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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1898.

There can be no question as to 1898 having been by far the most successful in the annals of our Masonic Charitable Institutions. The excess of the totals received during the year over those of any of its predecessors is such that there is no need for us to compare them with those of any particular year. 1888, when the Royal Masonic Institution for Cirls celebrated the centenary of its foundation, the total of the sums received by our three Charities was £82,904 4s. 10d., of which £49,259 4s. 4d. found its way into the Girls' School treasury. In 1892, when the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution celebrated its Jubilee, there was a substantial increase of between £7000 and £8000, the total received by the three reaching £90,465 2s. 7d., of which the Benevolent share was £61,849 2s. 6d. This year there is an enormous improvement, the total received by the three amounting to £161,925 18s. 3d., of which the Boys' School-which celebrated its Centenary on the 10th June—obtained £126,276 19s. Id., while the other Institutions were favoured with receipts which will compare not altogether unfavourably with those of ord nary years, the total paid in for the Benevolent Institution being £19,170 4s. 4d., and that for the Girls' School £16,478 14s. 10d. That some such returns as those we have just mentioned would be made was a foregone conclusion, but the satisfaction we feel in finding that an immense total has been realised in accordance with our anticipations is materially enhanced by the fact that in the case of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, the sums received by both of them under the head of "Donations and Subscriptions" are substantially in excess of the totals announced at their respective Festivals. Of course, with so huge a total as one that reached ultimately £141,203 os. 11d., it was not to be expected that the whole would be paid within the period of the year; but a reference to the table below will show that no less than £117,679 15s. 8d. was paid under this head in 1898, whilst in previous years there had been received, as Bro. MCLEOD is pleased to inform us, fully £8,000 in respect of the Centenary. Thus there has already been received upwards of £125,000 towards the Donations and Subsciptions raised for this memorable anniversary, and as what is known as "Association Money" is received, we have every reason to hope that the full amount of over £141,000 will ultimately be made up.

The following are the Statements of Receipt by each Institution during the year which closed on Saturday last, arranged in the order in which the Festivals were celebrated, and we have much pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness to the Secretaries—Bros. TERRY, HEDGES, and MCLEOD, for their courtesy in furnishing them:

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* Centenary Festival Announcement £134,000, since increased to £141,203 os. 11d

The following table shows the receipts of the three Institutions during the seven years from 1892 to 1898, both inclusive,

tions during the seven years from 1892 to 1898, both inclusive, together with the yearly totals of those receipts during that period; the yearly average of receipt by each Institution, and the average receipt per Institution for the whole of the septennial period:

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.G.	R.M.I.B.	Total.
1892	£61,849 2 6	£12,778 2 1	£15,837 18 0	£90,465 2 7
1893	20,436 2 8	17.052 3 2		59.051 14 9
1894	20,782 3 11	20 9 13 7 1	24,186 16 8	65 012 7 8
1895	21,720 10 6			62,628 g i
1896	25,650 16 6			68,948 2 5
1897	27,129 O I	21,405 14 3		21,837 19 11
1898	19,170 4 4	16,478 14 10	126,276 19 1	161,925 18 3
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Average for the 7 years £28,105 8 8 £17,947 12 3 £36,781 4 0 £82,834 4 11

Average per Institution ... £27,611 8 3

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

		Cas	ies Relievi	ED.		A MOUNT.
January	•••	***	30	•••		£ 850
February	7		29		,	850
March		***	30	••	•••	. 1125
April			28	***	***	. 713
May	,		40		***	1155
June			29	•••	144	77
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On comparing the above table with that which appeared in our issue of the 8th January, 1898, it will be seen that while in 1897 there was a reduction in the number of "Cases Relieved" from 375 the previous year to 330, and an increase in the "Amount" distributed from £8722 to £8835, there has been a slight increase from 330 to 337 in the number of cases, and of £270 in the amount from £8835 to £9105.

The Mark Benevolent Fund Festival which was held on the 13th July last under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON, M.P., Prov. G.M.M. Cheshire, yielded £,1736, while as regards the work done during the year by the different Provincial Charitable Institutions, the necessary particulars will be found in our last Christmas number in our review of "Freemasonry in 1898."

MASONIC CHARITY.

The following true story is from the pen of our ever versatile Bro. Major E. Sherman, 33°, in "Fifty Years of Masonry in California ": Salinas Lodge, No. 204, F. and A. M. Cal. In connection with this lodge a matter of Masonic historical incident is worth of perpetuation. During the morning session of the Grand Lodge, on October II, 1871, the news was received of the destruction of Chicago by fire. Bro. MORRIS M. ESTER offered a resolution, to which Bro. JAMES LAIDLEY presented a substitute, which was accepted by Bro. Estee, as follows: "Resolved, That 5000 dollars in coin of the funds of this Grand, now in the hands of the Trustees of the Reserve Fund, be donated and immediately forwarded by telegragh to the Grand Master of Illinois, in aid of the sufferers by the late conflagration in Chicago." The resolution was unanimously adopted. Bro. WILLIAM H. HILL offered the following resolution, which was also adopted: "Resolved, That as a further evidence of our practical sympathy, the box of Masonic Charity be placed upon the altar at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and that the brethren be requested then to cast their offerings therein as God has blessed and favoured them, and that the moneys thus contributed be also transmitted by our Grand Master without delay to the Grand Master of Illinois, to be disbursed, according to his own judgment, for the relief of destitute Masons and their families."

Immediately following the adoption of the last resolution, Bro. LAIDLEY ("Uncle Jimmy," as he was affectionately called),, weighing about 300 pounds, arose at the Grand Treasurer's desk and said he would give 100 dollars as a starter, and as much as any other brother present would drop in the box on the altar. A brother present, but unknown, said he would accept his offer, and go him 100 dollars better. This was unexpected to Uncle Jimmy, and he perspired freely. At the hour appointed the box was placed upon the altar, and as the brethren came in they

dropped in their contributions.

Every few minutes until three o'clock Uncle Jimmy would rise at his place and say, "Here is my two hundred dollars" (chinking the twenty-dollar gold pieces in his hands); "where is that brother who was going to cover my one hundred dollars and go me one hundred dollars better?" This he repeated as every belated brother came in and saluted the altar. At last a plain farmer-looking sort of fellow, in rough grey clothes, entered, and as he approached the altar and made his salutation, Uncle Jimmy again arose and asked, "Where is that brother who said he would cover my one hundred dollars and go me one hundred dollars better?" The brother at the altar looked up and said, "I am your man; come here." A murmur of applause echoed through the hall, which was packed by about 700 or more present. Bro. LAIDLEY looked a little curious and waddled to the altar, where all eyes were centered on these two brethren. ahead," said the country brother to Uncle Jimmy, who proceeded to drop into the box five twenty-dollar gold gieces. The brother then dropped in his five twenties and said, "Go ahead." Bro. LAIDLEY then dropped in five more twenties, and was promptly followed by the zealous brother with his five twenties. He then reached down into his big trousers pocket and pulled out a by, old-fashioned buckskin bag well filled and said to Bro. LAIDLEY, "You said that you would drop as much into the box as any brother present; now I'll go you 200 dollars better and I want you to cover it!" Bro. LAIDLEY turned pale and replied, "I haven't the money here but I will draw a cheque for the amount and stop at that." So, between the two, they contributed 800 dollars, while the Grand, Lodge was in an uproar of applause at this remarkable exhibition of Masonic liberality and charity; and the sum of 1005 dollars in coin was found to have been contributed by members of the Grand Lodge of California, making 6005 dollars contributed to the sufferers by the disaster at Chicago. The farmer brother who contributed his 400 dollars and made Bro. LAIDLEY, the Grand Treasurer, do the same, was the good Bro. CARLISLE S. ABBOTT, the first Master and the Senior Past Master of Salinas Lodge, who with Bro. WILLIAM VANDERHURST, the Senior Warden, represented that lodge at It was a joyous scene, and will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

Salinas Lodge, Masonically speaking, may truly be said to be composed of the "salt of the earth." M.W. Grand Master LEONIDAS E. PRATT, upon re-election, recognised such a noble spirit of Charity possessed by Bro. ABBOTT, then Master of this lodge, appointed him Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge for the year commencing October, 1871, and ending October, 1872.

-Freemason, Los Angelos, Cal.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

The following is a complete list of the brethren who have been appointed to hold office in the Grand Lodge of Ireland during the present year (1899)

namery.		
Bros. The Duke of Abercorn K.G.	•••	M.W.G. M .
" James Creed Meredith, LL.D.	•••	R.W.D.G.M.
" Viscount Templetown		G.S.W.
" Sir John T. Banks, K.C.B.	•••	G.J.W .
,, R. Keating Clay, J.P	•••	G. Treas.
" Lord Castletown		G. Sec.
" Rev. Benjamin Gibson, M.A.	•••	··· } G. Chaps.
" Rev Bishop of Down and Conr	10r	d. Chaps.
,, William G. Huband	•••	G.S.D.
"George Drury	•••	G.J.D.
,, Wm. Spence, C.E	•••	G. Supt. of Wks.
,, James M. Lowry		G.D.C.
" William McGee, J.P	•••	G. Stwd.
" George Scriven, M.D	•••	G.S.B.
,, Thomas R. G. Joze, Mus. D.	•••	G. Org.
,, Fox Goodman, J.P	• • •	G.I.G.
"W. J. Chetwode Crawley	•••	G.Sec. G. Lodge In.
,, Henry E. Flavelle,	•••	G.Dep.Sec.& Freas.
"Henry C. Shellard	•••	G. Clerk.
" John Frost	•••	G. Tyler.
,, William Bodell	•••	A.G. Tyler.

APPLE DUMPLINGS.

Some 40 years ago, in a small town in Suffolk, there was a longestablished, old-fashioned boarding school, at the head of which presided Mr. Owen Swift. By the strange contrariety which often occurs where the character and temperament of a man do not carry out the name he bears, Mr. Swift was slow and lethargic in his nature. His taste for study, fostered by his University life, little fitted him to undertake the multifarious cares of his profession. Before he succeeded his father, Westbury School had achieved a high reputation for good and sound tuition. It was, therefore, no very difficult matter for him to keep it up to its high standard by providing efficient assistant masters to carry out the work of the school. By this means he was able to devote a large portion of his time to more congenial pursuits. His masters most efficiently performed their duties in the school, whilst the domestic arrangements were under the care of his housekeeper, Mrs. Graham, a widow of rather prepossessing appearance. Thus Mr. Swift, so long as he was not troubled, was perfectly satisfied. She spared no pains to minister to his tastes, readily anticipated his wants, and, in short, she became so essential to him that he consulted her on every important occasion. Among Mrs. Graham's multifarious duties she superintended the boarding arrangements of the establishment. Although she did this to her own satisfaction, it was by no means reciprocated by those for whom she catered. The under-masters, and especially the pupils, were far from being contented with the rigid economy she exercised. She always had a good table for Mr. Swift, the senior masters, and herself, but the mid-day meal for the junior teachers and the pupils was far from being liberally provided; it was customary to commence the dinner with apple dumplings, two being set before each pupil. These being naturally very filling, were well calculated to blunt the keen edge of a schoolboy's appetite, and leave illie room for the meat which followed. Great dissatisfaction had for som time been expressed because the apples had not been sufficiently sweetened. Complaints had often been made by the pupils, through the under-masters, to Mrs. Graham, but she gave no heed to them. As for the boys, she looked on them as her natural enemies, and, as may easily be imagined, the mutual feelings entertained were not very friendly. On one occasion (a Wednesday half-holiday), when the apples at dinner were more sour than usual, and the sugar had been conspicuous by its absence, an indignation meeting largely attended was held in the playground. The presiding spirit was Tom Ward, the captain of the school-his companions clustered round

him.
"Well, you fellows," said he, "I hoped you enjoyed your apple dumplings to-day; nice and sweet, eh? Old Mother Graham must be saving a great deal at our expense; are we going to stand this any longer?"
"No! no!" was said by all.

"It's all very fine to say 'No! no!' but what shall we do?"

"Let's write a round robin, and send it to Mr. Swift," said one. "A deal of use that would be, it would never reach him," exclaimed

another.

Another debate ensued, which led to no practical decision. brilliant idea suggested itself to Tom Ward; he held a hurried consultation with others, his proposition was carried nem. con., and full details were entered into with regard to its successful accomplishment. What this plan was we shall learn hereafter; suffice it to say, at present, that each boy was spoken to on the matter, and promised compliance, binding himself on his honour to keep the secret. The meeting then broke up, and all adjourned to the cricket-field.

After school next day the word was passed from the captain to each boy, reminding him of what had been unanimously agreed upon. In due time the school-bell summoned them to the dining-room. They entered and each took his accustomed seat. The housekeeper presided at the head of the table, handsomely-dressed, wearing a lace cap, bravely decked with gay ribbons. At the bottom of the table sat the under-master, who was on duty for the week. Grace was said by him. Then, by the servants, was placed before each boy a plate containing two apple dumplings. To the surprise of Mrs. Graham, one dumpling alone was eaten by each boy, and that with a wry face. She thought it strange. However, that was their affair; if the dumplings were not eaten then, they could be warmed and served up again next day.

Suddenly a low shrill whistle was heard, when, in an instant, as by a preconcerted signal, each boy took up the dumpling remaining on his plate, and threw it at the househeeper. So simultaneous was the attack, so welldirected the aim taken by the boys, that Mrs. Graham suddenly found herself smothered with masses of dumpling and apple—she steamed like a boiled potato. Her dainty lace cap, with its gaudy ribbons, was no longer visible; it was buried neath the superincumbent weight, nor did her face escape; her eyes were closed up, as also her mouth, so that for a while she could neither see nor speak—she had, indeed, received enough of apple dumplings to last her for her life.

The situation was so irresistibly comic that the under-master could not help laughing heartily—not altogether sorry, for his own part, at the house-keeper's disaster. He had also cause for complaint; as for the boys, they roared and shouted, delighted with the success of their achievement, and the way they had thus paid off old scores on one whom they so heartily

detested. As soon as order could in some measure be restored, the undermaster commanded the insurgents instantly to leave the table, telling them that their scandalous conduct should be reported without delay to the head master. As for the unhappy victim, as soon as she could free herself from her incumbrance, and recover her breath, she went off into violent hysterics, and had to be conducted to her bedroom by two of the servants, who had great difficulty in restraining their risibility. Such outrageous proceedings could not long be concealed from Mr. Swift; he heard of it before the undermaster made his report. He at once shook off his natural apathy, and instituted inquiries, and soon learnt the facts of the case. He then called to mind that sugar had been a very prominent item in the accounts of expenses Mrs. Graham had from time to time rendered to him. It was evident there was something wrong; his suspicions were aroused; he carefully looked through passed accounts, and it was not long before he arrived at the conclusion that he had been systematically robbed for a considerable period.

Next morning he sent for Mrs. Graham; he expressed his regret for the treatment she had received, but intimated that she must herself see, after what had happened, how impossible it was for her any longer to after what had hapfened, how impossible it was for her any longer to remain in his service. He asked for her account, settled it in full, without any demur, at the same time, in lieu of notice, paying her three months' salary, requested her to leave at once, observing her own conscience would tell her why this was necessary. Self-convicted, she could say nothing; she left the room and departed during the day. Mr. Swift wrote to one of his maiden sisters, who came and undertook the necessary household duties. The scholars, half frightened at what they had done, were anxious as to what course the head master intended to they had done, were anxious as to what course the head master intended to take. The morning after Mrs. Graham's departure Mr. Swift entered the school and addressed the expectant scholars. He stated, as he considered they had just cause for complaint he granted them, one and all, free pardon they had just cause for complaint he granted them, one and all, free pardon for the thorough breach of discipline of which they had been guilty. At the same time, he promised them for the future that all their reasonable wants should be liberally provided. This announcement was received with deafening plaudits, amidst which Mr. Swift retired. Under the new regime school life passed very smoothly. Years have since elapsed, but the episode of "Apple Dumplings" still holds a prominent place in the annals of the school, affording a hearty laugh to those who hear it for the first time.

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LOYAL BERKSHIRE LODGE OF HOPE, No. 574, NEWBURY.

We have the pleasure of presenting a portrait of the newly-installed Worshipful Master of this lodge, Bro. Major Gerald Craven Ricardo, J.P. for Berks, and a member of the Berkshire County Council, who resides at Donnington Elms, near Newbury (cousin to Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D. Eng.). Bro. Major Ricardo, who has filled the office of Senior Warden of the lodge during the past year, and who rises to the position of Worshipful Master in the ordinary course, is one of the most popular residents in this district where he has been well known and remoted from bouleast. district, where he has been well known and respected from boyhood. After

serving with one of our smartest Cavalry Regiments in India, he returned home, and settling down as a country squire, became Master of the Craven hounds, being a thorough all-round sportsman. He evinces a lively interest in local affairs. His efforts for the public weal are warmly supported by Mrs. Ricardo, who is an active and hearty supporter of several of the principal philanthropic institutions in the town and district. In 1900 the Lodge of Hope will celebrate its jubilee with befitting festivity. We shall give a notice of the installation and banquet in next week's Freemason. We are indebted for the portrait block to the courtesy of Bro. George J. Cosburn, publisher of the "Newbury District Illustrated Directory" and the "Berkshire Masonic Calendar and Register." Bro. Cosburn is the oldest initiate member of the Lodge of Hope, and he is a Past Master of the Porchester Lodge of Mark Masons, in the resuscitation of which, a few years since, he took an active and prominent part.

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

The annual winter-entertainment to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution resident in the buildings at Croydon was given on Wednesday last, when the following ladies and gentlemen assisted in the festivities of the day: Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Institution; Dr. H. J. Strong, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, Bro. Good, Bro. George F. and Mrs. Cook, Bro. John Woodman, Bro. W. H. Hubbert, Bro. and Mrs. David Hills, Bro. John Newton and Mrs. Newton, Bro. F. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn, Bro. A. H. Hickman, Bro. J. Curtis, Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Bro. Charles Kempton and Mrs. Kempton, Bro. A. Start and Mrs. Start, Bro. H. Massey and Miss Massey, Bro. E. J. Anning, Mrs., and Miss Anning, Bro. J. Wayte (Hon. Surgeon to the Institution), Bro. A. J. Berry, P.M. 1695, and Miss Berry, Miss Mary E. Raikes, Miss Lilian Raikes, Miss Katharine Curtis, Miss Kate Terry, Mrs. Maria Hills, Miss Maria Marshall, Bro. W. P. Warren and Mrs. Warren, Bro. R. Parish, Mrs. Parish, and Miss Parish Bro. W. Englefield, P.M. 1321, Bro. John Davis, 1288, Mr. A. T. Faull and Mrs. Faull, Mrs. A. M. Terry, Bro. W. J. Crutch, Mrs. James E. Terry, and Bro. J. G.

Most of the above went down from London in specially reserved saloon carriages of the South-Eastern Railway, and were received on their arrival at the Institution by Bros. James Terry and John G. Stevens, who greeted them heartily.

By two o'clock the annuitants were summoned to dinner, which was provided, as usual, in the commodious hall of the Asylum. Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong, who for many years was Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, presided, and was supported on his left by Mrs. Terry, and on his right by Miss Norris, the Matron. The ladies of the visiting party sat down to dinner with the annuitants, while the gentlemen officiated as carvers of the turkeys, fowls, and joints, and in

waiting on the dining party.

At the conclusion of the dinner there were a few toasts, Bro. Dr. Strong starting by proposing "The Queen," and when this toast had been drunk offering for acceptance, "The Founders of the Feast," informing the company that all the expenses of this entertainment were found by voluntary subscriptions, and did not come out of the founds of the Institution. He said he knew that in very many Charities the cost of such a dinner was paid out of money that was subscribed to be spent in other ways, but it was not so here. He named as the founders of the feast, Bros. Thomas Hastings Miller, David Hills, and Good.

Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER, in his reply to the toast, said that from the day

of his initiation his first care was the Benevolent Institution, although he did not forget the Boys' and the Girls'. That course he should always follow. He was a member of the House Committee, and consequently paid many visits to the Institution, and it gave him great pleasure to go down to Croydon and see the happy, smiling faces of the residents in that building. God grant that those residents might live for many years, and that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution might live and flourish, root and branch (as they said in the City Companies), for ever l

Bros. Hills, P.M. 185, and Good also replied.

Bro. James Terry, responding to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," proposed by Bro. Dr. Strong, said it was his duty as well as his pleasure to give in a few words some idea of what had been done for the Institution during the past year, and of the expectations for the future. The past year, as they were all aware, had been a most eventful one in the history of that Institution, as well as in the history of the other two Masonic Institutions, for the simple reason that one Institution took the lion's share, and more than the lion's share, of the money out of the pockets of the brethren. It was only to be expected, when it was known last year that the Prince of Wales would preside at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, that the majority of the subscriptions would go to that Institution, and the consequence was that the enormous sum of £141 000 had been announced as collected for the benefit of that Institution. The effect naturally was that when the Festival of the old people took place, instead of getting £17,000 or £18,000, they got only £9000, and consequently, in September, they had not enough money to pay the quarter's annuities. By the prudence of the Committee, however, there was a reserve on which they could draw, and when December 31 came round they found that, instead of £9000, the Craft had increased its subscription to £11,200, so that £1800 more had been paid in than was announced at the Festival. The total for the year was brought up to over £19,000. That was no inconsiderable sum, considering the £140,000 to the over £19,000. That was no inconsiderable sum, considering the £140,000 to the Boys'. The Girls' School announced £9,500, but their total subscription was £11,400, and their grand total £16,000 odd. There were no Charitable Institutions in the world, so far as he knew, speaking of them as Charities, that could show anything like an approximate amount collected from one source, for in Masonry it practically came out of the same pocket. (Cheers.) As to the future, he hoped it would be even brighter than 1898. He had already 200 Stewards, and he hoped, in consequence of the exertions, they would be able, at all events, to get on without drawing on a reserve fund. He thanked Bro. Strong for the way in which he had spoken of him, and he thanked also those friends who had provided the funds for the present entertainment. There was a balance, which he would hand over to the Matron for a Samaritan fund, which she dispensed to those of

the residents who were not well.

Bro. Dr. Strong responded to the toast of "The Chairman," which was proposed by Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treasurer of the Institution.

Bro. FARNFIELD responded to the toast of "The Matron, Miss Norris,"

proposed by Bro. C. E. KEYSER, P.G.D.

This closed the dinner proceedings, and the lady visitors paid a round of calls at the old people's homes.

At the subsequent dinner of which the brethren partook and which was pre-Riches ausequent diffice of which the bretinen partook and which was presided over by Bro. C. E. Keyser, who proposed the toast of "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," said he hoped the brethren would pull themselves together this year for the Benevolent Institution and the Girls' School. He was going to do his part, and he knew his Provinces of Herts and Bake would give him the strongest support in his chairmanship for the Board. Berks would give him the strongest support in his chairmanship for the Boys' School, but no movement would be made there until after the festival of the Benevolent Institution. He hoped the "Old People's" claims would be well

recognised. A certain sum of money must be collected every year to pay the annum s without trenching on capital.

Bro. James Terry, in acknowledging the toast, said he certainly endorsed the Chairman's hopes so very kindly expressed that the festival of the three Institutions of 1899 would all be eminently successful and that the small amounts that had been announced for the past year would be the last. When they turned to this year he hoped they would realise the expectations of all their friends for grand amounts. It was very kind of Bro. Keyser to take the chair for the Boys' Institution following the Prince of Wales, taking the forlorn hope; but he had done so before, and for the Benevolent Institution after its Jubilee celebration in 1892. When he asked Bro. Keyser to take the chair in

1893, Bro. Keyser said, "My dear Bro. Terry, put me down as your Chairman, and you may put me down at all events for 500 guineas." He (Bro. Terry) endeavoured to bleed him a little more, saying he thought as Chairman the least Bro. Keyser could do was to give 1000 guineas. He remembered Bro. Keyser's rejoinder well, and he put up with the rebuff; it was kindly given—" willingly would I do it, but the world would talk of it, and think I was making it a profes-The brethren knew what Bro. Keyser did last year for the Boys', entirely at his cost to build the chapel at the new school at Bushey. After that to take the chair for the Boys' Institution the following year was in itself an evidence of his kindness. As to the Benevolent Institution, he would say that it had been a success for years past every one would confess. The list of candidates for next election had now been closed; and there were no less than 123 on it seeking admission for 24 vacancies—12 of each sex. Close on 100, therefore, would go away unsuccessful to wait another 12 months, and these were people over 60, 70, or 80 years of age. He knew he need not appeal to the brethren before him to do their best for the Institution in their lodges; they had done so; some round the table taking the Stewardship for the second, third, and fourth time; therefore, on February 22 he hoped there would be a bumper festival. He knew full well what their present Chairman was going to give, but he was not going to divulge With the assistance of the brethren present, and others throughout the kingdom, if they realised £12,000 or £13,000, he thought it would be a pretty amount to announce. He thanked Bro. Keyser for the kindness he had extended to the Institution at all times, and all around the table for their generous contribution, and he was sure they would support the forthcoming Festival in such a way that they might all be proud of it.

Bro. Keyser having responded to the toast of "The Chairman," proposed "Bro. Terry and Bro. Stevens."

Bro. TERRY, replying, said he had been connected 35 years with the Institution, and, with the exception of his holidays in August, had never been absent from any Committee meeting. He hoped and trusted he should have health and strength to continue so to do until pensioned off and they had a new Secretary with new thoughts, new schemes, and digging in new soil. He had a right hand in Bro. Stevens, who at all times gave his time and careful attention to the duties of his office which no one other than himself could give. He was glad to add this much to the testimony the Chairman had accorded him, and he should deeply regret the day when any severance took place between him and Bro. Stevens.

Bro. J. G. Stevens said after that what had he to say? Nothing. He was

content to leave his services in the hands of his chief, and the exordium he had given. He thanked them. He hoped he might for many years have the honour of serving the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

In the evening there was a dramatic entertainment by the Charterhouse Company. The pieces performed were "Dearest Mamma" and "Leave it to me," with a prologue by the Master of Charterhouse, of which the following is the text:

"Whatever ills of trouble, pain or age Beset the roads of earthly pilgrimage, Care finds a solace, sorrow a relief When lovingkindness ministers to grief; And when the Sun of Happiness displays His welcome beams, illumining our days The secret charm of Brotherhood employs Its subtle force to double all our joys: Such is the Masons' creed: these thoughts suggest Our presence here and bid us do our best To shed a ray of innocent delight On the cold darkness of a winter's night: Ask not for excellence, but let our parts Be judged not by our powers, but by our hearts: And if the critic's penetrating eye In our interpretation faults descry Pass them indulgently, and let the will Be an apology for want of skill—
'Dearest Mamma' explains a source of strife Which sometimes rises in domestic life: Our other piece is simple, as you'll see— Its name don't matter much—' Leave it to me.'"

The performers in the two pieces were Mr. N. G. Davidson, Bro. H. C. Hayward, Bro. Harold Haig-Brown, Miss Evelyn Haig-Brown, Miss Rosalind Haig-Brown, Miss Alice Haig-Brown, and Miss Marguerite Haig-Brown.

The performance was very creditable, and gave general satisfaction, and the visitors returned to town highly pleased with the day's entertainment.

Craft Masonry.

Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25.

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The installation meeting of this ancient lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. Wm. Baddeley, W.M.; H. L. Davis, I.P.M.; John Jacobs, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Pennington, J.W.; W. S. Elliott, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; Victor Romilly, S.D.; Tudney Davis, J.D.; Chas. Lee, I.G.; Thos. Hawkins, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Robins, P.M., Stwd.; Robert Harding, P.M., Tyler; T. B. Fullwood, P.M.; F. J. Denton, P.M.; F. W. Robins, P.M., W. C. Elsdon, E. Abrahams, John Wilson, Walter Schröder, E. C. Mulvey, P.M. (hon. member); Louis Eister, Fred. Holden, T. J. Carter, Maurice Woolf, R. C. Lampard, J. K. Boddy, L. Abrahams, A. Osborn, and Oscar Osborn. Visitors: J. D. Hoskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex; J. W. Burgess, W.M. 1325, P.P.G.D. W. Lancs.; C. Woodrow, P.M. 1708; E. Sinclair, P.M. 1441; J. R. Dixon, 2416; W. T. Hooper, P.M. 1987; T. A. Engle, 1604; Rev. A. G. L. Robertson, P.M. 2329, Buenos Ayres, Scuth America; A. W. Bates, 1604; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; T. R. Downs, 2643; H. Williamson, 172; J. J. Smith, 1622; Jesse Smith, 1767; P. F. Campbell, P.M. 1670; A. J. Batho, Org. 8; J. N. Kingwill, I.G. 2029; C. Hunt, P.M. 194; F. S. Hess, 2705; A. Bertrand, 1563; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Geo. Coleman, P.M. 1614; M. J. Garcia, 2168; T. Garcia, P.M. 1402; C. J. Timons, 1604; J. Watts, 15; Chas. Gee, 1627; W. Morgan, 1614; G. F. Smith, P.G. Org.; Edwd. Jacobs, 205; G. S. Elliot, 2095; W. A. B. Levick, 2391; and Gustave Luck, unattached.

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The report of the Auditors was deferred till the next meeting, after which the lodge

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the

W.M. presided.

After a sumptuous repast, the usual loyal toasts were proposed, and received due recognition. As there was a long musical programme, the speeches were necessarily

very brief.

After "The Queen and the Craft," Miss Jessie Hotine sang "God save the Queen."
"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was followed by Bro. H. Linwood

singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next

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Song, "Over the hills," by Miss Marie Kebrain.

Bros. Terry, Smith, and Mulvey replied.

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M.," which was cordially received.

Song, "Take a pair of sparkling eyes," by Bro. H. Linwood.

The W.M., in a feeling manner, responded.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M. as Installing Master."

Song, "The circus girl," by Miss Jessie Hotine.

The I.P.M. replied.

The Initiate briefly replied to the toast of his health.

Song, "Margarita," by Bro. H. Linwood.

"The Visitors" followed.

Song, "Angus MacDonald," by Miss Marie Kebrain.

Bros. Robinson, Campbell, Batho, Simons, and Garcia replied.

Cornic song, "Come to tea," by the composer, Bro. Wallis Arthur, who gave, as an encore, "Other things."

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

Song, "Piccaninny mine, good night," by Miss Jessie Hotine.

The Treasurer, Secretary, and Bros. Fulwood, P.M.; Robins, P.M.; Denton,

P.M.; Hawkins, P.M.; and Davis, P.M., replied.

The Officers" followed.

The S.W., S.D., I.G., and Steward replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the entertainment.

The music was directed by Bro. A. Collings.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.

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The installation meeting of this lodge was held on St. John's Day, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth. Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, M.P., Prov. G. Master, wrote expressing regret at being unable to be present, and wishing a prosperous year of office to Bro. Prout, S.W., the W.M. elect. There were present: Bros. J. B. Gover, Sec. 70, P.P.G. Sec.; C. J. Withell, Treas. 70, P.P.S.G.D.; F. B. Westlake, 70, P.P.J.G.W.; Major Tracy, 1247, P.P.S.G.W.; J. R. Lord, 1247, P.G.D.C., P.G.D.C.; C. Cooper, 105, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Roberts, 150, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. Dunsterville, P.S.G.D.; Capt. Lindsay Lloyd, R.E., 2649, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Gidley, 2025, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Willoughby, 1247, P.P.G. Org.; W. Lawers, 1255, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Cornish, 223, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Allsford, 202, P.P.G. Treas.; W. H. Dilton, 1099, P.P.A.G. Sec.; R. Pike, 239, P.P.G. Org.; E. Tout, 70, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Westcott, 70, P.P.J.G.D.; I. Kevern, 1550, P.P.G.D.C.; N. Radmore, 159, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. Knight, 156, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Reynold, P.M. 225; W. Keyse, P.M. 1847; A. Bridgman, W.M. 223; A. G. Friend, W.M. 1093; W. A. Staton, P.M. 509; W. Bird, P.M. 1099; A. Williams, P.M. 230; J. Angwin, W.M. 230; G. Organ, P.M. 202; W. Botterell, P.M., Sec. 125; S. Edwards, P.M. 1550; E. Budge, P.M. 1550; C. Park, W.M. 1247; P. Pearce, P.M., Sec. 1247; T. Payne, P.M. 934; L. James, P.M. 1847; H. Reynolds, P.M. 2025; F. Mailand, P.M. 105; J. Corrick, P.M. 159; H. Robins, P.M. 1550; J. Evans, P.M. 70; J. Goad, P.M. 70; M. Jacobs, P.M. 70; W. Sweet, P.M. 70 and 1212; C. Williams, P.M. 1847; J. Blackall, P.M. 1099; W. Hornbrook, 954, Mayor of Devonport; Col. G. Edyvean, S.W. 2653; J. Moore, Sec. 954; J. Sowden, 1205; J. Down, 563; A. Beane, 1305; G. Julian, 2025; S. Wright, 1099; J. Adams, 1847; W. Woodley, 70; H. Farmer; J. Woodley, 70; S. Robbins, 70; J. Reed, 70; T. Wainwight, 70; H. Farmer; J. Woodley, 70; S. Robbins, 70; J. Reed, 70; T. Wainwight, 70; H. Farmer; J. Woodley, 70; S. Robbins, 70; J. Reed, 70; T. Wainwight, 7

G. Master.

The toasts of "The Prov. Grand Masters of Devon and Cornwall, Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, M.P., and the Earl of Mount Edgecombe (who from a prior engagement was unable to attend), and their P.G. Lodges," were duly proposed by the W.M., and Bros. Westcott, P.P.J.G.D.; J. R. Lord, P.G.D.C.; and Handlake, P. Asst. G. Sec., responded for the former, all referring to the universal esteem in which the P.G. Master and his deputy, Bro. G. C. Davie, were held throughout the province of Pleyon

Bro. Col. Geo. Edyvean, R.E., responded for the Province of Cornwall, and pointed out that the P.G. Master was almost as much claimed by Devon as Cornwall, and he trusted that long would the Earl be spared to rule a province so contented under his government.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. F. J. Prout," was proposed by Bro. C. J. Moore, S,W., who, from knowledge as friend and fellow officer, claimed that each and every qualification for the chair was possessed by the W.M.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm and musical honours.

The W.M., in response, fervently thanked the brethren for the confidence reposed in him, and said that he looked forward pleased with the anticipation of a happy year

of office, there being such harmony abounding throughout the lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Treasure," was most ably p Leach, who, I aving given expression to the admirable manner in which the late Master had conducted the affairs of the lodge, proceeded to present him with a Life Governorship in the R.M.B.I. (Widows' Fund) to mark the esteem in which he was held by all

Bio. Treasure very heartily thanked the brethren for their many marks of kindly feeling towards him throughout his year of office.
"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed by Bro. Treasurer

I.P.M.

The Treasurer and Secretary responded.

Bro. Gover, P.P.G. Sec., Sec., in very happy terms, proposed "The Health of the Newly-initiated Brother."

Bro. Jacobs briefly and suitably responded.

The toast of "The S.W., J.W., and Officers" was given by Bro. Stanlake.

The Wardens and J.D. replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially received.

Bros. Hornbrook (the Mayor of Devonport) and Jacobs mide very suitable responses.

The toast list concluded with those of "Wives and Sweethearts" and "Our Absent

An excellent musical programme was prepared by Bro. Farley, Asst. Org., and contributions were given by the W.M. and Bros. Major Tracy, W. A. Staton, W. Willoughby, S. Wright, J. Jacobs, P. Neal, C. Williams, W. Lavers, W. Botterell, Hewens, and A. White. Bro. Pearce, 1247, most ably presided at the pianoforte.

Playgoers' Lodge, No. 2705.

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The installation meeting of this young lodge was held at the Hotel Cecil, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. There were present Bros. Guy Repton, W.M.; Geo. Powell, I.P.M.; G. J. Farrington, P.M., S.W., W.W. elect; W. R. Bennett, J.W.; J. H. Gaskin, P.M., Treas; W. Sparks, Sec.; G. P. A. Schultz, S.D.; A. E. Grimshaw, I.D.; W. H. F. Warner, I.G.; Walter Schroder, A.D.C.; R. Hathway Jones, and Geo. Perrin, Stwds.; S. A. Collings, Org.; J. E. Edzunds, P.M., Tyler; Rev. I. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; T. Pescod, H. D. Kemp, J. Cohen, E. J. Hiscock, M. Moss, J. L. Goldstein, Carl Hentschel, L. Harfield, R. H. Shaw, J. Sharpe, Percy House, T. J. Rose, C. J. Pinnell, S. D. Wade, T. Vagg, A. E. Winslow, Ernest Stapel, F. Gordon, I. Newmark, H. A. Cooper, J. D. Watson, F. Newton, G. W. Collins, A. Moyse, C. Hepper, J. F. Bridgen, A. Wade, T. H. Bishop, J. Bannister Howard, J. Irwin, J. T. Griene, E. L. Loader, A. Thompson, F. S. Hess, J. Hawkins, R. Findlay, G. H. Hana, F. W. P. Pescod, and G. J. Baynes. Visitors: Bros. C. W. B. Bryant, P.M. 1271, P.P.J.G.D. Wilts; A. Wallington, P.M., P.P.G.P. Wilts, Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; J. Porter, P.M. 1170; W. N. Green, 1173; C. W. Pridmore, P.M. 1310, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Davis, I.P.M. 1719; J. Ser. gusson, P.M. 1997; E. Dixon, W.M. 1821; T. Borey, 1829; J. Day, S. L. Ster, J. Day, S. J. Day, S. P. P. G. Std. Br.; J. Allen, S20; D. Posener, P.M. 185; P. R. Cleave, P.M. 2648; W. T. J. Strong, I.G. 1981; W. T. Lee, S.W. 2483; W. P. Neville, P.M. 1767; S. J. Heibron, J.W. 1666; W. J. Hus, S. P. P. M. 1997; D. Hills, P.M. and Sec. 185; W. J. W. Beard, P.M. and 2488; J. Hess, 1507; D. Hills, P.M. and Sec. 185; W. J. W. Beard, P.M. and 17eas, 2488; A. Slatter, W.M. 2483; P. Bishop, E. Alsser, W. Jones, J. Hands, W. T. Brickwell, 2455; C. J. Davison, P.P.S.G.D.; F. W. Bishop, 1056; H. F. Weding, 2374; Thos. Fraser, S.D. 2488; W. E. Garstein, I.G. 2483; Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; S. W. Harris, W.M. 2488; P. Bishop, E. Chisnall, 2625; H. B. Akinson, Henry Inde, 264

The brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the Victoria Hall, after which the

usual Masonic toasts were given.
"The Queen and the Craft" having been given, "God save the Queen," was

sung.

"The M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" followed.

Bro. Churchill gave a comic recitation, "Why he called."

Bro. Ludlow sang "The Clang of the Forge."

The toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Amherst; the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Warwick; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next given by

the W.M.

Song, "One and Twenty," by J. E. Fraser, encore, "Down in the Vale."

Bro. Fenn replied, and spoke in feeling terms of the loss sustained by the death of Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; he then alluded to the interesting fact of the birth of a son to the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Powell.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg also spoke of the character of the Playgoers Lodge it was in fact excellent beyond all criticism.

The I.P.M. thanked the brethren for their kind wishes in regard to his son, and trusted he might be spared by the G.A.O.T.U. one future day to instal his son as W.M. of the Playgoers Lodge; he hoped he would carry out his duties as well as their present W.M., whose health he gave most heartily.

It was cordially responded to by the brethren.

Bro. Fred Russell gave an amusing ventriloquical entertainment.

The W.M. replied in a few felicitous phrases. He spoke of the origin of the lodge, how it was looked upon at first with disfavour by the Playgoers' Club, but that both now went harmoniously hand in hand together.

The next toast was "The Installing Master and I.P.M."

Song, Bro. Arthur Grover, "I love you yet."

The I.P.M. replied. He spoke of the extraordinary success which attended the young lodge in that, the first, year of its existence, eulogised in glowing terms the officers who worked so harmoniously with him during his year of office, and prophesied a brilliant future for the lodge.

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Bro. Chris. Hepper gave an original recitation, "The Playgoers' Club," in which, in a pleasing manner, allusion was made to some of the traits of its leading members.

Mr. A. Prince gave an excellent entertainment on the concertina—selections from Wagner, "Lohengrin," and Tannhaüser," and from Balfe, and gave "The Bohemian Girl" as an encore. The artistic rendering was fully appreciated by all present.

To the toast of "The D.C." Bro. G. Powell replied, thanking the brethren for their kindness.

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By the permission of the W.M. Bro. Powell gave "The Initiates, Bros. A. M. Richards, W. V. Higgins, and Adrian Gerson," which was warmly received.

Bro. Churchill gave a recitation, a raeing piece, called "The Close Finish." The initiates in turn briefly replied.

Bro. H. Linwood, song, "I'll Sing Thee Songs of Araby."

Mr. G. Blackmore, a comic song, "The Boy in the Gallery."

"The Visitors" followed.

Bros. Harris, W.M. 2483; J. F. Atkinson, P.M. 296, P.P.J.G.W. Derby; and C. W. Bryant, P.M. 1271, P.P.J.G.D. Wilts, replied.

Bro. Harry Hall, comic song.

Bro. Arthur Grove, song, "Love, I only Tell Thee."

At the request of the W.M., the I.P.M. gave "The Health of Prof. F. W. Driver, P.M. 45," as representing the Freemason.

Bro. Driver replied, congratulating the lodge on the extraordinary success achieved

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during their first year, and hoped he should report them on many future occasions.

"The Officers," by the W.M.

Mr. Blackmore, comic song, "The Three Crows."

The Treasurer and Secretary, S.W. and Steward, replied.

"The Health of Percy House," as an especial toast for his valuable services in drawing up the programme of the evening was given. Bro. Percy House replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

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Notice of Motion.

By the W. Bro. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, P.A.G.D. of C., Patron and Honorary Solicitor of the Institution:

"That in order to recognise the efforts made to elect Albert Edward Johnson, an unsuccessful (last chance) case at the October Election in the Centenary year of this Institution, an allowance of £20 per annum be made to him towards his Education and Maintenance, provided he be educated at a School to be approved by the Board of Management, and be subject to the Rules applicable to Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution, and that such allowance commence from tion, and that such allowance commence from the date upon which he would, if elected, have been admitted into the School."

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J. M. McLEOD, Secretary.

6, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London, W.C., 5th January, 1899.

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The Quarterly General Courts of the Governors of our Scholastic Institutions will be held at Freem isons' Hall next week, that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the hour of 12 noon, and that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Friday, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m. The chief business will be the approval of the lists of candidates and the declaration of the vacancies to be

If Bro. Woodall, Past G. Treas., will indly refer to the Freemason of last week he will find that the resolution he has written to ask us to publish was contained in the letter from Bro. Jos. Farncombe, P. Prov. G. Warden of Sussex, which appeared in our correspondence columns; and that in the same issue there was published another resolution, which was substantially—indeed, almost verbatim—the same, and was sent us for publication by "The Mover of the Resolution."

As usual, Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, has appended to his Statement of Receipts during the past year a table in which are shown the amounts received per year from 1884 to 1897 both inclusive. During the first seven of these 14 years during which the old order of things prevailed in the administration of the School, the total sum received in the way of income was £98,434 11s. 8d., the average per year being £14,062 1s. 8d. During the second seven years under the new régime, the total amount received in the way of income was £158,094 3s., the average per year being £22,584 17s. 7d. There is, therefore, an increase in the average yearly income during the second as compared with the first of these septennial periods amounting to rather more than £8500 a year.

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A meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Warwickshire will be held in the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday, the 4th February, at 2.30 p.m. precisely, when a new lodge which will be known as the Loyal Travellers Lodge, No. 2733, will be consecrated. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. E. Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, who will be assisted in his task by the Grand Wardens of the Province, Bros. Major-General Arbuthnot, Prov. S.G.W., and T. J. Walsh, Prov. J.G.W., as S.W. and J.W. respectively; Bro. the Rev. L. H. Peirson, Prov. G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. England, as D. of C.; and Bro. T. C. Waite, Prov. G. Purst., as I.G. When the lodge has been constituted, Bro. R. A. Matthews P.M. No. 493, P. Prov. J.G.D., will be installed in the chair of W. Master and will afterwards appoint and invest his officers for the year, the day concluding with a banquet which will take place at 5.30 p.m. The founders are 16 in number, and include Bro. R. A. Matthews, W.M. designate, and Bros. E. S. Sumner and W. O. Lewis, S.W. and J.W. designate respectively. There can be no doubt that with the G. Secretary as Consecrating Officer, assisted as he will be by so experienced a D.C. as Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., the ceremonies of the day will pass off successfully and that as it must be quite 13 years since a lodge was consecrated in the Province, our Warwickshire brethren will be deeply impressed with the solemnity of the proceedings.

There was a very numerous gathering of the friends and supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at the New Year's entertainment on Wednesday evening to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, and it will be seen from the full report of the proceedings which appears in another column that everything passed off most successfully. In the first place, the residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves and appreciated to the utmost the very excellent arrangements which had been made for their entertaiument. In the next place, those who had the privilege of assisting at the most pleasant annual function, appeared to be equally delighted with their Bro. Terry, as usual, made one of his earnest speeches in behalf of the Institution and in view of the approaching Festival made a strong appeal to all present to do what is in their power to further its success. We must hope that the appeal will bear good fruit.

Those of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls who spent their Christmas holidays at school had their usual New Year's treat on Wednesday, and it will be easily realised that the little ones enjoyed themselves thoroughly. A capital entertainment was provided on the occasion, the Punchinello and conjuring and juggling constituting the staple of the proceedings, while a brief time was devoted to dancing. The president of the evening was Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Chairman of the House Committee for the month, who was supported by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton and other members of the Committee, as well as by the Secretary, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges and many ladies and friends of the Institution.

A Special Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Burma was held at Freemasons' Hall. Rangoon, on Wednesday, the 28th September last, when Bro. J. Copley Moyle was installed as District Grand Master, in succession to the late Bro. Donald G. McLeod, deceased. There appears to have been a very full attendance of District Grand Officers, Present and Past, as well as of the Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of the lodges on the roll of the District. The presiding officer was Bro. L. L. Downes, who performed the ceremony of installation most impressively. On assuming the chair, the new District Grand Master delivered a brief, but very able, address, in the course of which he expressed the hope that, in cooperation with the District Grand Officers and the lodges, his administration of the District would be successful, at all events, not less successful than that of his predecessors.

We learn from the Philadelphia Keystone that a sum of nearly 4084 dollars had been contributed towards the maintenance of the Masonic Home established in that city, to the 24th ult., among the principal gifts included therein being 200 dollars from Oriental Lodge, No. 385, and 100 dollars each from Slatington Lodge, No. 440, Greenleaf Lodge, No. 561, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite. On New Year's Day the Home was to keep open house, so that visitors might have the opportunity of inspecting the premises and doing what lay in their power to aid it in its benevolent work.

The regular half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Punjab was held at Freemasons' Hall, Simla, under the auspices of Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 459, on the 12th September. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Geo. B. Wolseley, K.C.B., District Grand Master, the chair was taken by Bro. E. Woodall Parker, Past District Grand Master, who delivered a lengthy address, in the course of which he expressed, on behalf of the absent District Grand Master, that distinguished brother's regret that he was unable to be present, and that there was a possibility that he might find himself under the necessity of resigning his office, and thereby severing his connection with the District-a connection which had lasted for so many years and brought him so much pleasure. The Indian Freemason-to which we are indebted for these particulars-publishes with its November issue what has every appearance of being an excellent portrait of Bro. Gen. Wolseley, District Grand Master.

We have received copy of the Proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (New Zealand), which was held at the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 20th October last. From this report we learn that the several lodges in the District had met in accordance with Articles 218A, 218B, and 219, Book of Constitutions, to decide whether or no they should continue their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, the result of the ballot being "that the whole of the Lodges had almost unanimously decided to continue" under the banner of our Grand Lodge.

We further learn from the same source that the District Board of General Purposes had received a letter from Bro. W. F. Lamonby acknowledging receipt of a donation from Dist. G. Lodge of £11 11s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on the occasion of its recent Centenary, and suggesting that he should represent the Dist. G. Lodge "in order that the vote for Colonial candidates" for our Board of General Purposes might "be exercised judiciously." The Dist. Board thereupon resolved that "it be a recommendation to Dist. G. Lodge to appoint W. Bro. W. Lamonby as proxy"; and Dist. G. Lodge, at their meeting as aforesaid, adopted the recommendation. How it will be acted upon remains to be seen, as there does not appear to be any provision for proxies in our Book of Constitutions.

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.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In my letter which appeared in your issue of the 24th ult., I asked Bro. Farncombe a very simple, straightforward question. In his reply thereto, in your current number, he does not even refer to it. Instead, thereof, he quotes the resolution of the Board of Management.

Copy of this same resolution has also been sent to me by Bro. McLeod himself, and by other brethren, so that I am getting tired of this iteration. Besides, this is altogether unnecessary. To us who protest, it matters not how it was done. The fact that it was done at all is the question that concerns us. Whether it was regular, or irregular, we do not care one iota. We have never questioned the power of the Board to vote this gratuity. Instead of £1000, they could have voted £5000, or any other sum it they thought well. We simply challenge the exercise

I quite agree with Bro. Farncombe that this discussion may now close, and having accomplished our object, I do not intend to trouble you with any further

espondence.

Thanking you for your very kind indulgence.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. CHAPMAN,

P.M. 47, P.P.G.D.

January 3rd.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will Bro. George Chapman (Nottingham) explain how he sees the reports of the Committee of the Boys' School; for, whilst stating he knows so much more than thousands of your readers, he evidently reads the said reports to little purpose?

As a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and a Steward on many occasions, I may claim to possess some knowledge on the subject, and venture to think your readers will value Bro. Chapman's criticism at its proper worth when they learn his interest in the Institutions is solely confined to ungenerous criticism.—Yours fraternally,

JAS. WILLING, Jun.

December 29th.

A JUBILEE MASTER'S JEWEL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

For some time past I have intended to write you on a subject that many brethren would support, viz., permission to have and to wear a "Jubilee Master's jewel," that is to say, a jewel designed and made to be worn by those Masters who were in the chair of K.S. at any time during the "Diamond Jubilee

Might I suggest that any brother who would support this might send you a post card to say so, you could then have an idea of the number that might be wanted before approaching the authorities.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. PURTON,

P.M. 1541, I.P.M. 2728, Chapter 1269.

Clarendon House, Hornsey, December 29th.

Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.

The installation meeting of this lodge—now in the 111th year of its existence—was held on Monday last at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Lazarus, W.M., who was supported by the following: Bros. E. Emanuel, S.W.; I. Cohen, J.W.; Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; J. Levy, P.M.; Ernest Davy, P.M.; A. G. Dodson, P.M.; W. J. Gardner, P.M.; N. Garrard, P.M.; Joshua Hands, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., Sec.; J. Hamilton Craig, S.D.; James Edwards, J.D.; M. D. Armstrong, I.G.; A. W. Savill and W. L. Rosenthal, Stwds.; John Ives, P.M., Tyler; James G. Cross, E. G. Galloway, J. Mott, M. Jacob, W. Jacob, G. Van Polen, H. Witmead, W. Thorpe, H. Emanuel, S. Wibel, A. W. Penfold, H. S. Onken, J. A. Wormald, A. Levay, E. U. Lazarus, Saml. Litner, and Isaac Silver. Visitors: Bros. L. J. Aylward, 2467; P. Simon, 205; I. Genese, P.M. 1540; Moris Hart, 73; Geo. Lichtenfield, W.M. 205; Horatio Sagil, W.M. 2264; John D. Hood, 1668; S. Dancyger, P.M. 205; E. J. Greaves, 2698; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; H. Emanuel, 2265; Phillips, 704; F. H. Phillips, 704; N. S. Lyon, 188; J. F. Saunders, 1507; C. J. Edney, 1687; A. Hago, 1687; J. Magnus, 1489; T. S. Henson, 1996; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. C. Anderson, 2411; Orlton Cooper, P.M. 211; Wolfe S. Lyon, 185; W. H. Young, 1601; and E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P.

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Bros. Wormald and Jacobs were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who afterwards installed Bro. E. Emanuel, S.W., as W.M., and himself received the collar of I.P.M. The other brethren constituting the list of officers of the lodge for the new year were Bros. Isaac Cohen, S.W.; J. Hamilton Craig, J.W.; Joshua Hands, Treas.; Lewis Lazarus, P.M., A.G.P., Sec.; Rev. S. J. Roco, P.M., Chap.; A. Cohen, P.M., D.C.; Brewer, S.D.; M. D. Armstrong, J.D.; W. L. Rosential, I.G.; Rememann, A.D.C.; A. W. Savill and W. Thorpe, Stewards; and John Ives, P.M., Tyler. The new W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. Julius Lemel, and presented a Past Master's jewel to the outgoing Master. The I.P.M.'s late officers presented him with a Past Master's apron and collar, a vote of thanks to him for performing the installation ceremony was passed, and, on the motion of Bro. Van Polen, seconded by the Treasurer, he was elected an honorary member of the lodge. A vote of sympathy and condolence with the widow of a deceased member was also passed before the lodge and condolence with the widow of a deceased member was also passed before the lodge

A barquet followed the working of the day.

Bro. Lewis Lazarus, A.G.P., in his response to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said he gathered from the various lodge meetings he attended, independent of the meetings of Grand Lodge, that there never was a Mason who had left behind him such a good name as the late Parl of Lathom. The guiding of the Craft was under Grand Lodge, and while Masons had the first gentleman in the world in the chair they might saying the conduct of Masonry would proceed and progress in the future as it had rest assured the conduct of Masonry would proceed and progress in the future as it had

in the past.

Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P., and H. Sadler, G.T., also responded.

Bro. H. Lazarus, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," observed that one and all of the brethren had something to be proud of in placing Bro. E. Emanuel in the chair. During the time he (Bro. Lazarus) presided, Bro. Emanuel acted as his S.W., and carried out his duties to his satisfaction and the satisfaction of the lodge

generally. To-night he carried out the ceremony of initiation most satisfactorily. He hoped the brethren would bring him the work to do.

Bro. E. Emanuel, W.M., replying, said that as far as regarded work the brethren might be sure he should do it, and he should endeavour to give all the brethren as much pleasure as was in his power. He had arranged, with the assistance of the Board of Management, to hold a ball, possibly in March. He had a very pleasant recollection of the ladies' nights on previous occasions, and he thought most of the brethren also had such pleasing recollections. He hoved many brethren now present would support the ball. He next proposed "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said it was the second time Bro. H. Lazarus had been Master of the Joppa Lodge. He hoped to see him again occupying the Master's chair.

Bro. H. Lazarus, I.P.M., in response, said he was glad he had satisfied the brethren during his year of office.

Bro. Lemel replied to the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. W. J. Gardner, P.M., replying to the toast of "The Lodge of Joppa Benevolent Fund," said this fund relieved Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. The fund was a grand feature of the Lodge of Joppa, and he believed it was the origin of similar funds which other lodgeshad formed in recent years. It started in a small way, but by the contributions of members only—not of strangers—it got a considerable fortune, and with that money they had endeavoured—and he hoped and trusted they would continue to endeavour—to do a great deal of good. They assisted the brethren of the lodge privately, even the members of the lodge being ignorant of what was done in relief of distress. He was not advertising the fund or inviting brethren to come to it; he hoped they would never want to come; but if they did, and their case was worthy, they would be well received. The Committeee were as careful as they could be, without being mean or struzy. They had taken care of the fund; they had now over \$\int_{0}\$700 invested, besides having in the hands

Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441.

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The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 2nd inst., and was attended by about So brethren, some 30 of whom were visitors. The Province of Cambridgeshire was represented by the Dep. Prov. G. Master (Bro. the Rev. J. H. Gray), the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and other officers; and the attendance also included the W.M. and W.M. elect of Lodge No. 88. Bro. Luke Hosegood was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. R. Leach, the outgoing W.M., and there were 24 present at the Board of Installed Masters. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. L. Hosegood, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; F. R. Leach, P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M.; F. W. Miller, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; F. R. Leach, P.G. Supt. of Works, I.P.M.; F. W. Miller, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; G. F. Knowles, J.W.; Dr. W. R. Roper, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Chap.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; J. Vail, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; J. Dempster, P.P.G. Purst., S.D.; W. H. Berridge, P.P.G. Org., J.D.; F. Dewberry, P.M., P.S.G.W., D. of C.; O. J. Hammond, Org.; W. F. Thompson, Std. Br.; H. W. Dewberry, I.G.; F. W. Potts, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; and A. F. O'C. Hurry, Tyler. Promise of excellent work was given by the newly-installed W.M. in investing his officers. The charges were afterwards given with ability by Bro. J. Royston, P.M. Subsequently the Dep. Prov. G. Master (on behalf of the lodge) presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. F. R. Leach, and expressed the sincere hope that he would long live to wear and value it. The visiting brethren having given expression to their hearty good wishes, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards met at banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

Hro. Rev. L. H. Gray, P.G. Chap, Eng., responded in hehalf of the Grand Lodge.

were given.

Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, P.G. Chap. Eng., responded in behalf of the Grand Lodge Officers and also for the Provincial Grand Officers.

The establishment of the St. Audrey Lodge at Ely would (he hoped) be soon followed by the foundation of lodges in some other portions of the province.

The toast of "The W.M." having been duly honoured, as also that of "The Installing Masters and Past Masters,"

Bro. James Catling, P.M., submitted "The Health of the Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bros. J. H. Moyes, W.M. S8; Ward, 1224; Colbourn, 1515; Pickford, 376; and Burton, 2727.

A well-arranged programme of music, contributed by Bros. A. Burton, P.G.P.; E. Bowman, F. W. Miller, S.W.; and W. H. Berridge, J.D., enhanced the pleasure of a very happy meeting.

St. James's Lodge, No. 448.

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The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when Bro. Rufus Charles Skyes, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Arthur E. Spencer, W.M., in an able manner. The newly-installedW.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year (addressing to each words of approval and encouragement) as follows: Bros. Arthur E. Spencer, I.P.M.; Geo. Tinker, S.W.; Charles E. Rose, J.W.; Sykes Broadbent, Chap.; C. T. Rhodes, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Jon. Jessop, P.M., Sec.; Ehud Hanson, Asst. Sec.; James Milligan, S.D.; William Fielding, J.D.; Sutcliffe Hanson, D. of C.; William Crabtree, I.G.; William Odtes, O.G.; Geo. Whitley, Org.; G. W. Shaw, Asst. Org.; Joe Whiteley, Almoner; Robt. Town, Librarian; J. S. Hartley, J. A. Worsnop, W. H. Kaye, M. Greenwood, J. H. Sorsby, J. E. Brearley, H. F. Christie, and Alfred Robertshaw, P.M., P.P.G.D. Charity, Stwds. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. J. T. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Mayor of Halifax, presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. A. E. Spencer, a Past Master's jewel, as a token of respect for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the business of the lodge during the past 12 months. Bro. Spencer suitably and feelingly responded, thanking the brethren for the gift.

The business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where the usual installation banquet took place. Mr. and Mrs. Hind were the caterers, and provided a first-class menn, which gave every satisfaction. Afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent, the brethren doing their best to contribute to the hrmony of the meeting. Special reference should be made to Bros. Ehud Hanson, Sykes Broadbent, A. Alderton, W. W. Smith, E. Lord, A. Robertshaw, S. Greenwood, and E. Irelan d. At the banquet the newly-installed W.M. was supported by Bros. J. T. Simpson, P.M. (the Mayor); Alfred Arnold, M.P., P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and many distinguished Provincial Grand Officer

Friendship Lodge, No. 750.

The Jewel was manufactured by Bros. George Kenning and Son, London.

The annual ceremony of installation in !connection with the above lodge took place on the 28th ult., at Cleckheaton. Bro. C. Broskham was installed Worshipful Master of the lodge, and the following other appointments were made: Bros. L. W. Townsend, I.P.M.; H. B. Goldthorp, S.W.; S. Robinson, J.W.; John Birkby, P. M., Treas.; B. Woodcock, Sec.; James Pinder, P.M., Chap.; Joseph Brown, S.D.; Priestley A. dentley, J.D.; Hy. Ellison, jun., I.G.; J. E. Slinger, O.G.; D. Barraclough, Org.; R. Naylor, R. Thornton, and Titus Healey, Auditors; E. Rothwell, G eorge Ward, and Henry Brown, Stewards; and Wm. Townsend, P.M., Charity Member.

LORD WANTAGE,—A lifelike portrait of Bro. Lord Wantage, wearing his hand-some Masonic regalia as Prov. G. Master of Berkshire, taken a week or two since by Mr. Warland Andrew, of Abingdon, has been beautifully reproduced by the Meisenbach Company, of West Norwood, and will appear as a frontispiece in the forthcoming issue of the "Berkshire Masonic Register and Calender," which is being prepared by the publisher, Bro. George J. Cosburn, of the Caxton Printing Works, Newbury.

The Craft Abroad.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277 (E.C.).

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The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Limassol, Cyprus, on Wednesday, the 16th November, when Bro. H. J. Aldred, W.M., presided. After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bro. M. P. Efthymiades was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and the working tools were explained, and the charge delivered by Bro. Theo. Mavrogodarto, S.W. The principal business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Capt. Theodore Mavrogodarto, S.W., Local Commandant of Police, the ceremony appertaining to which was very ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. H. J. Aldred, assisted by Bro. Lieut.-Col. W. W. Kenny, P.M. The officers for the vear were appointed as follows: Bros. Najem Houry, S.W.; W. W. Morison, J.W.; F. H. Parker, P.M. 2402, Treas.; F. O. Harvey, P.M. 2402, Sec.; Dr. Carageorgiades, P.M. 16, (G.C.), S.D.; L. Pierides, J.D.; H. L. Pappadophelous, J. Guard; G. T. Rossides, P.M., Master of Ceremonies; G. Foscolo and T. Sturgess, Stwds.; E. Longcroft, P.M., Org.; and F. Drew, Tyler. Bro. Aldred then gave the addresses in an elegant manner. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services, and was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and for valuable services rendered the lodge during his year of office.

All business being concluded, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet (provided by Bro. N. Houry), at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and most cordially received by all present.

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Bro. Lieut.-Col. Henry, P.M., responded.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the brethren upon having him as their W.M., he being highly esteemed as am an and a brother, and he felt confident that in him the brethren would not regret the choice they had made, and wishing him a successful year of office, called upon the brethren to drink his health and prosperity.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer," the W.M. paid a high tribute to the services of the I.P.M., and in adequate phrases expressed his regret at his departure from the island, as the brethren felt that they were losing one of their ablest Masons in Cyprus.

The I.P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which his health had been drunk, and for the kind remarks of the W.M. He stated that he had done his best for the lodge, and the brethren were the best judges as to how far he had succeeded. He thanked the officers for the assistance rendered during his term of office and also thanked them all for the beautiful Past Master's jewel which they had so kindly presented to him. He would shortly be leaving them, and he should ever wear it with pride and thoughts of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was well received, and responded to by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Kenny, R.A.M.C., and E. Longcroft.

In proposing "The Officers," the W.M. stated he was fortunate in having an exceedingly good set of officers at his back, and he had much pleasure in joining with the toast the name of Bro. W. W. Morison, Junior Warden.

In responding, Bro. W. W. Morison said that he and his colleagues would do their best to make the year of office of the W.M. a success.

The Tyler's toast ended a most successful and enjoyable evening.

Songs were rendered by a number of the brethren, the musical arrangements being in the hands of Bro. T. Mavrogodarto.

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On the 18th November a most enjoyable ball was given by the brethren of the above lodge. A dispensation having been granted by the United Grand Lodge of England to war Craft regalia, the brethren availed themselves of this opportunity of paying homage to the "Shrine of Terpsichore" by journeying from different parts of the island, Nicosia, Papho, Larnaca, &c. The officers of the garrison were also present. The imposing effect of the Craft regalia, the gorgeous uniforms of the military, the beauty of the ladies' dresses, and the exquisitely decorated ballroom, made this one of the most successful dances ever held in Cyprus in connection with Masonry. Great credit was due to the members of the Working Committee, Bros. Aldred, Longcroft, Carageorgiades, Houry, and Morison, for the able manner in which the arrangements were carried out; and the fact that dancing was kept up till 4 p.m. shows that their efforts were appreciated by the guests.

THE LENNOX LODGE, RICHMOND, YORKS.

INITIATION OF THE EARL OF RONALDSHAY.

On Wednesday afternoon a most important function took place in the Lennox Lodge, Richmond, Yorks, when the Eart of Ronaldshay, eldest son of the M.W. the Marquis of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The Lennox Lodge has a record of which any lodge in the kingdom might well be proud. It has numbered amongst its members a Grand Master of England in the person of the late Earl of Zetland, and when Bro. Greathead was alive and a member of the lodge, he had the proud distinction of being the oldest Freemason in England, having been connected with the Craft for a period of considerably over half a century. It now includes amongst its members the Marquis of Zetland, Lord Bolton, D.P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks, and the Earl of Ronaldshay. The initiation of the latter on Wednesday would have been attended by a large and influential gathering of Masons had not the P.G.M. intimated his wish that it should be of a semi-private nature.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock, when Bro. J. Elliott, W.M., occupied the chair, the other members of the lodge present being Bros. the Marquis of Zetland, M. B. Lambert, S.W.; J. Proctor, J.W.; S. W. Close, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; S. Begg, Sec.; Glenton, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Murray, D.C.; Dowler, I.G.; Cookes, Stwd.; Gilling, P.M.; Roper, P.M.; Bungay, P.M., P.P.G.P.;

F. Riley, A.S.; E. S. Close, and W. Turner. The visitors were Bros. Peck, Prov. G. Sec., P.G.S.B. Eng.; W. Cowper, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Provincial Charity Representative; J. G. Robinson, W.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and G. E. Duns-

ford, 973.

Bro. Peck conducted the ceremony of initiation, assisted by Bros. J. Elliott, S.W.; Close, Murray, and Gilling.

The charge was delivered by Bro. S. W. Close, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., in a most

Bro. PECK congratulated the lodge upon the honour which had been conferred upon it by the initiation of Lord Ronaldshay, whose ancestry had shed lustre upon Freemasonry in England.

Bros. Cowper and Robinson also added their congratulations upon the

auspicious event.

Mark Masonry.

Industry Lodge, No. 293.

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The annual gathering of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gateshead, when, in spite of local holidays, there was a fairly good attendance of members present. The W.M., Bro. A. Simpson, P.G.I. Works, presided, and was supported by Bros. Wm. Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.I. Works; A. Dodds, P.M., P.G.M.O.; W. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., D.C.; T. R. Short, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.R.M.; John Page, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and others.

Bro. Hugh Jackson, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly presented, and installed as W.M. by Bro. A. Simpson, the retiring W.M., who performed the ceremony of installation and delivered the usual charges in an impressive manner. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Simpson, I.P.M.; W. J. Jobson, S.W.; W. G. A. Holzapfel, J.W.; Thos. Douglas, M.O.; John Armstrong, S.O.; C. W. Hodgson, J.O.; Rev. Wm. Bowker, P.P.G. Chap., as Chap.; T. R. Jobson, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Mackenzie. R.M.; W. E. Peacock, Sec.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; H. H. Pitt, S.D.; R. Laverick, J.D.: R. Ferry, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. H. Keay, I.G.; T. H. Armstrong and Saml. Brown, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. The Treasurer's statement for the past year was read and adopted, showing a balance in favour of the lodge of £12 Ios. 9d.

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After other business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the annual festival was held at the Royal Hotel, where the brethren spent a pleasant and harmonious

Obituary.

BRO. T. I. BIRD, P.M., P. PROV, G.S.B.

We regret to announce that Bro. Theophilus Inman Bird died after a short, but painful, illness at his residence, 18, Rectory-road, Stoke Newington, on the grd inst., aged 58 years. The deceased was Divisional Chief Inspector to the Gas Light and Coke Company, with which he had been connected 37 years. Bro. Bird was P.M. and Secretary of Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, of which he was W.M. in 1885 and 1895; Senior P.M., and founder, and first J.W. of the Citadel Lodge, No. 1897, both in the province of Middlesex, P.G.S.B. of the province. He was also Treasurer of the Citadel Lodge of Instruction and the Masonic Charities Association, Vice-President of the Old People's Institution, and on the Committee of Management, and a life subscriber to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. mittee of Management, and a life subscriber to the Boys' and Girls' Institutions. He was a man of conspicuous ability, and much respected and esteemed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Bro. Bird leaves a widow and four daughters to mourn his loss. Two daughters are married; one to Bro. Tom Matthews, Royal Commemoration Lodge, and Secretary New Concord Lodge of Instruction; and the other to Bro. Harry Willsmer, Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, and Secretary Citadel Lodge of Instruction and its Masonic Charities Association, and Secretary Brondesbury Lodge of Instruction and the Masonic Charities Association. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday) at 1.30, at Abney Park Cemetery.

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Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m.

BRO. LORD PIRBRIGHT has decided to erect at Pirbright, adjoining the fountain which he presented to the village in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee, a spacious hall for the use and recreation of the inhabitants.

THE SUCCESSOR TO Sir Henry Hawkins, as a judge of the High Court of Judicature, is Bro. T. T. Bucknill, Q.C., M.P. for the Epsom or Mid-division of Surrey. Bro. Bucknill was appointed Dep. G. Regist ar of G. Lodge in 1895.

THE MARQUIS AND MARCHONESS OF LONDONDERRY brought the Christmas festivities at Wynyard Park to a close on Saturday last, with private theatricals and a servants' and tenants' ball, most of the members of the large and distinguished house party being present at both.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon, when the officers were appointed and the preliminary arrangements in connection with the celebration were made.

T.R.H. the PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duchess of Fife, and Princess Victoria of Wales attended the New Year's service in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Sandringham, on Sunday morning last. The Rev. E. J. Hervey officiated and preached.

BRO. SIR JOHN R. MOWBRAY, M.P., father of the House of Commons, is spending the vacation at his Berkshire residence, Warennes Wood, Mortimer. Sir John, who is 83 years of age, is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and hopes to resume his official duties on the re-assembling of Parliament.

THE QUEEN and the Empress Frederic went out on Monday morning, accompanied by H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg. The Marquis of Lorne and the Right Hon.

J. Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain have left Osborne. Captain F. Ponsonby has succeeded Lieut.-Col. Davidson as Equitry-in-Waiting to the Queen.

THE SPEAKER (Bro. W. C. Gully, Q.C.) will spend some days with his constituents at Carlisle. During this brief holiday he will deliver a lecture on a non-political theme, "Some old Parliamentary Journals." The right hon. gentleman has equipped himself for his task in the library at the Speaker's house.

AT THE Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks, a very large congregation attended the special musical service held on Sunday evening last, at six o'clock, many having to remain standing throughout. A small but efficient orchestra drawn from the bands of the brigade played the accompaniments during the service, and a grand piano was also largely employed.

AMONG THOSE ON whom her Majesty has been pleased to confer honours of different degrees and kinds at the commencement of the New Year are Bro. Sir Joseph H. Bailey, Bart., who has been Prov. G. Master of Herefordshire since 1830, and who is now raised to the peerage, and Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, who has been made a member of the Privy Council for Ireland.

THE "FREEMASON" CHRISTMAS NUMBER, though intended mainly for members of the Order, contains much which those outside the mystic circle may read with interest. In addition to a full and complete resumé of all that affected Masonry during 1898, the proprietor (Mr. Geo. Kenning) had secured the services of several well-known "story-tellers," whose contributions would have done credit to any of the special Christmas numbers brought out this season. In every respect this issue of thet Freemason ranks with the very best of any that have preceded it.—Kingston and Surbiton News.

BRO. LORD AND LADY LEIGH'S golden wedding was the occasion of a brilliant gathering of Warwickshire county families at the County Hall, Warwick on Monday afternoon. Prior to the meeting, Bro. J. S. Dugdale, the Chairman of the County Council, entertained a large party to meet Bro. Lord and Lady Leigh at luncheon. That gentleman also presided over the presentation gathering, and in addition to Bro. Lord and Lady Leigh, there were present Viscount Peel, Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, the Earl of Denbigh. Bro. the Earl and Countess of Warwick, the Earl and Countess of Aylesford, Bro. Lord Norton, Mr. F. A. Newdigate, M.P., Mr. P. Muntz, M.P., Bro. Dean Leigh of Hereford, the Hon. Dudley and Mrs. Leigh, the Mayor, the Hon. Rupert Leigh, the Hon. Rowland and Mrs. Leigh, the Hon. Agnes and Hon. Cordelia Leigh, and others. Bro. Dugdale unveiled, amid applause, Mr. Ouless's portrait of Lord Leigh, a most successful work, which is intended to adorn the walls of the County Hall, and he also presented to Lady Leigh a beautiful diamond brooch and earrings, en suite. The Hon. Agnes Leigh pinned the brooch on her mother's cloak amid much applause. Bro. Lord Leigh, who spoke with deep emotion, acknowledged the kindness of his many Warwickshire friends, and the great blessing which 50 years of happy married life had been to him.

Deen to him.

On Saturday Last the Queen's annual gifts to the Windsor poor ware presented to upwards of a thousand recipients. The distribution of the beef, which is always an interesting feature in the Royal alms-giving, took place early in the morning, in the Queen's Riding School at Windsor Castle, in the presence of the Dean of Windsor, Domestic Chaplain to her Majesty; Mr. Edward Lawley, Clerk of the Queen's Kitchen; Lieutenant Hickey, Superintendent of the Royal Mews; Mr. J. T. Soundy (Mayor of Windsor), the Rev. J. 11. J. Ellison, the Vicar; the Rev. H. L. Warnelord, of Holy Trinity; the Rev. G. D. Nicholas, Vicar of Clewer St. Stephens; the Rev. G. E. King, Mr. II. Webber, and others. The great hall in which the Princes and Princesses of the Queen's family learned to ride, was decorated with bunting, the flags including the Royal Standard and Prince Consort's banner; down the middle of the floor a table had been erected by the Lord Steward's officials, and upon the white cloths draping it numerous holly-decked joints were arranged in tempting profusion. The recipients, mostly women and children, were admitted through the St. Albans-street Gate, and on entering the building selected their portions. These varied from 3lb to 7lb each, the total weight of beel amounting to 3697lb, or nearly a ton and three-quarters, the whole of which was carried by 100 o'clock out of the Castle precincts. The Queen also gave away 1347cwt of coal, or over 67 tons, which in quantity of one to three hundredweights were conveyed to the homes of the ticket-holders, and proved most seasonable gifts, the weather being cold and wet. The value of the Royal clothing Club, which has been established at Windsor many years, and is greatly appreciated by its members.

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Bro. The Right Hon. Cecil Rhodes is expected to arrive in town on the 15th inst. from Cape Town.

A MEETING OF the trustees of the fund for the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum will be held at the Bank of England on the 18th inst.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF YORK, President of the Children's Happy Evenings Association, has again sent a welcome gift of toys to its So branches.

THE HOME SECRETARY (Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P.) and the Hon. Lady White Ridley will reside at Blagdon Hall, their scat in Northumberland, till the opening of Parliament.

THE PLUMBERS' COMPANY will entertain Bro. the Lord Mayor, Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Alliston, and Bro. Colonel and Sheriff Probyn, L.C.C., at dinner at Salters' Hall on Wednesday, the 18th inst.

Mr. A. W. BASKCOMB, son of Bro. William A. Baskcomb, of Drury Lane Lodge, has been engaged by Bro. Edward Terry to play a part in Mr. Bancroft's new play to be produced next month at Terry's Theatre.

Bro. THE RIGHT Hon. W. C. Gully, Speaker of the House of Commons, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Gully, have gone to Carlisle, where they will spend some time previous to the opening of Parliament.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE QUEEN AND THE EMPRESS FREDERIC drove out on Tueday afternoon at Osborne, attended by Countess Perponcher. Lord Rowton had the honour of dining with their Majesties and the Royal family. The several members of the Queen's private band attended at Osborne in the evening and performed a selection of music, conducted by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt. The ladies and gentlemen of the Royal Household had the honour of joining the Royal circle in the Drawing Room.

Systematic Frauds on Freemanns.—At Ashton Borough Police-court, on the 29th inst., Joseph Lomas Bullock was charged on remand with defrauding the local lodge of Freemasons. On Thursday last he went to the local Treasurer of the Sojourners Fund, and asked for relief in the name of Frank Bradley. The Treasurer charged him with being Joseph Bullock, which he eventually admitted. He was previously given 2s. It was stated that he had been practising like this for the last nine years. He was imprisoned for one month.—Manchester Covrter.

BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH, who have been entertaining a large party at Blenheim, have returned to Sysonby Lodge, Melton Mowbray. On Wednerday they took part in the opening of a new council chamber and reading room at the Town Hall, Woodstock, when there was a large attendance, which included Viscount Curzon, M.P., Lady Norah Spencer-Churchill, and many municipal dignitaries. The Duchess unlocked the door, and declared the rooms open. At the subsequent meeting a silver key was presented to her Grace'as a memento of the event, after which the honorary freedom of the borough was conferred upon the Duke of Marlborough.

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The Countess de Casa Valencia, who was instrumental in starting the London Spanish Sick and Wounded and Widows' and Orphans' Fund on the outbreak of hostilities between America and Spain, has received the following letter from the Duke de Solomayar, Lord Chamberlain of the Royal Palace at Madrid: "Dear Countess,—It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of 40,563 pesetas, equal to £120c, which you forwarded for her Majesty's acceptance as the result of the bazaar you organised in London in aid of the sick and wounded and widows and orphans of the late war. Her Majesty the Queen wishes me to tell you how deeply grateful she is to you for your charitable enterprise, and desires you to thank, in her name, all the lady patronesses for their kind support, and all those who helped you to wards the success of the Spanish bazaar."

Colonnel T. Danger Spanish.

COLONEL T. DAVIES SEWELL, Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, enters this week upon his 54th year of service at the Guildhall. When the pupils of the City of London School broke up for the Christmas holidays in 1845 one of their number, a promising youth named Sewell, went straight to the Chamber of London, and was soon immersed in the figures of that important department. Looking back over 53 years, that erstwhile youth is able to say that he has "seen out" every alderman, every common councilman, and every corporation official, high or low (with one exception), and every clerk of a livery company who was in office at the time he put his foot on the first rung of the business ladder. Two things, at least, the Colonel has not outlived—his buoyancy and his popularity. Let it be said, in addition, that he has been clerk of the Loriners' and Spectacle Makers' Companies for 31 years, and of the Fanmakers' Company for 21 years. He could still give a good account of himself in a walking match, for his normal pace is at the rate of four miles an hour. Both physically and mentally he is as alert and vigorous as ever—trained, in fact, to the hour.—London Argus.

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY.—The work on "Northumbrian Masonry" from the

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY.—The work on "Northumbrian Masonry" from the pen of Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Treasurer, which has just been published, has experienced a most favourable reception, and deservedly so, seeing that it is a most interesting book and very ably written. One of the most appreciative reviews appeared in the Newcastle Daily Chronicle of the 4th instant, and from this we have much pleasure in quoting the following complimentary remarks upon Bro. Strachan himself: "Mr. John Strachan is to be congratulated upon his idea in applying his powers of mastering a case to the local history of the brotherhood. Mr. Strachan has risen high in the hierarchy of Masonic honours. He is now Grand Registrar of England. As Past Provincial Grand Warden and Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Northumberland, his name is entitled to be attended on by a long retinue of those mystic and honorific initials which make! the accounts of the fraternal foregatherings so pontificially imposing, even so dimly awful to the unitiated. But Mr. Strachan is more. He is a Mason in that best and widest sense of the word, which means a man who has been the strong builder of his own admirable career. Mr. John Strachan has been the architect of his own success. A native of South Shields, and the son of a former mayor of that characteristic Tyneside town, he began life as a journalist. His connection with the Newcastle Press more than 30 years ago led to law reporting, and then to further things. Like more than one able lawyer, the most notable instance being, perhaps, Sir Edward Clarke, Mr. Strachan left letters for law, and was called to the Bar. But the Bar is most like unto the Kingdom of Heaven in at least one of its features. Many are 'called' but few are chosen. Mr. John Strachan was one of the men who make a practice of making a practice. He has taken silk. His friends think further honours are in store for him."

LIFEBOAT SERVICES IN 1898.—Notwithstanding that the past year, taken as a whole, was a remarkably line one, from a lifeboat point of view, there was at times, during the few fitful gales which were experienced, plenty of work for the lifeboats and their crews to do. The heaviest gales of the year occurred on the 24th to 28th March, the 16th to 22nd October, and the 22nd to 24th November. In the first case 36 lifeboats of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution were launched on service, resulting in the saving of 90 lives and the landing of five other persons from vessels in dangerous positions; in the second case 28 lifeboats were launched, resulting in the saving of 30 lives and the sale landing of nine other persons from vessels in peril; and in the third case there were 26 launches, resulting in the saving of 69 lives. In the March gale several of the lifeboats out on service were unable to return to their stations, and were compelled to put in elsewhere until the weather had moderated. During the month of August there were no less than 37 lifeboats launched on service, by which means 34 lives were saved. This number of launches was altogether abnormal, having regard to the time of the year. The long list of gallant services rendered by the lifeboats of the Institution during the year included the rescue of 682 lives, besides much valuable property, 22 vessels having been saved from total or partial loss. In addition, the lifeboats landed 137 persons, some of whom had taken refuge on light vessels and others coming ashore as a precautionary measure, their vessels being in danger in stormy weather. Great assistance was also given in very many cases to fishing boats returning from the fleets or fishing grounds, but unable to make a harbour without help from a lifeboat, owing to the badness of the weather. During the year the lifeboats were also granted towards in 1898 to 756, and 41,233 since 1824. The cost of maintaining the Institution's fleet of 294 lifeboats in thorough efficiency is increasingly heavy, an

MASONIC MEETINGS (METROPOLITAN)

For the week ending Saturday, January 14, 1899.

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 9.

CRAFT LODGES.

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5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
28, Felicity, Prince's Restaurant,
39, Royal Naval, Freemason's Hall.
193, Condidence, Anderton's Hotel.
1306, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1923, Wood Green, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel.
1925, Royal Rose, Headquarters 3rd Vol. Batt. Royal Fusiliers,
11 Hampstead-road.
1932, Sancta Maria, Mark Masons' Hall.
1904, Argue Chapters.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1704, Cable, Cafe Royal, 2191, Anglo-American, Holborn Restaurant, 2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich. 411, Ubique, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Jobique, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Lamberwell, 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,
Duke of Cornwall, Whittington Arms, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7.
Bleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Buphrates, Ye Olde Greyhound, Balaam-st., Plaistow, E., at 7.30
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., H.
at 8.

Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Easthourne-terr., Bishop's-rd.,
Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Weaver's Arms, London Wall, E.C., at 6.45,
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
North London Chapter, Cock Hotel, Highbury, at 8.
Perseverance, Ridler's Hotel, Holborn, E.C., at 7.
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Regent's Park, Frascati Restaurant, 23, Oxford-street, at 8.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 8.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Scots, Holborn Restaurant, Holborn, at 7.30.
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, Diskes Head, 79, Whit

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

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180, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
193, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
281, Merchant Navy, Town Hall, Limehouse.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
1031, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1041, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1608, Samson, Cafe Royal.
1969, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
2400, Brentford, Castle Assembly Rooms.
2471, Hampden, Hamp len House, St. Pancras.
2540, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

217, Hampden, Hamp len House, St. Pancras.
2540, Rahere, Frascati Restaurant.

LOOGES 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.
Croydon Lodge of Concord, King's Arms, Katherine-street,
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Croydon, at 8.
Dalhousie, Lord Truro, Dalston-lane, at 8.
Egyptian, Salutation, Newgate-street, at 7.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Euphrates, Ye Old Greyhound, Baham-street, Plaistow, E.,
at 7.30.
Excelsior Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe,
Faith, Fumagalli Restaurant, Wilton-rd, Victoria Station, at 8
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd 2nd
4th Tues., at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Hendon, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, N.W., at 8.
Islington, Town Hall Tavern, High-street, Kensington, at 8.
Kirby, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Mount Edgeumbe, Rockingham Arms, Newington Causeway,
S.E., at 7.30.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, 2t 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Frisbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., 2t 7.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, 2t 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 2t 8
Westbourne, Oliver Arms, Westbourne-terrace North, Harrowroad, at 8.
Southwark, White Hart Hotel, New Cross Gate, 2t 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 24 8
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY II.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

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11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
187, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
147, Iustice, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
548, Wellington, Cannon-street Hotel,
749, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
1886, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel.
1887, Penge, Clarence Hall.
1887, Alliance, Guildhall Tayern.
1064, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1986, Honor Oak, White Swan Hotel, Upper Norwood.
2302, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head Quarters, Chenics-street,
2607, St. Michael-le-Querne, Holborn Restaurant.
ROWL ARCH CHAPTERS.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel. 1540, Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

385, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

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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 Confiaught, 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, liford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Frascati Restaurant 32, Oxford-street, at 8.

Londesborough, Criterion, P.ccadilly, 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, The Whittington, 5 & 7 Moor-lune, Fore-st., at 7.

Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.

Royal Savoy, Prince of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-rd, Victoria Pk., 8.

Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.

Strong Man, Blue Anchor, 164, Fenchurch-street, E.C., at 6.30.

Temperance-in-the-East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany, Kitto-road, Nunhead, at 7.30.

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Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Zodiac, Denmark Hotel, East Ham, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Amhurst Club, Rectory-road, N., at 8.
Clapton 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 12.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

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91, Regularity, Freemasons' Ha l.
200, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
263, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
234, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
890, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
870, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1070, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1042, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
1708, Plucknett, Woodside Hall, N. Finchley.
1820, Sir Thomas White, Cafe Royal.
1937, Strand, Criterion.
2033, University of London, Freemasons' Hall,
2090, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall.
2108, Derby Alleroft, Midland Grand Hotel.
2417, Bolingbroke, Municipal Buildings, Lavender Hill.
2500, Barnet Assembly Rooms.
Royal Arch Chapters.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS:

140, St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath. 649, Beadon, Anderton's Hotel, 813, New Concord, Guidhall Tavern, 2272, Rye, Public Hall, Peck' am.

MARK LODGE.

467, West Ham, Town Hall, Stratford.

Rosicrucian.

Metropolitan College, Frascati Restaurant.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4. CRAFT LODGES.

157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel. 1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, 1704, Anchor, Cafe Royat, 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern, 2309, Ordonnee, Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, 2593, Hugh Owen, Frascati Restaurant,

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER. 33, Britannic, Holborn Restaurant.

Rose Croix.

129, Tuscan, Mark Masons' Hall. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

D, Mount Calvary, Inns of Court Hotel,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1328, Granite, Holhorn Restaurant.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Holborn Restaurant.
2029, King Solomon, Freemasons' Hall.
2206, Hendon, Midland Grand Hotel.
2509, Engineer, 33, Golden-square.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

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