lodge to its present position, had introduced new members, and suggested many reforms. They all knew what Bro. Mayer had done in the Charities, and perhaps he would surprise them in the future. They all wished him a successful year of office, and hoped that his health would allow him to be present throughout the year.

Bro. D. Mayer, W.M., thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the cordial and sincere way they had received the toast. That was a very proud moment of his life. He always hoped to attain to that position, and trusted he should not disappoint them. He was delighted to see so many members of his mother lodge, and he had

received a feeling telegram from the lodge, which was also meeting that day, sending hearty greetings, congratulations, and good wishes. He was also pleased to see members of the Bushey Hall Lodge, to which he belonged for a short and happy time. What he had done had only been done from a deep sense of duty, and he hoped to be more useful in the future. He was devoted to Masonry, which was the greatest delight of his life.

In giving "The Installing Master," the W.M. referred to the sincere, earnest, and perfect rendering of the ceremony by Bro. Stimpson, P.M., Sec., who was especially endeared to him as a friend outside Masonry. He was, therefore, grateful to the senior P.M. for installing him.

Bro. R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec., in response, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions of appreciation. He was at all times willing to do what he could to serve the lodge, and it had given him great pleasure to do the installation, feeling sure he had done the lodge a good turn by installing such a worthy and distinguished Mason.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B., acknowledged the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He said there was no necessity in that lodge to plead for the Institutions, for it was one of the proud boasts of the Royal Naval Lodge that it was one which instituted the Institutions, for some of its forefathers claimed to be the real institutors of Masonic Charity. He wanted to prove to the younger members that they had good reason to claim it. Taking the oldest Institution—the Girls' School—this lodge was amongst its earliest contributors. The Boys' School sprang from two distinct roots. The United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, claimed they established one root a little earlier than this, but the great part was the work done by a good Past Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, Bro. Daniell, who, in 1803, appeared throughout the country and gained great sympathy for what was his branch of the Boys' School. The other branch was taken in, and from that came their good Institution which flourished at the present time. The early history of this lodge showed that it was always foremost in support of the Institutions and was ever ready to contribute. The brethren all knew what the Institutions were now doing. The Boys' School was celebrating its centenary and they all hoped in a manner befitting the occasion. It had extended the benefits to a larger number and the Craft had responded to every appeal to enable that work to be extended. They were compelled to move, and this year hoped to build a new school, a monument for all time, to enable them to take in all who may be elected in future. He did not appeal in this lodge for they had always been generous. On the present occasion he did not know whether the W.M. would forgive him, if he told them that this year had been a record year for this lodge. Generous as it had been in the past, and grateful as they had been for the past, never in the history of this or any lodge had they had a W.M. going into the chair who had been so generous to that or any other Institution. The W. Master quite voluntarily, without any pressing, gladdened his heart on entering the lodge by heading a list with 450 guineas. He knew they would take all words from him by their applause. His heart brimmed over with gratitude for the W. Master had set an example to many men who would follow him and enable them to get the magnificent amount necessary. The W.M. had made all his family Patrons or Vice-Patrons of the Institution. They could not all hope to follow the W.M.'s example, but, so far as they could, they would be encouraged to add to his list, so that it would be a marvellous one, apart from what the W.M. himself had contributed.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Dr. Beresford Ryley, P.P.G.W.; Jones, W.M. 1586; Wheeler, W.M. 1728; and Marshall, P.P.G.S.W., replied.

Bro. Stimpson, P.M., Sec., responding for "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," announced, amidst loud applause, that the total of the W.M.'s list had been increased to 700 guineas.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed a memorable occasion, which will add further lustre to the lengthy and honourable record possessed by this venerable lodge.

### Mariners Lodge, No. 168.

The ceremony of installing Bro. W. Austin as W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year was performed on the 5th instant under the most auspicious circumstances and in the presence of a Board of about 25 Masters and Past Masters of the above and other lodges; the proceedings, moreover, were graced by the presence of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. B. Cockburn, besides a great many Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge and members of private lodges, the total number present being about 80.

Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. P. Geraghty, in the absence through severe illness of Bro. W. G. Mann, W.M., acting as Installing Master, and being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. Ar. C. Quick, W. H. Lovell, J. B. Nickolls, F. C. Sparrow, P. J. Brest, and W. Courtenay. The ceremony having been impressively carried out and the W.M. proclaimed and saluted, Bro. Austin was pleased to appoint his officers as follows: Bros. A. A. Noel, S.W.; S. A. Candon, J.W.; T. Pengelley, P.M., Treas.; A. C. Quick, P.M., Sec.; J. B. Nickolls, P.M., Org.; W. D. Murdoch, S.D.; A. W. Parker, J.D.; G. Caines, D.C.; T. Petty, I.G.; C. Lowe, Stwd.; and E. Biddiscombe, Tyler. The officers having been invested, the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and members of the lodge were given by Bros. A. C. Quick, J. B. Nickolls, and W. H. Lovell. Other business having been transacted, the Auditors presented their accounts, which showed that the financial position of the lodge was highly satisfactory. About £42 last year were spent by the lodge in various charities.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting room where a substantial supper was partaken, and the usual toasts were given.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Past and Present," was responded to by Bro. J. R. Cockburn.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master," was proposed by Bro. P. Geraghty.

"The Visitors" having been given by Bro. A. C. Quick, the W.Ms. of Loyalty, Fidelis, St. Sampson's and Doyle's Lodges responded, Bro. Col. Groves replying on behalf of Bro. Dr. Jones, unavoidably absent.

During the course of the evening a very humorous address was given by Bro. the Rev. J. Allan Rothery, of St. Sampson's Lodge, and songs were sung by Bros. J. P. Groves, S. A. Candon, Leslie Doras, Bradford, and Dunderdale.

The Tyler's toast closed the evening at 11.30 p.m.

### Old Concord Lodge, No. 172.

No Worshipful Master is infallible, but to be installed in a lodge which musters a very large number of members, giving entire satisfaction to every individual member, is perhaps without a parallel in the history of a lodge, one can only take it as evidence of the feeling of the members by the warmth of the reception they gave their W.M. If this goes for anything, the ovation Bro. F. Douglas-Norman received at the Old Concord Lodge—a very old and flourishing lodge—should be conclusive evidence, if any were needed, that he is a most popular member of the lodge, and that great things were expected of him.

The lodge met on the 4th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there were present Bros. R. Barrett, W.M.; F. Douglas-Norman, S.W., W.M. elect; Geo. Evans, P.M., Treas.; Geo. King, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Cousens, S.D.; Richard Cawley, J.D.; Wm. West, Wm. Hunt, P.M., D.C.; Cope, P.M.; F. W. Jordan, I.P.M.; W. O. Beazley, P.M.; R. Steele, P.M.; and many others. Amongst the large number of visitors were Bros. S. Rashleigh, P.M. 902; K. King, 1339; J. H. Hodges, 2662; J. T. Sams, J.W. 558; J. H. Judd, 558; C. Fitch, 2345; F. Knell, 1632; J. Pittman, 79; T. Renwick, 861; J. H. King, 834; W. T. Dewdney, 1541; A. Rudd; R. Cook, P.M. 276, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; F. H. Griffiths, 173; C. W. Hobbs, S.W. 2308; Minnitt, S.D. 1638; J. Wright, 574; J. E. Culverhouse, 534; A. Schneider, 151; J. P. Simpson, W.M. 176; H. P. Henson, S.D. 2427; E. Badderley, S.D. 2427; G. D. F. Simmons; G. T. Mellish, 1420; C. Mallous, 144; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; Beedle, 1287; T. A. Markland, W.M. 144; P. Cooper, J.D. 1694; Arthur Farrants, 27; J. G. Eden, J.D. 2662; C. Harvey, 2192; T. J. Cocks, 2030; W. J. Armour, 2030; A. W. Peterson, 2184; E. C. Porter, P.M. 1012; R. J. Laidlaw, 2512; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1623; T. Jefferies, I.P.M. 1744; A. H. Cole, P.M. 1744; J. N. Hare; H. J. Hazel, 1693; B. G. Elliott; W. Acton, 145; D. Saines, D.C. 2045; C. Horton, 902; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M., Bro. Richard Barrett, raised Bros. Paxton, Abrahams, and J. G. Shepherd to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed Bro. Maurice Roche to the Second Degree. The working of Bro. Barrett was carried out in an excellent manner. Bro. George King, P.M., then occupied the chair and installed Bro. F.

Douglas-Norman as W.M. in a most able and praiseworthy manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. J. Cousens, S.W.; R. Cawley, J.W.; Geo. Evans, P.M., Treas.; Geo. King, P.M., Sec. (his 38th year of office in the lodge); Wm. West, S.D.; A. H. Burr, J.D.; K. F. W. Von Donat, I.G.; Wm. Hunt, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Yeowell, Asst. D.C.; Hedden and Venner, Stwds.; and G. Couchman, Tyler. Bro. Cope, P.M., gave the customary addresses. The W.M., Bro. Douglas-Norman, then initiated Mr. Frank Byron Fearn in a manner that should leave a lasting impression upon the initiate, so well was it done. Bro. Wm. Hunt, P.M., stated that he was going up as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' Institution, and he urged the members to give him liberal support so as to make his list one large in amount. Bro. Richard Barrett, I.P.M., intimated that he would represent the lodge at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' Institution.

After other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a superb banquet awaited them, and it was admirably served under the personal superintendence of the Manager, Bro. Hamp.

The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in very brief terms, which were duly honoured.

Bro. R. Barrett, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Douglas Norman." He said that would be the only opportunity he would have of using the gavel. The W.M. had been associated with the lodge for many years and had carried out the various offices he had filled to their entire satisfaction. In wishing him every health and prosperity during his year of office, he was expressing the sentiments of them all. The great ability he had demonstrated that evening would prove that he would well follow in the footsteps of his able predecessors, and he had no doubt that he would be one of the very best Masters in the annals of the lodge.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, and

Bro. Douglas Norman, W.M., on rising to respond, had quite an ovation. He said that it was with a feeling of disappointment that he rose to reply because it made him look back to the time long ago when he was initiated in the lodge. He had looked forward to that day, but since October last he had been seriously ill, and he had come up expressly from the country to be installed. He thanked Bro. Barrett for his kind words, and he hoped to get as near as possible to what he had said of him, but anyway he would do his utmost to endeavour to keep up the great prestige of the Old Concord Lodge, and, concluding a happy speech, given with much feeling, he wished them all most sincerely a very prosperous and happy new year.

In giving "The Immediate Past Master, Bro. R. Barrett," the W.M. stated that it gave him much pleasure to submit the toast. They had seen and appreciated his good work that night and the strength they had had while he was in the chair. He (the W.M.) had never seen better working than that of the I.P.M. He took that opportunity of presenting Bro. Barrett, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, which was nothing more than his due, as a small token of respect and as a slight return for his great services to the lodge, which would ever be remembered by the members.

The inscription on the jewel was—"Presented by the brethren of the Old Concord Lodge to Bro. R. Barrett, P.M., in recognition of valuable and efficient services rendered during his year of office as Worshipful Master. January, 1898."

The toast was drunk with acclamation, and

Bro. R. Barrett, I.P.M., on rising to respond, was received with much warmth. He thanked the W.M. for his very kind words and the members for the hearty reception they had given him. The jewel he should ever prize and value, as it would always remind him of his very happy year of office as Master and the kindness he had always received from them all. He urged the young members to go forward so as to qualify themselves for higher office, and not be satisfied until they had been through the chair. He took that opportunity of thanking his officers during the time he occupied the chair for their great assistance, and he tendered his best thanks to the lay members for enabling him to vacate the chair in such a satisfactory financial position.

The W.M. in proposing "The Installing Masters," paid a tribute to the excellent work done that evening by Bro. George King—who had performed the ceremony on many occasions—and Bro. Cope. Bro. Cope had gone, but he had much pleasure in associating Bro. George King's name with the toast.

In response, Bro. George King, P.M., stated that he hoped he had given satisfaction to them all with his work that evening, but he felt he had not done it at his best, as old age was creeping over him, and that would account for his shortcomings.

"The Initiate" was next given by the Worshipful Master in appropriate terms, who remarked that it was the toast of the evening.

Bro. F. B. Fearn responded, thanking them for the cordial reception they had given him which he very much appreciated. He was deeply impressed with the beautiful ceremony that he had gone through, and he was honoured to be a member of such a grand Order, which he hoped never to disgrace, and he was indebted to his proposer and seconder for having introduced him to such a good lodge.

In eloquent terms the Worshipful Master submitted the toast of "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome, and remarked that he was honoured by their attendance at his installation and he hoped they had all enjoyed themselves. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Sam Rashleigh, P.M. 902, Hunt, P.M., and R. Cook, P.M. 276.

Bro. Sam Rashleigh, P.M., stated that he did not know why he had been called upon to respond to the toast, because there were many there far more eminent and better able to do so. He was pleased to be there as one of the visitors who he thought outnumbered the members, and it was a great compliment to a W.M. to have a great number of guests at his installation. The business in the lodge had been carried out in a most able manner, and their esteemed W.M. had presided at the banquet table in a most genial manner. He first met Bro. Douglas-Norman many years ago in a lodge of instruction, and it was a delightful surprise to him to have had the honour of seeing him installed. He felt that all the visitors had enjoyed themselves, and they would go away with happy recollections of that great gathering.

Bro. Hunt, P.M., also acknowledged the toast, observing that it was over 50 years ago since he had visited the lodge, which was composed of jolly good fellows.

Bro. R. Cook, P.M., also responded in happy terms.

The W.M. here stated that his health would not permit him to remain any longer, and he handed the gavel to the I.P.M., Bro. R. Barrett, who proved an able substitute.

The I.P.M. gave "The Past Masters," speaking in terms of the highest praise for their great services to the lodge.

The other toasts were "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers," and at a late hour the Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable and happy evening, for which the W.M., Bro. Douglas-Norman, is to be congratulated, and in conclusion, we hope that the words of the motto of the old Concord—"Union, Harmony, and Agreement"—will ever prevail in such an excellent lodge.

The musical entertainment was provided under the able direction of Bro. Arthur Weston, in which the following took part: Miss Jessie Hotine—who had a most enthusiastic reception, and her charming singing gained her a well-deserved encore; Miss Florence Venning gave her songs in excellent style; Bros. Adolph Fowler, Wallis Arthur, Walter Churcher, Fred. Frampton, and Arthur Weston. Bro. Win. Emerson presided at the pianoforte.

### La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.

The first Thursday in the New Year was celebrated, according to the ancient custom of this lodge, by installing a Master to guide its destinies for 12 months. The meeting was presided over by Bro. G. T. Augspurg, W.M., who had the assistance of Bros. T. H. Clear, S.W.; Thomas A. Tidy, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; Thomas W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Sturgess, J.D.; R. Hopf, I.G.; J. Pittman, P.M.; Wm. Webb, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; S. G. Edridge, P.M.; W. Hooker, P.M.; W. T. Fenn, P.M.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; J. Cumming, F. J. Pittman, H. T. Hipwell, and Thomas Bowler, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. C. W. Saffell, 800; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; D. Bellinfante, P.M. 435; M. B. Skinner, 27; Orton Cooper, P.M. 211; G. F. Smith, S.W. 1910; John Paul, P.M. 1287; H. Whiting, P.M. 861; Rupert Smyth, J.W. 1057; Thomas Nicholls, M.D., 1559; P.G.D. Surrey; J. Hopkins, 753; L. Greaves, I.G. 811; B. M. Hammond, 19; J. Thompson, W.M. 2212; J. W. Peters, 1275; H. Leslie Smith, Org. 1556; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; F. Batchelar, 19; and H. Lewis, 2191.

There was other work to do besides the installation, and the brethren were occupied in lodge for three hours and a half. The W.M. first passed Bro. Herbert Rivett to the Second Degree, and subsequently initiated Mr. Gustav Junius. He then performed the first portion of the installation ceremony, Bro. Thomas Henry Clear, S.W., W.M. elect, being the candidate. Bro. Augspurg was invested with the collar of I.P.M., and at the

closing of the Board of Masters, Bro. James Kench, P.M., Treas., took up the work, Bro. J. J. Pittman, P.M., acting as D.C. The investiture of officers resulted in the following brethren being honoured as assistants of the W.M. for the year ensuing: Bros. T. A. Tidy, S.W.; J. Cumming, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Sturgess, S.D.; R. Hopf, J.D.; H. Hipwell, I.G.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D. of C.; J. Skinner, P.M., and F. J. Pittman, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, W.M. 1861, Tyler. Bro. Kench afterwards delivered the addresses, and the lodge was closed.

One of the grand banquets for which La Tolerance is celebrated followed, the enjoyment of which was greatly assisted by the energetic services of the Stewards, Bros. Skinner, P.M., and F. J. Pittman.

The musical entertainment with which the toasts were interspersed was contributed by Miss Alice Motterway, Miss Florence Venning, Bros. F. Pittman, Hipwell, and Mr. Henry Stockwell. The music was under the direction of the lodge Organist, Bro. F. Cambridge, Mus. Bac., P.M.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., responded for the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said those brethren were only too happy to support and further the welfare of the Craft, and work with that love and harmony which was so characteristic of Freemasonry. They discharged their duties to the best of their ability, and made the most of the positions they were placed in. As a body of men, they were eminently representative of Freemasonry. The Craft would have to go far to find their equals; they tried to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors; and he trusted that when they gave up their offices to the Grand Master worthy successors of them would be found.

Bro. Augspurg, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said those brethren who had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Clear were aware that he was possessed of those qualifications which were expected in a candidate for the Master's chair; he was of good report, a true and trusty Mason; and the brethren held him in high esteem. With regard to his working, the style in which he invested his officers that day had proved that he was well skilled in the noble science. The brethren were pleased and proud to look on him as the man to preside over the lodge for the next 12 months, and they hoped he would be present many years to be among them in good health and spirit.

Bro. T. H. Clear, W.M., in responding, said the brethren had given him such a kind reception, that he felt a little diffidence in responding to the toast proposed in such complimentary terms by Bro. Augspurg, and so kindly received by the brethren. Coming to the chair of his mother lodge should be the honest aspiration of every Mason, and he thanked the brethren for electing him. That was the eighth anniversary of his entrance into the lodge. He was pleased to see around the table so many faces which were present at his first entrance to the lodge. That happy event seemed to him to be duplicated by the installation. He hoped he should be successful in his Master-ship of the lodge. His effort would be to maintain the reputation of the lodge and to guard its interests. He should try to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors—the Past Masters of the lodge. As was said in the Volume of the Sacred Law in four words—"With both hands earnestly." "'Tis not in mortals to command success," but if earnestness would insure success he should be successful, and the future of the lodge would be bright and brilliant. His best friend would be he who privately button-holed him and showed him his mistakes and faults, whether of omission or commission. Part of the installation ceremony seemed to come to him at that minute. He was told that a Master should be exemplary in conduct, courteous in manner, easy of address, steady and firm in principle, and able and willing to take the management of the work. He was willing; he was not sure he was able; the other qualifications would come by practice. He reminded himself that the watchwords of Masonry were brotherly love, virtue, and Charity; the brethren preached brotherly love, they extolled virtue, and they practised Charity. The last thing he had to say was that he proposed, if spared and in good health, to go up as Steward to the Annual Festival of the Old People's Institution. He should like particularly to go up to that because a highly-esteemed Past Master of the lodge had found himself in such difficulties that two years ago he was compelled to solicit the benefits of that Institution. By the hard work of the members of the lodge, and other brethren, he was successful the very first attempt. That brother had been the only candidate the lodge had had at any election for many years. He (Bro. Clear) felt he should be following the brethren's wishes if he was Steward for that Institution. If any brother had anything to subscribe he should be very glad if they would acquaint him with the fact and take their subscriptions.

Bro. T. H. Clear, W.M., next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. Augspurg." The brethren knew the valuable services Bro. Augspurg had rendered to the lodge during his year of office. At the commencement of his year a kind of explanation was offered that he was not of English birth, and the brethren must be lenient to him. All the brethren would now admit that that was unnecessary. As a man of ability, it was marvellous that a man not of English birth could have performed the ritual in a tongue that was not his own. Another wonder was that Bro. Augspurg should have had the confidence and ability to preside at their banquets and propose toasts so well in a foreign language. Bro. Augspurg was a man fond of hard work, otherwise he would not have taken the trouble to learn each of the three ceremonies and the installation of his successor. He had had a prosperous year and a happy year. He was so fortunate as to be Master during the historic year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, when the Prince of Wales presided at the Royal Albert Hall over the brethren who voted an address of congratulation to the Queen. Another event that year was the historic meeting in St. Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the completion of that monument of Masonry. Bro. Augspurg attended those meetings as representative of Lodge La Tolerance, and that showed he had carried out his duties faithfully. He now presented Bro. Augspurg with a Past Master's jewel which was voted to him as a mark of the brethren's respect and esteem, and as an acknowledgment of the distinguished services he had rendered to the lodge. They wished him long life to wear the jewel for many years, with robust health, and success in his business undertakings.

Bro. Augspurg, I.P.M., in reply, said that although he was sorry he had not done more he assured the brethren he had done his best, and if he had come near their expectations he was content. He was a great admirer and supporter of Masonry and he was only sorry that his social position was not prominent enough to bring more into effect the wishes he had carried in his breast about the installation. He considered, as the brethren well knew, although they knew the origin of Masonry dated back to the dedication of the Temple of Jerusalem at the time of King Solomon, there was no doubt its real origin might be traced back to more ancient times, to Babylonian and Egyptian Masonry in some form; and he thought the institution that had been able to resist continuously the attacks that had been made on Freemasonry in putting aside the ridiculous Diana Vaughan scandal—must have something sublime in it, was placed on a rock where it could resist the waves that dashed against it. If they all tried to do a little for it it would be enough to promote Masonry, that Great Order which taught the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. As far as he was concerned he should continue to do his best to support it and to assist the W.M. whenever he required his services during his year of office.

Bro. T. W. Clear, W.M., proposed "The Initiate," a friend of his own, one of his partners, who had expressed a wish to join Freemasonry. Bro. Junius had told him the ceremony made an impression on him, which would last as long as he lived. He had advised him to go to lodges of instruction, and he would see new colours and experience new pleasures. The brethren congratulated him on joining the ancient and honourable Institution, and wished him health and prosperity to study all the principles of the Order.

Bro. Junius, in reply, said: From all my heart I thank you for the great honour you have done me by receiving me into the Brotherhood. I shall never forget in my life the imposing ceremony I have gone through. God is my witness that I intend to keep the vows I took upon me. I trust the Great Maker of the Universe will assist me in trying to fulfil my duties.

The other toasts followed.

THE QUEEN'S VISITORS on Saturday last included their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, with Prince Arthur and the Princesses Margaret and Victoria Patricia, attended by Fraulein von Petersdorf. They crossed from Portsmouth on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta, under the command of Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C. Col. Donald Browne (Groom-in-Waiting to her Majesty) was in attendance. Major-General Sir Henry Ewart and Bro. the Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D.D., Dean of Gloucester, had the honour of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family. Bro. Lord Halsbury (the Lord Chancellor), who had been invited to the Royal dinner party on Friday, left Osborne for London on Saturday.

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**Masonic Notes.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1898.

The question of Perpetual and Life Presentation to our three Charitable Institutions came up again at the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, on Thursday, the 13th inst. The Special Committee to which the subject had been referred brought up their report, and Bro. Russell, Prov. G. Treas. of Kent, moved that presentations be done away with altogether. Bro. Keyser, however, proposed as an amendment, that the question be referred back to the Committee, and after a long discussion this course was adopted. It is not, therefore, finally settled, whether there shall be any Presentations for the future or not; and, if so, what sum shall be paid for the purchase of such right.

The Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their first meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday, the 6th instant, when, as usual, the preliminary arrangements were, as far as possible, settled. The following are the officers of the Board, namely—Bro. Sir Osley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Shropshire, President; Bro. F. P. Morrell, P.G.D., Vice-President; Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., acting Vice-President; Bro. Tom Cookes, W.M. 1347, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Hon. Secretary.

We notice that in its last week's issue, the *Accountant* returns to the subject of an efficient audit of lodge accounts, and claims that its arguments, if not unanswerable, have, at all events, not been answered. It points out that Grand Lodge is committed to the principle of an audit of private lodge accounts by providing in the Book of Constitutions that it shall be taken annually, but it maintains that the course ordinarily adopted is little else than a farce. It concedes that "the parallel which" it "drew between Masonic Accounts and the accounts of public companies," is open to objection, but suggests that "the question is entirely one of degree and not of principle." We raise no objection to the explanations which our contemporary is pleased to offer. Our contention is that a lodge of Masons is one of a number of similar bodies, which is governed by its own by-laws, and subjected only to the authority of a supreme body, which is known as Grand Lodge, and composed mainly of the representatives of such private lodges. We contend further that the money which it spends is its own, and under these circumstances there is no need for a more particular audit of its accounts than Grand Lodge enjoins.

This being so, we see no reason why anything more in the way of audit should be done than is done. As a rule the income of a lodge, as we have before pointed out, is composed entirely of the subscriptions of its members, while as regards its expenditure, this, outside the dues payable to Grand Lodge, and in the case of a country lodge, to the Provincial Grand Lodge, is restricted to the moneys paid for rent, printing and postage, Tyler's fee, refreshments, and contributions to our Charitable Institutions. The expenses are for the most part the same year by year, or paid, as in the case of refreshments, at a rate fixed by the subscribing members themselves, and it appears to us that the only audit which is required is that which is provided for by the Book of Constitutions. If evidence is forthcoming that the Secretary and Treasurer between them, or separately, have received the subscriptions due by the members, and that the caterer's and other bills have been satisfied, there is no need for anything further and we should as soon think of suggesting that a man's private account should be publicly audited as that of a private lodge.

Every lodge, of course, will make such arrangements as it pleases for the proper custody of its funds and the annual audit of its accounts, nor do we see the slightest objection to such arrangements being as stringent as possible, so that its risk of loss may be reduced to a minimum. What we hold, what, indeed, we have held from the very beginning of this controversy, is that the business of auditing the accounts of a lodge and the custody of its moneys is essentially a private matter, which concerns none but the members themselves, and so long as the law is complied with there is no one even in Masonry itself who has a right to interfere or suggest interference by others.

It is, we believe, an open secret that Bro. Alfred Bevan, P.M., who is a Past Prov. G. Officer of Bucks, has, at the solicitation of a very large and influential body of the Craft, consented to allow himself to be nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for the year 1899. Bro. Bevan, who, we believe, is senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Barclay and Perkins, is well known, not only as an enthusiastic Mason, but as a munificent supporter of the Masonic and other great Charitable Institutions.

There is only one point in the letter of Father Wyndham, which we quoted last week from the *Tablet*, that calls for any rejoinder. In a former article we pointed out that none but Master Masons can become members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Consequently our excommunication of the Grand Orient of France is sufficient, seeing that there is no sympathy whatever between that body and the Supreme Council of France, which does recognise the existence of a Supreme Being and a future state. We are not surprised that Father Wyndham should have mixed up the different branches of a Society of which he is not a member. But it occurs to us that we have the right to expect that our statements regarding Masonry shall be accepted when we speak of the brethren composing those bodies as being religious men, and bound at all times to respect the religious principles of other people.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Messrs. Bass and Co., the well-known firm of brewers of Burton-on-Trent, have contributed, by the medium of their London manager—Bro. W. H. Bailey, Past G. Treasurer—the very handsome donation of 200 guineas towards the approaching Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We are also in a position to announce that Bro. Lord Burton has placed his name on the list of Stewards, and will contribute a donation of 100 guineas to the funds of the same School on the same occasion.

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere of the Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687, that, on the motion of our respected Bro. E. L. P. Valeriani, it has completed arrangements to make such payments during the present year to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as will constitute it a Patron of those Charities as well as of the Girls' School. The Boys' School is, indeed, extremely fortunate, seeing that the amount it will receive at its approaching centenary will be 350 guineas and this is independent of what the members themselves may think proper to contribute. We must congratulate the lodge on its intended generosity and also on having among its members a brother who is so loyal to our Institutions, so eager to put forward all his efforts in behalf of the great event of the present year, and yet so thoughtful in the midst of all such eagerness to help the other Charities, which will surely need the help of all their friends and supporters in order to obtain the necessary funds for the year's expenditure. We trust the splendid example thus set by the Rothesay will be followed by many other lodges of repute, not only in the metropolitan district, but likewise in the Provinces.

We have received a further communication from Bro. Archdeacon Stevens, Past G. Chaplain, relating to the proposed Masonic excursion to Egypt and the Holy Land, which is being organised by Bros. Woolrych Perowne, and H. S. Lunn. The party are to leave London on Friday, the 21st instant, and return on the 17th February, and invitations have been received from the W.M. of the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, at Jerusalem, to attend a special meeting, which will be held in Solomon's Quarries, outside the Damascus Gate of Jerusalem, and likewise from the W. Master of the Grecia Lodge, No. 1105, Cairo, who is desirous of placing special facilities in the way of the excursionists "for the study of Masonry in Egypt, where there are four Constitutions at work." The journey to and from Marseilles will be made overland, and the cost of the whole will be 25 guineas, including second-class return ticket to Marseilles. Bro. Archdeacon Stevens will act as Chaplain, and the party will be composed of "brethren and their friends (including ladies.)"

We have already, in a former Note, spoken in favour of the proposal, which appears to us to be of a character to attract support from enthusiastic brethren. To meet and discharge some of the duties of Freemasonry in the vicinity of King Solomon's Temple and to have the opportunity of studying Modern Masonry in the land which can boast of some of the grandest specimens of the architecture of ancient times are privileges which those who are able to afford the outlay should avail themselves of, and we trust the cruise, which will be commenced in a few days hence, will be well supported and prove the first of a series of similarly instructive expeditions.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio held their 81st Annual Convocation at Springfield in the closing days of September last, when Comp. George D. McBridel G.H.P., presided, and in addition to the Grand Officers, there were present the representatives of 138 out of the 149 Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter. In the course of his address, the G.H.P. reported that he had received an application for relief from the widow of a Master Mason, who was daughter of the Companion who presided as G.H.P. in 1834, and the Grand Chapter at once gave authority for making such arrangements as will secure the widow's admission to the Masonic Home recently established in Ohio, whenever she desires to avail herself of its protection. There are 14,146 subscribing companions on the register, the newly-installed G.H. Priest being Comp. Groft M. Acklin, while Comp. Charles C. Kiefer remains at his post of Grand Secretary.

## 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.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My old friend and fellow worker in Masonry, Bro. W. C. Parsons, the worthy Secretary of my mother lodge, St. James' Union, No. 180, in a second letter of your issue of to-day's date, expresses surprise that no one has troubled to discuss the subject of his first communication to you of October 30th, viz., the unsatisfactory state of the lists of candidates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

On May 1st, 1897, you inserted a letter on this subject in which I fully pointed out the requirements and funds needed to put the "list" on a footing more in accordance with our Masonic professions; and suggested the special relief of the candidates, whose names had appeared for a number of years on the lists, as a fitting method of commemoration of the Queen's 60th year on the Throne of these realms.

I know that this letter was brought before the Committee and received full consideration, but it was thought imprudent to attempt to appeal for more than the absolute annual needs of the Institution, having regard to the probable diversion of the flow of Masonic charity in the direction of the Boys' School at the following centenary.

I am, however, thoroughly in accord with Bro. Parsons in this matter and feel that an early opportunity should be taken and a special effort made by the Committee to clear the lists of all those candidates who are on the lists for the third time and upwards. I still feel that the Committee alone can deal with this subject and hope that they will, at an early date, remove what Bro. Parsons has fitly designated as "a dark spot" in the distribution of our Masonic Benevolence.

—Yours very truly and fraternally.

W. SMITHETT,

P.G.D. and a Vice-Patron.

41, Mincing-lane, E.C.,  
January 8th.

### A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the report of the entertainment given to the Aged Freemasons at Croydon on the 5th instant, there are three inaccuracies, which I would ask you to correct.

I am reported as saying that in 1892 the funds contributed at the Jubilee Festival were *not* divided—I stated that they were divided. Further on it is printed that the resolution to hold the Jubilee Festival of the Widows' Fund in 1899 was carried by a *large* majority, and that I knew how that majority was constituted—what I stated was that it was carried by a *small* majority, and that I knew how the *minority* was composed.

Your compliance will much oblige.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

4, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.,  
January 12th.

### CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you help us to reach the many "Old Blues" among your readers by inserting the enclosed letter in an early issue?—Yours sincerely,

E. H. PEARCE,  
Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)

The Vicarage,  
Christ Church,  
Newgate Street, E.C.,  
January 13th.

Dear Sir

"At the Founder's Day Dinner of 1897, two days after the laying of the Foundation Stone at Horsham by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, a suggestion was made by the Treasurer, Mr. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, that many "Old Blues" would value the opportunity of making, according to their ability, a thank-offering for benefits received at Christ's Hospital, and that these offerings might be devoted to the furnishing and decorating of the School Chapel at Horsham.

"Accordingly, a few representative "Blues" met in the Court Room on January 5th, 1898, when it was resolved to call a General Meeting of former Scholars of the House to further this project, and by the kind permission of the Treasurer, this will be held in the Court Room, Christ's Hospital, on Monday, January 31st, at 5 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. PEARCE,  
Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)

"The Vicarage,  
Christ Church,  
Newgate Street,  
January 13th, 1898."

## Craft Masonry.

### Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.

An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 8th instant, for the purpose of passing to the Second Degree Bros. Hinds and Mumford and of initiating three gentlemen who had been duly nominated at the preceding regular meeting of the lodge.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Walter Lovell Barker, the popular W.M., and he, in a most able and impressive manner, passed the two brethren above named to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The ballots were then taken for the following three gentlemen: Messrs. Walter John Barker, Clarence George Walter Gregory, and James A. Chubb, who were declared to be unanimously elected. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the fact that the first-named candidate was the eldest son of the W.M., and the happy event was made the occasion of most sincere and hearty felicitations to the W.M., with which we desire to sincerely associate ourselves.

The lodge was honoured with the presence of several visitors, amongst whom we noticed the following: Bros. A. J. Phillips, W.M. 1601, who rendered kindly and valuable assistance as Organist; John Hampson, W.M. Leopold Lodge—a lodge associated with the Loyalty Lodge by many dear ties; G. W. Kemp, 1361; Ernest G. Law, 2183; and J. J. Berry, 45.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren dined together, and the evening was devoted to harmony.

The speeches were few, short, and bright, the visitors generally offering their congratulations to the Worshipful Master upon the occasion of his initiation of his son into Freemasonry.

The several candidates modestly responded to the toast of their health, and the Entered Apprentice's song was sung with great feeling and appropriate emphasis by Bro. John Newton, P.G.P., the oldest P.M. of the lodge.

The visitors rendered good service in contributing their share of the musical portion of the entertainment, Bro. Berry especially delighting the company with his magnificent bass songs.

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

### Rothesay Lodge, No. 1687.

A regular meeting was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, on the 5th inst., when some excellent working was witnessed, and several items of interesting business transacted. The latter arose from the fact that the lodge will shortly attain its majority, and as the members are amongst the foremost in Charitable work, a natural desire was evinced to mark the 21st year by a special effort in this direction. To this end a notice of motion was moved by Bro. T. J. Bolton, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. E. Valeriani, and carried, rescinding the by-laws of the Benevolent Fund, and transferring the balance of £162 10s. 4d. to the General Fund. This will make a total balance in favour of the lodge of over £600. At the next meeting it will be proposed to vote £147 5s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and £105 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, completing the sums necessary to make the lodge a Patron of both those Institutions. A sum of £115 10s. has already been voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for a similar purpose, so that if the proposed amounts are voted the grand total contributed by the lodge—which is also sending up 16 Stewards to the Boys' Festival—will be £367 15s. during the year—a truly noble record, and the lodge will still retain a balance of over £300. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Wortman, W.M., through illness, Bro. T. J. Bolton, I.P.M., presided, as W.M., supported by Bros. J. H. Catten, S.W.; G. Herbert Burns, J.W.; E. Valeriani, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; L. Verdier, S.D.; R. Ballinger, J.D.; E. J. Mills, I.G.; W. H. Buller, D.C.; T. F. Mattei, Org.; W. A. Shaw, P.M.; F. Gallizia, P.M.; R. Shaw, P.M.; J. Blundell, P.M.; W. Clements, P.M.; and J. Lusty, W.M. 1259. Visitors: Bro. T. Smith, 2383; J. Blundell, P.M. 742; W. Freeman, 201; S. R. Deacock, 201; J. W. C. Bridgman, S.W. 2255; A. E. Solomon, 509; W. Trueman, W.M. 957; R. Gillard, P.M. 991; J. K. Pitt, 403; A. Beech, P.M. 1707; Courtenay, 2255; Mackay, 1767; J. H. Hart, 509; J. Milroy, 2255; J. H. Hatt, 509; W. W. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; and others.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and Bros. Vitali, Hope, and Hooper, raised to the Third Degree. Several candidates were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. C. W. Garner was initiated into Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were very ably rendered by the I.P.M., Bro. Bolton, who undertook them at a few hours' notice. The notice of motion referred to above relative to the Benevolent Fund was then discussed and carried, and a committee was appointed to consider the most appropriate manner in which the majority of the lodge should be celebrated. Notice of motion was given by the I.P.M. to vote £147 5s. to the Girls' School, and £105 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was well-served under the personal supervision of Bro. Kella.

The customary toasts were given by Bro. Bolton, I.P.M., who presided.

Bro. E. Valeriani, P.G.S.B., replied for "The Grand Officers," and expressed his pride in doing so. He felt it would be ungrateful to take entirely to himself the honour he had received from the M.W.G.M., for he did not consider that honour was given for his own personal services, but as an honour to the Rothesay Lodge. All his energy, love, and best wishes were with this lodge during his remaining years, and in conjunction with the Past Masters he hoped to see the good work carried on as it had been that evening under the direction of Bro. Bolton, the I.P.M., who, although a young Mason, could teach many. They had had hard work in the past, and the lodge had suffered from almost every complaint, but it was now in the finest condition and second to none in England.

Bro. W. A. Shaw, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said he was pleased to see Bro. Bolton in the chair again, for he was thoroughly capable of doing the work. They knew the enthusiasm with which Bro. Bolton worked while in the chair last year, but that night he had worked with more vigour than before, and had carried out the work of the Three Degrees to perfection.

Bro. T. J. Bolton, I.P.M., acting W.M., returned thanks, and said it had afforded him great pleasure to again occupy the chair. Anything he had done that evening to contribute to the success of the lodge or the enjoyment of the brethren had been a labour of love. Like the Secretary, all the Past Masters had but one aim and object in view—the welfare of the Rothesay Lodge. It had, as they had been told, passed through many trials and troubles during childhood and in passing its 'teens; but it was now on the eve of its majority, and was on such a sound footing that they need not fear for its future. He had every faith in those following him in the chair, and the W.M.—whose absence they all exceedingly regretted—and others would uphold the traditions of the lodge so firmly established. If what he had done that evening had been to their satisfaction he was proud and pleased, and as that was their first meeting in 1898, he wished them a very happy, prosperous, and joyful new year.

Bro. C. N. Garner responded for "The Initiate," and thanked the members for the cordial and kind reception given him.

Bros. Trueman, W.M. 957; Blundell, P.M. 742; Gillard, P.M. 991; and Bridgman, S.W. 2255, acknowledged "The Visitors," expressing their gratification at the working witnessed and their thanks for the generous hospitality.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" was next given.

Bros. R. Shaw, P.M.; W. Shaw, P.M.; and Clements, P.M., replied.

Bro. E. Valeriani, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec., also replied, and said that if the young members wanted advice the Past Masters were always at their disposal. As far as his position as Secretary was concerned, all he had done had been for the honour and goodwill of the lodge. The lodge had voted 110 guineas to the Boys' School, and as there were 16 Stewards, each brother could place £7 3s. 9d. on his list as a donation from the lodge, which amount their friends would doubtless increase. As long as he had health and energy it would be devoted to the success and benefit of the lodge.

"The Officers" was duly honoured, and replied to by the S.W. and J.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bro. Tito Mattei, Org., kindly presided at the pianoforte, and materially contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

### Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 7th instant. Present: Bros. Sydney T. Klein, W.M.; C. Kupferschmidt, A.G.S.G.C., I.P.M.; G. Furdon Clarke, S.W.; Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D., as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; G. Greiner, I.G.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; and Rev. J. W. Horsley; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. Dr. C. J. Egan, Dist. G.M. of S.E. Africa; G. Richards, Dist. G.M. Transvaal; S. G. Kirchhoff, P.D. G.D.C.; Dr. G. Mickleby, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; W. S. Nicholas, A. C. Chapin, E. A. T. Breed, Gen. Astley Terry, J. L. Gardiner, T. Lawrence, T. Whittle, E. M. Searle, A. Conyers Haycraft, W. S. Boteler, C. Heitzman, T. C. Edmonds, F. F. Giraud, M. Pulvermann, F. W. Levander, Dr. T. Charters White, J. R. Reep, Capt., G. A. C. Gibbs, Surgeon-Captain C. A. Hale, H. M. Hole, J. Songhurst, J. Peck Richards, C. Isler, A. Henning, G. Powell, F. J. Rebman, W. N. Cheesman, J. F. Henley, W. C. Barnes, J. W. Barnes, G. Bailey, F. Hallows, J. N. Poirin, E. J. Turnbull, C. M. Brandon, F. J. Greenwood, G. L. Symonds, L. Danielson, J. Wakelin, Dr. F. J. Allan, W. F. Alley, L. L. Miller, W. Makein, J. H. Thurman, J. R. White, J. Thompson, E. Armitage, T. Cohe, W. Briggs, F. W. Mitchell, H. Salter, R. S. Ellis, F. A. Powell, C. B. Barnes, C. H. Barnes, M. F. Tweedie, P. H. Horley, W. Hamsher, G. Pidduck, E. W. Gurney, T. Adams, R. A. Gowan, Dr. E. Hayward, C. H. Cox, J. Lloyd Bennett, J. Mossop, H. E. Mullins, J. Leach Barrett, F. E. Hamel, O. Green-



land, P. J. Edwards, Dr. C. Harrer, and E. F. Cochrane. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; W. Pound, 19; E. L. Horne, 227; D'Arcy Power, 2546; C. H. Buckeridge, P.M. 15; S. J. Cross, P.M. 2242; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; J. H. Guyton, P.M. 807; G. J. Hogg, 2128; and A. E. Rowe, 2580.

One Masonic Library and 89 brethren, as follows, were elected to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: The Masonic Library, Walla Walla, Washington, U.S.A., and Bros. C. M. Stevenson, D.G.J.W., Kiama, New South Wales; J. C. F. Weiske, 318 (I.C.), Mackay, Queensland; S. Robertson, 2306, Bulong, West Australia; H. S. Everett, 331, and W. Forbes, 398, Cape Town; E. F. Cochrane, 1581, Port Elizabeth; A. Walker and W. H. E. Gaye, Jubilee Lodge, Barberton, South African Republic; Capt. H. H. Dowling, 2439, Darjeeling, and Lieut. A. J. Campbell, 134, Secunderabad, India; R. J. Kenworthy, P.M. 286, New York, and R. M. Smith, 62, Hot Springs, Arkansas, U.S.A.; J. Creraz, G. Reg., Melita, Manitoba; Sir Arthur Vicars, Ulster King of Arms, 25, and J. Parkinson, P.M. 494 (I.C.); A. F. C. Shaw, 683, and W. Austin, 27 (S.C.); H. P. Raines, P.M. 643; W. Richardson, P.M. 561; A. G. Stevenson, 2328; T. O. Todd, W. J. Rorke, P.M. 1794; E. Prior, 1794; W. A. Bacon, 1030; A. Ellor, 104; J. H. Davies, 117; G. P. Milnes, 702; Canon Childe, Grand Chap.; W. J. P. Marling, Dr. N. C. Ridley, H. Bambridge, 103; H. Horwill, 1883; A. Henning, 1471; Surg.-Capt. C. H. Hale, 1971; A. J. De Butts, W. Rose, 829; N. V. P. Poirin, 2579; E. Collard, 2047; Dr. A. E. Wynter, 1139; W. F. Alvey, 2581; F. A. Nash, 2581; A. R. Meggy, P.M. 214; P. P. Pechey, 1024; C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G. Purst.; V. J. R. Longman, 1328; T. Horne, P.M. 1356; A. Wrightson, W.M. 2416; G. Elkington, P.M. 2416; M. Garbutt, 2416; E. A. Ebbelwhite, 34; W. E. Phelps, P.M. 1690; Dr. H. S. Lunn, 2410; C. Heitzman, 2395; G. A. Dowse, 1602; Sir Norman R. Pringle, Bart., 92; T. Allingham, 780; J. R. White, 1471; J. H. Thurman, 1471; W. H. Watson, 2664; J. Mossop, P.M. 1874; Capt. J. A. C. Gibbs, 1665; D. E. Watson, 973; Dr. R. Maguire, W. Hamsher, W.M. 1139; C. S. Dear, P.M. 1139; P. H. Horley, P.M. 1139; F. Callam, P.M. 1139; E. W. Gurney, 1139; R. J. Bush, 1139; A. Gurney, 1139; G. Henry, 1139; F. Prynne, 334; Rev. F. J. Greenwood, 2593; C. Spencer, 1396; W. G. Bourne, P.M. 2162; F. Shalers, W.M. 140; L. Gunzel, W.M. 2021; W. H. Grigg, 2664; H. M. Hole, 2479; F. K. W. Lyons-Montgomery, 1331; C. J. Axford, 2647; A. C. Haycraft, W.M. 2424; S. Spiller, 2395; F. R. Miller, 753; T. F. Strutt, 1679; O. Greenland, 1227; M. E. Swann, 753; Dr. C. Harrer, 239; and P. J. Edwards, 2105.

The report of the Audit Committee, which had been printed and circulated to every one of the 2500 members of the lodge and Circle, was taken as read and adopted. The full statement of the accounts of the year furnishes very interesting reading. The total income received during the year amounts to £1543 17s. 5d., and the total of expenses to £1439 7s. 10d. If from this large amount we deduct some £30 for quarterages, rent, and the other usual incidental expenses of every lodge, the remainder may be described as entirely spent in the furtherance of Masonic archaeology and literature. The printer's bill alone represents over £750, whilst the magnitude of the lodge's business transactions may be gauged by the sum of £193 noted for postages. The Secretary called attention to two interesting old jewels exhibited by Bro. F. A. Withey, of Leeds; to an old German engraving of the G.L. Sword of State, which Bro. Kupferschmidt presented to the lodge library, it being a fellow one to that facsimiled by Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley in illustration of the paper of the evening; and to an old Irish Masonic title-page, presented to the lodge by Bro. Lyons. The paper of the evening was entitled "The Masonic MSS. in the Bodleian Library," and should have been read by its author (Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, P.S.G.D. Ireland, who was, however, unfortunately, confined to his house by a severe attack of lumbago. In the absence of this distinguished brother, the paper was read by the Secretary. The paper pointed out that the Masonic contributions to this celebrated library had been supplied by the writings or collections of three eminent Masons—Elias Ashmole, Aubrey, and Dr. Richard Rawlinson. Of each of these worthies he then supplied a chatty biography, short but to the point. The extracts from Ashmole's diary and from Aubrey's "Natural History of Wiltshire" were then reviewed, and the vexed question of Sir Christopher Wren's membership of the Craft discussed. As for the Rawlinson MSS., our learned brother proved clearly that they were not, as usually supposed, collected by this brother, but by a Bro. Towle, a co-member with Rawlinson in one of the four lodges to which this brother belonged. Incidentally, the "Bro. John Baker, carpenter," of the Rawlinson Manuscript Constitutions was also identified. A detailed catalogue, most interestingly annotated, of the Rawlinson collection constituted the chief part of the remainder of the paper, which was concluded by a description of Nunzer's engraving of the G.L. Sword, already alluded to. Comments on the paper were offered by Bros. Rev. J. W. Horsley, Kupferschmidt, the W.M., Kirchhoffer, Speth, and Armitage, and written comments by Bros. W. J. Hughan, J. Lane, and J. R. Riley were read by the Secretary. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Chetwode Crawley, and condolence on his illness, was then passed with acclamation. The W.M., before closing the lodge, alluded to the reception by himself of a very kind and appreciative letter from the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, commending the way he had treated the subject of the "Hidden Mysteries" in his inauguration address last November. He also announced that he had received letters of regret for inability to attend that meeting from Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G. Treas.; Dean Hole, G.C.; Canon Childe, G.C.; R. Loveland Loveland, Pres. B. of G.P.; T. Fenn, P.G.W.; and J. H. Matthews, Pres. B. of B. He then stated that during his year of office he hoped every meeting to afford them one illustration of the "Hidden Mysteries of Nature and Science," which they were taught should be the subject of every Mason's study. His subject that evening should be "Sympathy; or the Power of Fraternal Love, as illustrated by the mystery of physical work being accomplished by sympathy on the material plane." He first repeated the experiment which he used to illustrate his address at the installation meeting, showing that by means of puffs of air from a single nozzle not only any musical note could be obtained, but also the full harmonic chords. He then showed that the same effect could be produced by a succession of explosions, the slight explosions when repeated very quickly being inaudible as such, pure musical chords and notes being heard in their place. The apparatus consisted of four tiny gas jets enclosed in glass tubes. He then passed on to his special subject—"Sympathy"—and for this purpose exhibited heavy iron bars, two of which had been brought into such perfect sympathy one with the other that, although with the full strength of a man, they could not be bent out of the straight, it was possible, by what he called sympathetic strokes of a cork-tipped instrument, to set one of these bars in such violent vibration, that it gave out a loud musical note which could be heard more than a hundred yards away. This was accomplished by material contact, but the other twin sympathetic bar, although placed a couple of feet away from the first, immediately commenced vibrating in sympathy, and even when this second bar was taken to the Secretary's table, and again still further—to the end of the large hall and placed on the S.W.'s pedestal, it commenced vibrating so vigorously that the sound could be heard all over the lodge. He used these experiments for the purpose of explaining how by examining this simile on the material plane, we can even grasp the meaning of the highest attribute of T.G.A.O.T.U. contained in the words "God is Love." These interesting experiments, and not less the most beautiful application of them by the W.M. were highly appreciated by the brethren, who expressed their delight by a hearty round of the usual Masonic applause.

The further proceedings of this enjoyable evening took place over the dessert at the Holborn Restaurant, where some eloquent and interesting speeches were made, especially by Bros. Dr. Egan, Dist. G.M.; G. Richards, Dist. G.M.; and Dr. Harrer, in reply to the usual toasts.

### Lodge and Chapter of Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. A. F. Hardyment, W.M.; A. Oliver, P.M., S.W.; C. T. Rayner, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; J. W. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.P. Middx., Asst. Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; E. J. Harrison, S.D.; C. Isler, J.D.; J. C. Denmead, I.G.; A. L. Langton, S. Cload, C. Smith, E. Vexley, W. F. Roberts, J. Birks, H. R. Bower, A. E. Hubsch, W. Rapley, R. P. Upton, P.M.; F. H. Johnson, H. Willsmer, and J. R. White.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The questions having been answered, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cload being the candidate. The ceremony of raising was also rehearsed, including the Traditiona

History, Bro. Birks being the candidate. Bro. Harry Willsmer was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Oliver was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

A meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 7th inst. Present: Comps. Braik, M.E.Z.; Barr, H.; Dawson, J.; C. H. Stone, P.Z., S.E.; Cass, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Wills, Beecroft, Noakes, Derham, Morris, Addington, and Loader.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Derham personating the candidate. Comp. W. R. Barr, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing meeting. Hearty congratulations were extended, and also for so good an attendance on the opening night of the year, and the chapter was then closed.

### Obituary.

THE LATE R.W. BRO. MAJOR-GENERAL A. G. YEATMAN-BIGGS, C.B., DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF BENGAL.

Freemasonry has suffered a very great loss by the death of Bro. Major-General A. G. Yeatman-Biggs, who died in the military hospital at Peshawur, Punjab, on the 4th inst., in his 55th year, from the effects of dysentery contracted while on active service on the North-West frontier of India, where, since August last, he had held the command of the 2nd Division of the Tirah Field Force. At the time of his death he was District Grand Master of Bengal, both in the Craft and Mark, and Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch, and for the past eight years, which he had spent in India without a break, he had worked unceasingly in the interests and to the benefit of Freemasonry in all its various branches and Degrees. He was a Past Prov. Grand Warden of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and a member of the 30° of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was a man of immense energy—a man who, when once he had taken a matter in hand, never rested until he had completed it. His energy, too, exerted a great influence for good upon others, and in working with or for him, one could not help being carried away with enthusiasm, almost in spite of oneself. Alas! it is to this untiring energy and want of thought for himself that his end has come all too soon. It is no secret that for some weeks past he had been very ill, and now exposure and rough fare have proved too much for his constitution. He has, indeed, sacrificed himself in carrying out his duty to his country. In Bengal



his loss will, of course, be most keenly felt, for though he had held the office of District Grand Master for little more than a year, he had already drawn up, and carried through District Grand Lodge, a scheme for building a new Masonic Hall in Calcutta which would be worthy of the district, the ground for which had, thanks mainly to his exertions, already been acquired. At Darjeeling, a Himalayan Hill station near Calcutta, he was the moving spirit in the foundation of the Royal Arch Chapter Mount Everest, in 1896, and of a Mark Lodge, in 1897, while quite recently a Craft lodge bearing his name has been founded in Calcutta itself. In the Punjab, too, his work will not easily be forgotten, for while in Simla, in 1894, he represented the local lodge as Charity Steward for the annual festival of the Punjab Masonic Institution, and took up a list amounting to Rs. 5000 (£330)—the largest sum ever taken up by a Steward—which was the outcome of personal influence combined with sheer hard work. And so it was with all things that he took in hand, Masonic or not. As a soldier, he was an officer of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, and, though he had seen active service in all parts of the world, it was not until 1890 that he first went to India, where he has remained ever since, and where he now lies buried, at our most northern frontier station—Peshawur. All that has been said about him as a Freemason, applies still more strongly when thinking of him as a soldier. His military career was his great object in life, and it is sad to think that that career has brought his life to such an early close. He had medals for Zululand and Egypt; was a Companion of the most honourable Order of the Bath, and had received the Order (4th class) of the Osmanieh, and the Khedive's bronze star. His memory will long remain with Bengal and Punjab Masons, and his career will afford a splendid example to those who are left behind to carry on the work. He was gifted in a most extraordinary degree with the power of inspiring others to work with him, and if this inspiration is left to us we may well be thankful. Possessed of peculiar frankness and charm of manner, of power to adapt himself to

any situation, and of ability to overcome difficulties of all kinds, his death will be mourned by many friends, by a larger number of acquaintances, and by a vast body of Freemasons in Bengal, the Punjab, and elsewhere, who could have only known him by name. By those who had the privilege of his friendship, no face will be more missed, and no memory can be more admired, than that of Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs.

J. H. L.

NOTE.—The following extract from a letter written by the special correspondent of the *Times*, with the 2nd Division of the Tirah Field Force, dated from Swaikote, December 15th, 1897, appeared in the *Times* of January 10th, after the above memoir had been written.—“Briefly, the 2nd Division will now be given a much-needed rest, stationed about Bara-Barkai. Nearly all the hard fighting has fallen to its lot, and in killed and wounded alone its losses since the commencement of the operations are little short of 1000 men. General Yeatman-Briggs himself is ill, and only devotion to duty and determination to see the thing through has kept him at his post at the head of this splendid division during these trying weeks of fighting, hardship, and exposure.”—If independent testimony was wanted to endorse the words of our memoir, this short extract eloquently supplies the want.

#### BRO. SIR CHARLES HUTTON GREGORY, K.C.M.G.

Bro. Sir Charles Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G., whose death took place on Monday last, was the son of Olinthus Gilbert Gregory, Professor of Mathematics at the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and was born in 1817. Four years ago he married Mrs. Stirling, the well-known and talented actress, who died in 1895. Sir Charles was a past president of the Institution of Civil Engineers and Lieutenant-Colonel of the Engineer and Railway Volunteer Staff Corps.

#### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D.C., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Hugh M. Gordon, Henry A. Tobias, J. E. Le Feuvre, Alfred C. Spaul, W. H. Saunders, Robert Martin, A. W. Duret, W. Russell, John Glass, J. M. McLeod (Sec. R.M.I. Boys), H. Massey, Stanley J. Attenborough, W. A. Scurrah, John Strachan, Q.C., J. Terry (Sec. R.M.B.I.), C. E. Keyser, W. F. Smithson, S. H. Parkhouse, R. Clowes, Peter de L. Long, Oliver Papworth, Rowland Plumbe, Richard Eve, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

The minutes of the last Quarterly Court were read and confirmed, and the minutes of the General Committees since were read for information.

Bro. HEDGES also read a letter from the Home Secretary acknowledging her Majesty's receipt of the vote of congratulation passed on her completing 60 years of her reign. A letter was also read by him from Lord Skelmersdale acknowledging, on behalf of the Earl of Lathom and family, the address of sympathy and condolence voted on the lamentable death of the Countess of Lathom.

There was likewise read the report of the Committee appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of perpetual presentations. The result of that report was unfavourable to perpetual presentations.

Bro. W. RUSSELL, A.G.D.C., in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought it was of very great importance to the Masonic world in general, and to the Masonic Charities in particular, that this report should be adopted. It was a matter of expediency and a matter of finance. It was a matter of expediency that they should not make perpetual presentations, or presentations of any right, too cheap, because if it did not in that Institution, it did in other Institutions influence the number of vacancies that were to be balloted for at the elections by subscribers' votes, and if they should do anything which would curtail their privileges, it was manifest to them, as honest men, they should do it on such terms as would not be detrimental to the subscribers to the Institution. In that Institution they said the matter of presentation included the number of vacancies to be balloted for. He joined issue with the Chairman on that, but as it influenced the others he did not think the Chairman's point was of much value, because it was not expedient that there should be competition between the other Institutions and it did affect the others. As a matter of finance it was fit and proper that perpetual presentations should be extinguished for ever. Those who listened to Bro. Frank Richardson when he said the damaging statement as to the vast amount of money that had been sunk in extinguishing those perpetual rights and privileges must see at once that it was not advisable to go on creating perpetual presentations, and why any Masonic Institution should bind itself to keep a boy or girl or an old man or an old woman for ever for one appointed sum, was, to his mind, needless to argue. If they looked at it in a financial point of view, they would see that to perpetuate the name of some beloved brother or to enable some province to do so by having an old person or a boy or girl on the funds it could be done in a way that would cost no more and which would benefit the Institution by a recurring donation to its funds every 35 or 40 years according to the life of the person assured, so that the Institution was not (so his opponents argued) shut out from the sale of a presentation. That source of income would not be destroyed, on the contrary, it would be strengthened and augmented. He had been described laughingly to-day in this room as an arch fiend. If his Satanic majesty had the power of figures perhaps he might be able to calculate it; he (Bro. Russell) had the power of figures as he was in the constant habit of dealing with them. In that way perhaps he was an arch fiend, but he was exercising his powers for the benefit of the Institutions. Some brethren might think he was doing the Institution damage by asking them to destroy perpetual presentations. That was not his view or the view of those who agreed with him. He contended that they were the real benefactors of the Institution. They wished instead of giving a single lump sum which would never recur to make them the recipients of an annually recurring sum until time should be no more. That was the view he asked the brethren to take now and adopt the report of the Committee. He would unfold the whole case so that the Court might take an intelligent vote. He was going to ask them to re-appoint the Committee. He would give a few figures showing how brethren, or a province, or lodge might perpetuate the name of some one they might delight to honour.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS (Chairman) suggested that Bro. Russell was going to a new point; his motion was for the adoption of the report. Bro. Russell was going to show how by another way a perpetual presentation might be obtained.

Bro. RUSSELL said that £525 invested at 2½ per cent., if £40 per annum was spent, it would last 16 years; £630 on the same terms would last 20 years; £735, 25 years; £840, 31 years. There was no allowance for income tax in these calculations. To insure a male life aged 21 would cost £1 13s. per cent.; £840 at £1 13s. per cent. would cost £13 14s. 5d. per annum; £510 2s. 10d. at 2½ per cent. would be £14 3s. 11d. This, less income tax—9s. 6d.—would be £13 14s. 5d., and the amount insured would be £1356. A life presentation which should last nearly

32 years could be got for a capital sum of £840, invested at 2½ per cent. The insurance of a male life of 21 would cost 33s. per cent.; therefore, for a capital sum of £840, plus 516, which would cost £13 14s. 5d., would be sufficient to produce what was required. They need have no fears as to passing the resolution, which bound the Institution from selling a perpetual presentation. He moved the adoption of the report.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. 453, seconded the motion. Although he was not a member of the Committee, he could say it was a representative Committee, and if it was not practically unanimous, the report was the report of the Committee. That was, to his mind, a sufficient recommendation for the Court to adopt it. Bro. Russell had gone into it and verified it by figures to which he had referred. With regard to the principle of perpetual principles he did not know that he had much to say upon it; but his own opinion was that unless some equitable provision could be arranged for the contract for all time, he thought to receive money at the present time at present prices, without any means of getting out of it at all, was very critical. redemption at some future time of the perpetual presentations, so as to get rid of Those perpetual presentations were very slow to fall in. At the present time there were very few, and they did not come in every day, but he was sure the brethren could not fail to observe that of late years, especially in Charitable Institutions, there had been a tendency to the extreme of Charity founded on commercial principles more than was the case in the past. He was afraid that the outcome of those presentations would be that local gifts would be looked after more closely, and that unless the Institutions were well guarded they would get into the hands of the few instead of the many.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., said he came to the meeting with an entirely open mind. He thought it was advisable, as far as practicable, that the Institution should go on the same lines as before with regard to perpetual presentations; but, as Bro. Russell had brought up the question about 40 years, he would like to know what was to be done with the amount subscribed by a friend of the Institution for perpetuating the name of a province or brother.

Bro. W. RUSSELL said the money should be deposited as caution money for the insurance premium with the Institution. There would be a separate fund, as was done with the Science and Art Department. In that way it could be administered with the most perfect ease.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D., as one of the Committee, said the Committee were not unanimous. There were two from each Institution who were in favour of the report, and one from each against. The Committee considered what should be done for the future. They were met with this motion that no perpetual presentation at all should be accepted. He dissented from that; he thought it unfortunate if they did not allow benevolent brethren to connect their names with the Institution on thoroughly financial grounds. They should not accept sums which were not sufficient to provide for the object for which those sums were given. But that was a matter of management, and if those sums had been accepted in the past which were not sufficient for the purpose, were they not to accept anything again? Six brethren voted against the presentations and two for them; and he did not think it worth while to say anything. He would move an amendment: “That in future perpetual presentations shall only be accepted by the three Institutions on the following conditions:—first a minimum amount to be agreed upon—”

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS said he thought Bro. Keyser should move that the matter be referred back to the Committee, or that another Committee should be appointed.

Bro. KEYSER did not wish to fix a hard and fast line as to the amount. The Institution should not put itself in a position to refuse a liberal bequest, say of £5000. If they accepted a perpetual presentation and gave up a vacancy, they were curtailing the benefits of the Institution. He thought more than 1100 guineas should be the sum; 1500 guineas would make it a bit safe. For financial reasons he opposed the adoption of the report; there should be no competition between the Institutions.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS seconded the amendment.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE asked the Chairman to reconsider his views as to the propriety of accepting Bro. Keyser's amendment. He thought the Quarterly Court were not in sympathy with Bro. Russell, but were prepared to support some other view. It would be a pity to refer this back to the same Committee; it was rather an invidious thing to reject the report of one Committee, and then send it to another.

Bro. MATTHEWS thought the amendment was in order.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL apprehended that if this Quarterly Court came to the decision that this should not be adopted Sir John Monckton's proposition, which was before the last Quarterly Court would immediately come up for discussion, and on that Bro. Keyser would be in a position to bring his amendment forward and take a vote on it.

Bro. KEYSER thought it would be better to refer the matter back.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON would certainly oppose Bro. Russell's motion. It was most unwise to bring before the Quarterly Court a proposition that they were not to take a sum of money to perpetuate a brother's name. It was absolutely wrong and going away from the very groundwork of the Institutions to deprive men of wealth from giving their money voluntarily. Bro. Geo. Heaton gave 1100 guineas. Some brother found out it was too little, if it was, let them name a larger sum. All the brethren were good workers for the Institutions; they did not want to prevent a man giving 1500 or 2000 guineas. It was unwise to refuse the money. It was not always that Consols would be at 110; a few years hence money might be at five per cent. Take the money when there was the opportunity. The money of Bro. George Heaton had been in his (Bro. Smithson's) bank for months. It was not a question of 100 guineas more or 200 guineas more; it was a question of perpetuating a brother's name. He should vote in favour of the perpetual presentation.

Bro. MATTHEWS enquired whether [the subject had been discussed at the Boys' Institution.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD said only by the Board of Management.

Bro. TERRY said not by the Benevolent Institution. They had not had the report.

Bro. KEYSER said his amendment was—“That the question be referred back to the Committee to report on the terms on which perpetual presentations can be accepted in the future.”

Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH suggested that the wording ought to be “should be.” They must give them authority to say that they would accept perpetual presentations. Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded.

Bro. HUGH GORDON thought they should consider what the terms of reference were.

Bro. S. J. ATTENBOROUGH said the matter came upon the brethren by surprise. They never anticipated that perpetual presentations were to be vetoed; the sole question before the Court that day was whether they were to have perpetual presentations. They had heard a good deal about the pounds, shillings, and pence principle. They should look at it sympathetically. The Secretaries would say that those who had given liked to give again. Perpetual presentations were collected from numerous brethren; they were true to their old love, and gave again. Some presentations might be attached to lodges. The lodges might not have a candidate to present for years. That was for the benefit of the Institution. Let them try to get brethren to give large grants. It would be a sorry day when perpetual presentations were refused.

Bro. W. RUSSELL thought Bro. Attenborough's contention would not hold water. It was all very well to mix up sentiment with Charity. If they were going to be Charitable, it was not a question of getting 22s. for a sovereign. He had had a presentation offered to him by a body, that had not a candidate to present. With regard to rejecting the report, he did not think it was kind to send it back. If they sent the matter back it would save the time of the Committee, of the Craft, and of the Institutions if they asked the Committee to consider life presentations in addition to perpetual pensions.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS said that would be another amendment.

Bro. STRACHAN, Q.C., asked for the Chairman's direction. Suppose he voted for this amendment, what was to become of the recommendation?

Bro. Matthews said that was lost altogether.

The amendment was put and carried.

Bro. RUSSELL moved to add the words "and life presentation."

The motion was put and carried—"That the question be referred back to the Committee to report on the terms on which perpetual and life presentations should be accepted in the future."

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG, P.G.D., moved—upon recommendation of the House Committee—"That Law 53 be amended as follows, viz.: In sixth line for word 'three' substitute word 'two' and after word 'London' in the same line add words 'Masonic or.'"

The motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG moved, and Bro. A. C. SPAULL seconded, "That Law 57 be amended as follows, viz.: In eighth line after word 'Election' re-instate the words 'with power to reject any Petition if they consider the case not within the class of those intended to be aided by the Institution, notwithstanding the correctness of all the Certificates required.'"

Bro. ATTENBOROUGH opposed. The Quarterly Court should be extremely jealous of having any of its powers taken away. The average attendance at the General Committee for 12 months was eight members. The Quarterly Court was numerously attended, and the brethren would like to say something if a child had been rejected.

Bro. STRACHAN suggested that there should be inserted the words—"with power to recommend the rejection of any petition."

Bro. LE FEUVRE supported Bro. Long and Bro. SCURRAH agreed with Bro. Attenborough. The final power should be the Quarterly Court.

Bro. W. RUSSELL recommended Bro. Long to stick to his guns.

The amendment was lost by 11 votes against seven, and the original motion was carried.

The following motion of Bro. PETER DE LANDE LONG was carried, after some discussion: That Law 79 be amended as follows, viz.: "After word 'death' in sixth line add words 'within seven years of his initiation,' after word 'misfortune' in eighth line add words 'within that period' and eliminate the clause after the word 'livelihood' in ninth line and substitute the words 'provided that at the time of such occurrence the Father was a subscribing member to a Lodge under the English Constitution.'"

After considerable discussion the request of the General Committee that the name of Elizabeth O'Neill, one of the unsuccessful candidates at the October election, be not placed upon the list for the April election was not granted and the child's name was retained on the list.

The recommendation of the General Committee, that the other nine candidates (Alberta Scholes being precluded by age) remaining from the last election together with the 16 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that 15 vacancies be declared, was confirmed.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON brought forward the matter of Bro. George Heaton's gift of 1100 guineas for a perpetual presentation and asked the Court to accept 1300 guineas.

Bro. W. RUSSELL thought it was *ultra vires*. The matter had been referred back.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS seconded Bro. Smithson.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH questioned whether it was competent to accept the offer.

Bro. LE FEUVRE thought if it was not accepted the Boys' Institution might get hold of it.

Bro. McLEOD said it could not be accepted without notice of motion.

Bro. THOMSON LYON said it was a fresh offer and it seemed to him that the Court was competent to accept it.

On a vote the offer was accepted by 11 against 10.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

### DEATHS.

HOPPER.—On the 10th instant, at Brixton, Clarence Raymond Richard Hopper, of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1057, London Secretary of the Southern Insurance Company (Limited), elder son of the late Clarence Hopper, of Camberwell. No flowers, by request.

SANSOM.—On the 6th inst., at Leigham Holme, Streatham, Bro. Samuel G. C. Sansom, aged 37, of Aldersgate Lodge, 1057.

SHAW.—On the 9th inst., at Gordon Villa, Gordon-road, Peckham, Gertrude Emily, aged 5 years, twin-daughter of Mr. G. F. Shaw.

## Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON has become patron of the Gordon Boys' Orphanage Dover.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND left town by the Irish mail last night on his return to the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin.

BRO. LORD AND LADY PIRBRIGHT have arrived in town from Pirbright, and intend remaining in Grosvenor-place for the present.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL has received through their bankers, Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie, and Co., an anonymous donation of £2000 for the maintenance fund.

THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, who had been confined to his room for some few days with a bronchial cold, has since progressed so favourably as to be able to leave his room.

BRO. W. H. CUMMINGS, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, has been appointed one of the chairmen of the conference to be held at Plymouth early next year by the Incorporated Society of Musicians.

SIR CHARLES HUTTON GREGORY, K.C.M.G., whose death is just announced, was a past-master of the Turners' Company, and for many years had taken an active interest in the organisation of the exhibition held annually at the Mansion House.

AT THE MEETING of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1014, at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, W., on Tuesday last, Bro. Homer Price, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. George Coleman, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. Robert F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. We wish the W.M. a successful year of office, and the lodge prosperity.

BRO. THE HON. EVELYN HUBBARD, M.P., is suffering from a somewhat severe attack of influenza.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Messrs. Everitt and Son have removed from St. Martin's House to No. 19, Gresham-street.

BARONESS HIRSCH has purchased Tudor House, Hampstead Heath, in order, it is reported, to turn it into a convalescent home.

BRO. SIR EDWARD WATKIN has taken a house at Folkestone for three months and is expected there shortly from Rose Hill, his seat in Cheshire.

BRO. EARL CARRINGTON has consented to distribute the prizes and certificates gained by the students of the Birkbeck Institution on Wednesday evening, the 25th inst. Bro. the Lord Mayor will preside.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, President of the Bengal Cavalry Dinner Club, has fixed Tuesday, May 24th, as the date for the annual dinner, at which his Royal Highness hopes, if possible, to take the chair.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) proposes to join the house party at Eaton Hall on Wednesday, the 19th inst., and will take advantage of the visit in order to discharge engagements at Shrewsbury, Birkenhead, and Liverpool.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS CHARLES OF DENMARK left London on Monday morning for Copenhagen, where the Prince will resume his duties as Lieutenant in the Danish Navy. It has been arranged that their Royal Highnesses shall spend a part of the year at their English home, Appleton House, Sandringham.

WHILE EARL AND COUNTESS SPENCER were driving on Saturday from Althorp to Northampton in a carriage and pair, one of the wheels of the vehicle fouled the tram line on the outskirts of the town, and was wrenched off. Fortunately, the horses were kept under control, and the occupants of the carriage were able to alight without injury.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, accompanied by Colonel Fitz-George and Admiral and Mrs. Fitz-George, arrived in Paris on Saturday night last, *en route* for Cannes. Bro. Sir E. Monson, the British Ambassador, returned to the French capital in the same train, and on Sunday morning called upon his Royal Highness and accompanied him to Divine service. The Duke subsequently lunched at the Embassy.

A CABINET COUNCIL was held on Saturday at the Foreign Office, among the Ministers present being 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 (Chancellor of the Exchequer), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord George Hamilton, the Right Hon. W. H. Long, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart.

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY of the death of Napoleon III., which took place at Camden House, Chislehurst, two years and 127 days after the fall of the Second Empire, was commemorated by a solemn mass at the Imperial mausoleum, Farnborough. The Empress Eugenie, who is in residence, was unable to be present owing to an attack of rheumatism. Health permitting, her Majesty leaves at the end of the week for the Riviera.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES and the Duke of York left town on Monday on a visit to Prince and Princess Christian. Their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Princes Victor and Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, travelled from Paddington to Windsor by the Great Western Railway. On quitting the station the Royal party drove to Cumberland Lodge, where they dined and remained the night. On Tuesday they shot over some of the preserves in Windsor Forest and returned to the metropolis in the afternoon.

HER MAJESTY has directed the following communication to be made to the Duke of Westminster's Committee for aiding the refugee families in Greece: "Osborne, Jan. 7, 1898.—Sir—In returning the specimens of cottons woven by the Thessalian refugees in Athens on looms opened by Lady Egerton, which you sent for submission to the Queen, I am commanded to request that you will send for her Majesty the quantities marked upon each of the samples of cottons which have been selected by the Queen.—I am, &c., Arthur Bigge."

MORE THAN usually eventful in the City was "Plow Monday" of 1898 (Monday, the 10th inst.), for when day dawned the Corporation found itself seized and possessed by Act of Parliament of the Duties for the last 200 years performed by the now defunct Commission of Sewers. That ancient tribunal, the Grand Court of Wardmote, was, held at Guildhall under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Davies, who was supported by several of the Aldermen in their scarlet robes. The Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton) laid before the Court the returns for St. Thomas's Day of the several Wardmotes, and stated that no petitions had been received in opposition to the same, which, therefore, were good and valid. The City Marshal and a large number of other "extra" constables were then sworn in, after which the Court adjourned.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES and Princess Victoria terminated on Saturday their visit to Chatsworth. Accompanied by Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, their Royal Highnesses drove by way of the pretty little village of Beoley to the Midland station at Rowsley, passing *en route* under two triumphal arches upon which were inscribed loyal sentiments. The ducal carriages were driven by postillions, and the distinguished occupants were the recipients of hearty cheers raised by the inhabitants of the trim Derbyshire villages. At 10 minutes past 11 the special train started on its way, and St. Pancras was reached at a quarter to two. Bro. Captain Holford and Miss Knollys travelled in attendance on their Royal Highnesses. In the evening the Prince and Princess, the Princess Victoria, Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark and suite were present at Drury Lane Theatre Royal, and witnessed the performance of the pantomime, "The Babes in the Wood."

### HOME OF ST. BARNABAS—ANOTHER BROTHER ADMITTED.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Home of St. Barnabas for Aged and Disabled and Convalescent Clergy was held on Thursday, at the Church House, London. The Chairman, Mr. F. A. Blydes, J.P., presided, and both the Treasurers, the Rev. C. W. Bond, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Brighton, and Col. Hughes, C.B., C.M.G., were present. Canon W. H. Cooper, Hon. Sec., gave a short review of the position of the Institution at the end of 1897. He was glad to say the deficiency in income was not so great as had been anticipated. They were about £300 behind the receipts in 1896, and in consequence he could only recommend £100 to be transferred to the Building Fund. There would then be left a balance of about £175 to begin the year. This might seem a very small sum to have in the bank, but he had no fear about funds. What was wanted was publicity; as soon as the nature of the work of St. Barnabas became known there was always a ready response to appeals for funds. The Home had been on its trial for two years, and he ventured to say that more distressing cases than the 31 that had been relieved could not possibly be found. No other institution or charity in England undertook the care of such cases, embracing both unbeficened as well as beneficened clergy. That such distressing cases should remain uncared for was a disgrace to the Church of England, and when these facts were brought home to the laity he found them ready to contribute liberally. Last year they began with a balance of £190. They had during 1897 taken and furnished a second house, maintained the two houses and chapel, and had now some £500 worth of specially designed furniture, which would be sufficient to furnish the block of new buildings he hoped to see built this year. They were now looking for a site, and when that was secured, a general appeal would be made for the money required to put up the first block. A specially constructed building was absolutely necessary, as the work of the Institution could not be properly done in any private house. Their requirements were special—an infirmary ward, for incurable and dying cases, small separate rooms for single men, and almshouses for married couples. The was only one death last year, making three since the Home was opened. For the new year their wants were 1, a site of about 10 acres; 2, £3500 to build the first block, consisting of an infirmary ward, six small cubicle rooms, a dining and sitting room, accommodation for nurses and servants, and at least five of the small almshouses. The maintenance would be provided by the annual subscriptions and donations as at present. In conclusion, Canon Cooper mentioned that the annual meeting had been fixed by the Bishop of Rochester for Thursday, the 24th prox., and his lordship had promised to take the chair. The Duchess of Bedford had become a Patroness of the Home. The Committee then admitted two applicants, one a paralysed curate from the diocese of Norwich, the other a curate from the diocese of Leeds, who was suffering from mental and physical prostration, he was highly recommended by the Bishops of Ripon and Richmond, had been initiated a member of the Craft 20 years ago, and had been a subscribing member of lodges for 15 years. This makes three brethren received in the Home since it was started two years ago.



**MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)**

For the week ending Saturday, January 22nd, 1898.

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, JANUARY 17.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**
- 1, Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern.
  - 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
  - 185, Tranquillity, Frascati Restaurant.
  - 720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
  - 562, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 001, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
  - 007, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
  - 1604, Imperial, Cloat's Hotel.
  - 1828, Temple, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 2090, La France, Cafe Royal.
  - 2489, Willesden, St. Andrew's School.
  - 2545, Iris, Hotel Cecil.
  - 2563, Justitia, Freemasons' Hall.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
- 217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- MARK LODGE.**
- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
  - Commemoration, Star and Garter, Arbour-square, Commercial-road, E., 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.
  - Kingland, 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.
  - Regent'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.
  - Tyssen 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, JANUARY 18.**

- Board of General Purposes, at 5.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
- 30, United Mariners, Frascati Restaurant.
  - 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
  - 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
  - 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 144, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
  - 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
  - 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall.
  - 2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
  - 2022, Haven, Public Hall, Ealing.
  - 2265, Barnato, Cate Monica.
  - 2408, Hampstead, Vestry Hall.
  - 2500, Old Boys, Criterion.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
- 26, Castle Chapter of Harmony, Cafe Royal.
  - 46, Old Union, Albion Tavern.
  - 201, Jordan, Guildhall Tavern.
  - 1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
- MARK LODGE.**
- 258, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
- 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, 2nd 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 Edgumbe, 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, Walham 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.
  - Urban, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.
  - Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8
  - Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrow-road, at 8.
  - Varborough, 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, JANUARY 19.**

- General Committee Grand Chapter, at 4.
- Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
- Grand Stewards' Lodge.
  - 7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
  - 140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
  - 174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
  - 190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 610, Beadon, Holborn Restaurant.
  - 700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
  - 000, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
  - 1044, Wandsworth, Municipal Buildings.
  - 1278, Burdett-Courts, London Tavern.
  - 1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
  - 1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town.
  - 1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 1530, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
  - 1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
  - 1624, Ecclestone, Criterion.
  - 1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
  - 1677, Crusaders, Holborn Restaurant.
  - 2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
  - 2345, Duke of Eife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.
  - 2348, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
  - 2361, Cricklewood, Frascati Restaurant.
  - 2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.
  - 2456, Chancery Bar, The Hall, Lincoln's Inn.
  - 2580, Borough, Bridge House Hotel.
  - 2601, Holloway, Beale's Restaurant.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
- 141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.
  - 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 2190, Savage Club, 33, Golden-square.
- MARK LODGE.**
- 109, Duke of Connaught, Great Eastern Hotel.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**
- Belgrave, The Woolpack, Moorgate-street, at 7.
  - 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.
  - Creaton, 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, 104, 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-rod 1 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, Amburist 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,

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20.**

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
- Friendship, Criterion.
  - 23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
  - 93, Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 109, Temperance, White Swan Deptford.
  - 179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 181, Universal, Albion Tavern.
  - 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
  - 1227, Upton, Great Eastern Hotel.
  - 1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 1395, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel.
  - 1420, Earl Spencer, Stanley Restaurant, Lavender-hill.
  - 1508, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 1901, Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Peckham.
  - 2310, London Scottish Rifles, Criterion.
  - 2012, Navy, Hotel Cecil.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
- 1733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
  - 834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
- MARK LODGES.**
- 361, Onslow, Cafe Royal.
  - 411, Unique, Criterion.
  - 451, Bolingbroke, Railway Hotel, Battersea Rise.
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 21.**
- Board of Management Boys' School, at 2.30.
- CRAFT LODGES.**
- 143, Middlesex, Abion Tavern.
  - 1118, Oxford and Cambridge University, Freemasons' Hall.
  - 1602, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
  - 2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
  - 2340, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 22.**
- CRAFT LODGE.**
- 1679, Henry Muggerridge, Anderton's Hotel.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**
- 1320, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
  - 1662, Philbrick, Masonic Hall, Walthamstow.

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