

THE
FREEMASON

A WEEKLY JOURNAL OF

Freemasonry, Literature, Science, and Art.

VOL. XXXVII.

PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN,
M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND.

LORD SALTOUN,
M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND,

AND

THE GRAND MASTERS OF MANY FOREIGN LODGES.

THE "FREEMASON" PRINTING WORKS, 16 AND 16A, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, LONDON, W.C.

THE FREEMASON.

INDEX TO VOL. XXXVII.

- "Academy of Armory,"** 233
 Address to the Robert Burns Lodge, No. 25, an, 86
 All Saints' Church, Weston-super-Mare, 338
- ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES—**
 T.I.M. Metropolitan, 351, 443
 Grand Council, 538
 15 Rose and Lily, 528
- ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—**
 3 Mount Calvary, 147, 351, 534
 9 Royal Naval, 44
 10 Invicta, 199
 107 Shadwell Clerke, 111, 200, 532
 118 Caer-Dalff, 585
 139 Alieyn (Portrait of W.M.), 544
- ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS—**
 Annual Ball of the Hugh Owen Lodge, No. 2593, 103
 Annual Ball of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, 103
 Annual Ball of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, 75
 Annual Concert of the Old Masonians, 89
 Annual Dinner of the Old Masonians, 220
 Annual Entertainment to the Old People at Croydon, 13
 Annual Festival of the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, 62
 Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, 116
- ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS (continued)—**
 Annual Festival of the Grand Master's (Mark) Lodge of Instruction, 106
 Annual Festival of the Henley Lodge of Instruction, No. 1472, 221
 Annual Festival of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, 221
 Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Portrait of the Chairman), 97
 Annual Ladies' Night of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, 75
 Annual Meeting of the Grand Imperial Conclave, 128
 Annual Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 261
 Annual Picnic of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, 314
 Annual Picnic of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, 304
 Annual Supper of the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, 117
 Annual Supper of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 193, 607
 Annual Supper of the Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622, 145
 Annual Supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275, 232
 Grand Festival of United Grand Lodge of England, 204
 Ladies' Night of the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, 141
 Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, 339
 Seventeenth Annual Banquet of the Logic Club, 75
 Seventh Annual Banquet of St. John's Lodge of Instruction, No. 167, 578
- ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS (continued)—**
 Seventh Annual Festival of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction No. 263, 563
 Seventh Annual Supper of the Blackheath Lodge of Instruction, No. 1320, 607
 Summer Outing of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, 334
 Third Annual Ball of the Fellowship Lodge, No. 2535, 132
 Third Annual Ladies' Night of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, 70
 110th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 239
 Another Old MS., 524
- "Bell's Weekly Messenger,"** 230
 Board of Benevolence, 42, 153, 198, 299, 350, 439, 495, 620
 Board of Masters and Board of Benevolence, 562
 British Homes Investment Corporation, 284
 Brooklyn Masonic Veterans, 2
 Bro. Thomas Reed, G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Washington, U.S.A., 448
- Canadian Notes, 438.**
 Centenary Festival of the Lodge of United Strength, No. 228, 152
 Centenary of Masonry in Trinidad, the, 578
 Christmas Appeal, 595
- Christmas Observance, 579
 Complimentary Dinner at Penge, 438
 Complimentary Dinner to Bro. W. Sparks, Sec. 2765, 482
- CONSECRATIONS—**
Craft Lodges.
 Acanthus, No. 2715, 479
 Addington, No. 2683, 282
 Albert Lucking, No. 2717, 536
 Alfred Newton, No. 2686, 126
 Arcadian, No. 2696, 128
 Brondesbury, No. 2698, 140
 Cutlers, No. 2730, 543
 Doric, No. 2695, 165
 Edward Terry, No. 2722, 605
 Foster Gough, No. 2706, 166
 Hollingworth, No. 2702, 244
 Italia, No. 2687, 150
 Justinian, No. 2694, 176
 Jubilee Masters, No. 2712, 297
 King's Court, No. 2689, 279
 Light, No. 2724, 494
 Loyal Commercial, No. 2720, 447
 Maristow, No. 2725, 592
 Muswell Hill, No. 2728, 619
 Old Masonians, No. 2700, 213
 Pellipar, No. 2693, 120
 Playgoers, No. 2701, 218
 Radcliffe, No. 2705, 219
 Royal York, No. 2709, 494
 Saint Michael Le Querne, No. 2697, 127
 St. Audrey, No. 2727, 562
 St. Lawrence, No. 2724, 606
 Streatham, No. 2729, 560
 Temperance, No. 2714, 298
 Wandle, No. 2699, 165

ON-ECRATI-ON (continued)—

Weald, No. 2707, 320
 Withenshawe, No. 2688, 257
Royal Arch Chapters.
 Addington, No. 1787, 231
 Sampson, No. 2598, 298
Instruction.
 Brondesbury, No. 2698, 289
Mark Lodge.
 Windsor Castle, No. 519, 510
Royal Ark Mariners.
 Royal Oak, No. 416, 38
 Union, No. 124, 61
Allied Masonic Degrees.
 St. Laurence, No. 27, 219
Secret Monitor.
 Transvaal, No. 30, 636
 Consecration of a Masonic Temple at Chipping Norton, 595
 CORRESPONDENCE—
 Approaching Boys' School Centenary, the, 260
 Authoritative Recognition of Bro. G. W. Speth's Philological Theory of the Words "Free" and "Freemason," 380
 Blackpool Masonic Hall, Limited, 106
 Board of General Purposes, 282, 292
 Boys' School Election, 170
 Boys' School Festival, the, 554, 612, 624
 Bro. Eve in his reply to his Critic, 302
 Bro. Klein's Demonstration, 66
 Charity Maze and a Way Out, the, 612
 Christ's Hospital, 30
 Committee of the Supreme Grand Chapter, the, 248
 Confirmation of Minutes, 302, 410
 Correction, a, 30, 576
 Cripples' Hamper Fund, 554
 Danger from Within, the, 400
 Discovery of an Ancient Masonic MS., 224
 Duties of D.C., the, 582
 English Freemasonry in the Colonies, 54
 English Lodges in New Zealand, the, 516
 Fair Subject for Inquiry, a, 42
 "Free" and "Freemason," 370
 Freemasonry and Secrets, 106
 Freemasonry in South Africa, 248
 Freemason's Success, a, 582
 Friendly Lodge, No. 239, 144, 156
 Gloucestershire Lodges, 516
 Grand Lodge of Hungary, 360
 Grand Lodge Premises, 612
 Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, 282
 Honorarium to Bro. McLeod, the, 530, 542, 597, 612, 636
 Honorary Past Masters, 350
 "Honorary" Secretaries, 302, 314
 In the Cause of Charity, 624
 In the Master's Absence—Book of Constitutions, 106, 141
 Is Freemasonry a Religion? 380, 399, 400, 410
 Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, 314
 Lodge Charter or Warrant, the, 442, 452, 482, 498
 Lodge Music, 224
 Lodge No. 1, 292
 Major Leslie and Royal Masonic Institution, for Girls, 156
 Mark Benevolent Festival, 350
 Masonic Impostors, 530, 542
 Masonic Reprints and Historical Revelations, 442
 New Boys' School, the, 92, 106
 Nomination of Grand Treasurer, 612
 North London or University College Hospital, 54
 Old P.Z., an, 566
 Perpetual and Life Presentations, 54
 Presentations, 80
 Quaker and Freemason, 542
 Qualification of Past Principals, 400, 410, 420, 554, 566, 582, 624
 Query, a, 188, 314, 566
 Re English View of American Freemasonry, 516
 Re Orphan Girl O'Neill, 170
 Re Royal Arch, 612
 Recognition of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, 170, 180
 Religion of Freemasonry, the, 400
 Returns of Members of Lodges, 326
 Royal Arch Working, the, 482, 498, 516, 582
 Right Use of the Money Subscribed to our Charities, the, 598
 Rorke or Rooke, 430, 482
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Election, 1898, 18, 30, 42, 54, 212, 236
 Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 144, 188
 Sad Fatality at Wood Green, 236
 Service in St. Paul's Cathedral, the, 18
 Wisconsin Theory of Relief, the, 598
 CRAFT ABROAD—
 Annual Hall of Lodge Salem, No. 563 (S.C.), 83
 Bluefields Lodge, No. 875 (S.C.), 343
 Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, 3
 Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656 (E.C.), 293, 549
 Consecration of the Bluefields Lodge, 200
 Consecration of the Northern Star of China Lodge, No. 2673 (E.C.), 387
 District Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic, South America, 299, 448

CRAFT ABROAD (continued)—

District Grand Lodge of the Punjab, 449
 Freemasonry in the West Indies, 363
 Friendly Lodge, No. 239, 160
 Provincial Grand Chapter of India, (S.C.), 397
 St. Paul's Chapter, No. 2277, 189
 St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, (E.C.), 3
 CRAFT LODGES—
 4 Royal Somerset House and Inverness, 129
 9 Albion (Portrait of W.M.), 24, 132
 13 Union Waterloo, 350
 15 Kent, 500
 21 Emulation, 66
 25 Robert Burns, 92, 123, 482, 534
 40 Derwent, 38, 624
 45 Strong Man, 236, 546, 599
 47 Newstead, 19
 48 Industry, 170, 224, 262, 449, 518
 51 Angel, 526
 59 Royal Naval, 26
 60 Peace and Harmony, 92, 180
 65 Prosperity, 180
 88 Scientific, 48, 103, 153, 608
 92 Moira, 121, 539, 608
 99 Shakespear, 132
 130 Royal Gloucester, 39
 132 Unity, 39
 137 Amity, 283, 439
 144 St. Luke, 511
 157 Bedford, 42
 165 Honour and Generosity, 158, 198, 221, 282, 583
 168 Mariners, 26
 172 Old Concord, 26
 173 Phoenix, 272
 174 Sincerity, 67
 177 Domestic, 50
 185 Tranquillity, 121
 186 Industry, 186
 188 Joppa, 19
 192 Lion and Lamb, 92 (Portrait of W.M.), 133, 283, 482, 542, 599
 205 Israel, 50
 217 Stability, 76
 242 St. George, 248, 283, 382, 422, 482
 263 Bank of England, 198
 276 Good Fellowship, 637
 288 Harmony, 92
 294 Constitutional, 608
 303 Benevolent, 107
 317 Affability, 92
 320 Loyalty, 550
 381 Harmony and Industry, 145
 394 Southampton, 121
 418 Menturia, 637
 433 Hope, 527
 435 Salisbury (Portrait of W.M.), 108
 441 Three Grand Principles, 19
 448 St. James, 39
 475 St. John the Baptist, 542, 582
 497 Social Friendship, 326
 507 United Pilgrims (Portrait of W.M.), 171
 526 Honour, 550
 538 La Tolerance, 27, 486
 590 La Cesaree, 145
 602 North York, 612
 619 Beadon, 361, 512
 659 Blagdon, 625
 663 Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, 55
 665, Montagu, 185, 439
 699 Boscawen, 188
 700 Nelson, 361
 706 Florence Nightingale, 316
 733 Westbourne, 107
 771 Windsor Castle, 92
 788 Crescent, 273
 859 Isaac Newton University, 517
 862 Whittington, 3, 600 (Portrait of W.M.)
 889 Dobie, 55, 153
 892 Royal Edward, 5
 902 Burgoyne, 517
 913 Pattison, 342, 539
 917 Cosmopolitan, 550
 976 Royal Clarence, 3
 991 Tyne, 50
 1013 Royal Victoria, 442
 1019 Sincerity, 628
 1024 St. Peter, 526
 1102 Mirfield, 89, 609
 1110 Tyrian, 586
 1117 Restoration, 19
 1135 Concord, 551
 1158 Southern Star, 568
 1161 De Grey and Ripon, 263, 456, 568
 1182 Duke of Edinburgh, 387
 1196 Urban, 94
 1223 Amherst, 236
 1237 Enfield, 612
 1259 Duke of Edinburgh, 542, 608
 1287 Great Northern, 50
 1305 St. Marylebone, 224
 1311 Zetland, 195, 566
 1319 Asaph, 527
 1320 Blackheath, 213, 512
 1328 Granite (Portrait of W.M.), 110
 1347 Lorne, 3, 158, 500
 1348 Ebury, 121
 1363 Royal Arthur, 180
 1365 Clapton (Portrait of W.M.), 455
 1381 Kennington, 3, 93, 145, 513, 638
 1385 Gladsmuir, 122, 170
 1393 Hamer, 566
 1395 Weyside, 326
 1402 Jordan, 412
 1420 Earl Spencer, 262
 1423 Era, 199
 1424 Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, 20
 1426 Great City, 158, 482
 1427 Percy, 513
 1436 Castle, 566
 1449 Royal Military, 500

CRAFT LODGES (continued)—

1461 Clausentum, 613
 1471 Islington, 39, 122, 146, 198, 500
 1472 Henley, 133
 1489 Marquis of Ripon, 483
 1503 Sir Francis Burdett, 123, 221, 257, 567
 1507 Metropolitan, 513
 1512 Hemming, 77, 146, 177, 625
 1522 Olicana, 185
 1536 United Military, 371
 1541 Alexandra Palace, 315
 1556 Addiscombe, 567
 1558 Duke of Connaught, 500
 1559 New Cross, 108, 502
 1565 Earl of Chester, 542
 1571 Leopold, 122
 1584 Loyalty and Charity, 171
 1593 City of Westminster, 600
 1599 Skelmersdale, 213
 1607 Lodge of Loyalty, 30, 503
 1609 Liverpool Dramatic, 410
 1614 Covent Garden, 93
 1619 Sackville, 442
 1624 Eccleston, 567
 1627 Royal Kensington, 543
 1641 Crichton, 625
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, 557
 1656 Wolsey, 238, 342, 439, 517
 1657 Aldersgate, 123, 516, 568, 621
 1673 Welcome, 568
 1687 Rothesay, 39, 94, 485 (Portrait of W.M.)
 1693 Kingsland, 214
 1706 Orpheus, 530
 1798 Plucknett, 43
 1734 Trinity, 153
 1743 Perseverance, 432
 1744 Royal Savoy, 80
 1745 Farringdon Without, 3, 93, 181, 302, 638
 1755 Eldon, 442, 554
 1766 St. Leonard, 103
 1767 Kensington, 439
 1789 Ubiq, 248
 1827 Alliance, 549
 1829 Burrell, 483
 1861 Claremont, 554
 1884 Chine, 77
 1891 St. Ambrose, 5, 625 (Portrait of W.M.)
 1900 Montague Guest, 503
 1901 Selwyn, 214
 1915 Graystone, 433
 1928 Gallery, 621
 1929 Mozart, 613
 1932 Whitworth, 442
 1963 Duke of Albany, 422
 1977 Blackwater, 442
 1981 Claremont, 326
 1991 Agricola, 203
 2000 Earl of Mornington, 80, 134, 185, 543, 582
 2033 University of London, 146
 2045 Wharton, 134
 2076 Quatuor Coronati, 30, 237, 483
 2078 St. Lawrence, 335, 422
 2101 Bramston Beach, 456
 2108 Empire, 55
 2127 Drury Lane, St. 585 (Portrait of Lord Kitchener)
 2147 Cray's Valley, 555
 2150 Tivoli, 556
 2157 St. Mark's College, 63
 2168 Derby Allcroft, 555
 2184 Royal Victorian Jubilee, 456
 2190 Savage Club, 68
 2191 Anglo-American, 315
 2200 Pantiles, 543
 2201 Earl of Sussex, 583
 2206 Hendon, 485
 2241 Cordwainer Ward, 80, 171, 269, 486, 583
 2258 Western District Service, 449
 2259 St. Nicholas, 195, 484
 2265 Barnato, 171
 2271 St. Pancras, 485
 2272 Rye, 517
 2278 Kingswood, 251, 302, 491, 433, 486
 2310 London Scottish Rifles, 273
 2317 Bisley, 134, 484, 544
 2319 Scots, 67, 342
 2321 Acacia, 80, 134, 283, 327, 362, 387, 530, 568, 626
 2325 Rose of Lancaster, 568
 2328 Albert Victor, 583
 2331 Ravenscroft, 251
 2332 Borough of Greenwich, 583
 2345 Duke of Fife, 159, 518
 2353 Broxbourne, 385, 449, 518
 2362 Bloomsbury Rifles, 39
 2389 Avondale, 568
 2394 Galen, 198
 2396 Bishopsgate, 225
 2399 Ordnance, 251
 2408 Hampstead, 50
 2409 Woodgrange, 215, 518
 2411 Clarence and Avondale, 543
 2416 Hiram, 80, 172, 269, 584
 2425 Ecclesburne, 456
 2427 Hampden, 504
 2432 Sir Walter Raleigh, 584
 2442 St. Clement, 109
 2454 Guildhall School of Music, 4, 614
 2455 St. Martin, 181
 2475 Molesey, 302, 504
 2483 Hadrian, 439
 2484 Second Middlesex Artillery, 539
 2488 Eccentric, 484
 2489 Willesden, 504
 2494 Humber Installed Masters, 283, 601
 2509 Barnet, 63, 146
 2530 Shirley Woolmer, 158, 518
 2535 Fellowship, 20, 551
 2546 Rahere, 303
 2550 Piccadilly, 601
 2551 Clissold, 134, 225

CRAFT LODGES (continued)—

2558 Furnival, 292
 2578 National Artillery, 51
 2593 Hugh Owen, 4, 169
 2603 London County Council, 159
 2611 London School Board, 342
 2625 Guardian, 135
 2644 Chaloner, 199
 2647 Alley, 123, 531
 2648 Marcians, 146
 2652 Albany, 185
 2655 Queen Victoria, 188
 2664 Hygeia, 159
 2671 Victoria, 504
 2674 Ravensworth, 551
 2682 Sancta Maria, 556
 2687 Italia, 544
 2694 Justinian, 257
 2698 Brondesbury, 199, 350, 625
 2700 Old Masonians, 531
 CRYPTIC MASONRY—
 1 Grand Master's, 141, 343
 Dance and Conversazione of St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1076, 141
 Death of the Earl of Lathom—Tribute of a Past G. Chap., 570
 Dedication of a Masonic Hall at Swindon, 547
 Dedication of a Temple by the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, 598
 Dedication of Masonic Buildings at Rotherham, 282
 Devon Masonic Educational Fund, 184
 Distinction with a Difference, a, 407
 Distribution of Prizes at the Girls' School, 244
 Dunckerley's "Charges," 1757, 476
 East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, 526
 English Freemasons in the Holy Land (Illustration), 156
 Enthusiastic Reception of the Sirdar, Bro. Sir H. H. Kitchener, 515
 Extinct Lodge, an, 354
 Father Wyndham and the Freemason, 15
 First Ladies' Night of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, 76
 Free and Freemasonry, 420, 430, 446
 Freemasonry at the Cape, 381
 Freemasonry in Ireland, 150
 Freemasonry in Norfolk, 503
 General Committee of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, 89, 245, 400
 Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 538
 Grand Lodge Calendar, the, 12
 Grand Lodge Library, 386
 Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Agenda Paper), 103, 255, 406, 575
 Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (Quarterly Communication), 115, 268, 417, 592
 Grand Officers of United Grand Lodge of England, 205
 Great Meeting of Experts, a, 48
 Great Priory of England, 346, 618
 Great Priory of Malta, 619
 Halifax Freemasons' Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, 478
 Handsome Medal, a, 6331
 Hidden Mystery, No. I., 36
 Hidden Mystery, No. II., 140
 Hidden Mystery, No. III., 288
 Hidden Mystery, No. IV., 376
 Hidden Mystery, No. V., 475
 How to Make Lodge Meetings Interesting, 401
 Importance of Secrecy in the Ballot, 411
 Important Masonic Gathering in Bombay, 426
 Installation of the Earl of Halsbury as Prov. G.M.M. of Cornwall, 195
 Installation of Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., M.P., as G. Supt. of Devonshire, 278
 Installation of the Duke of Portland as Prov. G.M. of Nottinghamshire, 332
 Installation of Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., as Prov. G.M. of Berkshire (Engraving of Banner), 490
 IRELAND—
 Installation of the New D.P.G.M. of Antrim (Portrait of Bro. R. J. Hilton), 561
 Valedictory Address to Bro. R. W. Shekleton, late Deputy Grand Master, 12
 Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205—An Address by the Grand Tyler, 633
 Jacques Bernard de Molai, 372
 Jews as Freemasons, 437
 "Jno. T. Thorp Masonic M.S.," the, 421

Kent in London, 578

Kirby Lodge of Instruction, 328
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—
 D Mount Calvary, 83, 167, 532
 35 St. Bernard, 410
 146 Black Prince, 316
 154 Shadwell Clerke, 216, 585
 Grand Imperial Conclave (Annual Meeting), 128
 Great Priory, 260
 Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey, 636
 Provincial Priory of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire, 537

Ladies' Banquet and Dance

at the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, 49
 Ladies' Banquet of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, 620
 Ladies' Festival of the Molesey Lodge, No. 2473, 61
 Ladies' Night of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161, 637
 Ladies' Night of the Holloway Lodge, No. 2601, 577
 Ladies' Night of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648, 495
 Ladies' Night of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, 88
 Ladies' Night of the Southern Star Lodge, No. 1158, 121
 Ladies' Night of the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, 538
 Ladies' Outing of the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1590, 397
 Largest Grand Lodge, the, 308
 Late Bro. Sir Frank Lockwood, the, 582
 Late Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., the, 569, 577
 Laying of the Corner Stone of a New Masonic Hall at Blyth, 2
 Laying Final Coping Stone of Southampton Docks, 187—(Illustration of Ceremony), 501

LEADERS—

American and English Masonry, 473
 American Masonic Drink Legislation, 331
 Approaching Elections for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the, 203
 Approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 1, 47, 573
 Approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the, 113, 163, 217
 Approaching School Elections, the, 149, 425
 Ars Quatuor Coronatorum, 23, 229, 266, 490
 Belfast Masonic Charity Fund, 365
 Boys' School Centenary Festival, the, 617
 Boys' School Centenary, the, 253
 Bro. J. H. Drummond, P.G. Master of Maine, 85
 Bro. Klein's Illustrations of Our Hidden Mysteries, 36
 Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C., 353
 Bro. W. C. Parson's Motion re Candidates for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 217
 Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, the, 184
 Canadian Masonry, 395
 Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, 265, 275
 Confirmation of Minutes, 275, 295
 Control and Audit of Lodge Accounts, the, 1
 Craft in Norfolk, the, 605
 Decisions by the Tasmanian Board of General Purposes, 332
 District Grand Lodge of Auckland (N.Z.), the, 589
 District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the, 295
 Eastern District of South Africa, the, 500
 East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution, 47
 English Freemasonry in the Colonies, 59
 English View of Freemasonry in America, an, 137
 Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the, 97
 Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the, 239
 Freemasonry Abroad, 631
 Freemasonry in Bengal, 589
 Freemasonry in Canada, 150
 Freemasonry in County Down, 139
 Freemasonry in Essex, 547
 Freemasonry in Hungary, 73, 175
 Freemasonry in Natal, 375
 Freemasonry in Tasmania, 445
 Freemasonry in the Transvaal, 319
 Freemasonry in Western Australia, 125
 Freemasonry versus Christianity, 353, 405
 Grand Lodge of Hungary, the, 296
 Grand Lodge of Iowa, the, 385
 Grand Lodge of Manitoba, the, 415
 Grand Lodge of Ohio, 12
 Grand Lodge of Tasmania, the, 229
 Hungarian Freemasonry, 345
 Instructive Lecture, an, 385
 Large v. Small Lodges, 175
 Late Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., the, 559
 Lodge of Scoon and Perth, the, 489
 Lodges of Instruction, 114
 Lodges that Helped to Establish the Boys' School, 183
 Masonic Benevolence in 1897, 11
 Masonic Impostors, 535
 Masonic Reprints and Revelations, 415
 Monstrous Resolution, a, 23
 New Order of Things in New Zealand, the, 345
 News About Masonry in Peru, 375
 New York Masonic Home, the, 535
 New Zealand, 55

LEADERS (continued)—

New Zealand Question, the, 163
 Next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the, 523
 Next Week's Festival, 85
 Nothing Succeeds like Success, 307
 Order of the Temple in the United States, the, 73
 Perpetual and Life Presentations, 35, 192
 Port Elizabeth Educational Scheme, 435
 Province of North and East Yorkshire, the, 319
 Queensland Pronouncement against Separation, a, 287
 Recent Elections of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the, 253
 Recent General Court of Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the, 507
 Recent Meeting of Experts at Freemasons' Hall, the, 59
 Recent Provincial Meetings, 365
 Recent School Elections, the, 191
 School Elections, the, 489
 Some Statistics of West Lancashire Freemasonry, 524
 Templar G. Encampment, U.S.A., 617
 Testimonial to R.W. Bro. the Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep, P.D.G.M. of Bengal, 138
 Union Lodge, Norwich, No. 52, 435
 United Grand Lodge, 405
 Veteran Provincial Grand Master, a, 395
 West Lancashire and its Provincial Grand Master, 507
 West Lancashire Educational Institution, 125
 Wisconsin Idea of Masonic Charity, the, 537
 Year's Labour, a, 307

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION—
Lodges.

45 Strong Man, 56
 65 Prosperity, 70, 172, 237, 401, 411, 422, 433, 443, 487, 533, 545
 167 St. John, 372
 198 Percy, 226, 237, 520
 538 La Tolerance, 44, 70, 111, 135, 160, 189, 226, 263, 433, 443, 557, 585
 813 New Concord, 203
 862 Whittington, 557
 1056 Metropolitan, 533
 1320 Blackheath, 111, 200, 422, 433
 1395 Woking Emulation, 487
 1471 Islington, 9, 31, 44, 56, 83, 111, 135, 160, 189, 200, 237, 263, 433, 456, 557, 614
 1897 Citadel, 533
 1922 Earl of Lathom, 602
 2319 Scots, 56, 83
 2593 Hugh Owen, 44, 557, 569, 585
 2663 Commemoration, 9, 44, 70
 2698 Brondesbury, 533, 557, 614

Chapters.
 1275 Star, 31, 44, 49, 70, 83, 111, 135, 160, 172, 200, 237, 263, 422, 433, 443, 456, 545, 557, 602, 614, 628
 1901 Selwyn, 263, 304, 602, 614, 628
 Loggia Italia, No. 2687, 166

Mark Masonic Calendar,
 the, 24

MARK LODGES—
 4 Prince of Wales, 88, 173
 17 Portsmouth, 519
 28 Langley, 638
 44 Florence Nightingale, 199
 60 Cumberland, 583
 104 Macdonald, 519
 124 Union, 226
 127 Portal, 226
 151 Whitwell, 438
 181 Sir Francis Burdett, 147, 315, 449
 205 Beaconsfield, 362, 544
 211 Earl of Carnarvon, 167, 293, 519
 226 Excelsior, 327
 229 Faithful, 392
 234 Brixton, 111
 235 Prince Leopold, 147, 584
 282 Derwent, 382
 293 Industry, 20
 305 Gosport, 519
 309 Saye and Sele, 601
 400 Egerton of Tatton, 172
 480 Wycombe, 233
 493 Eland, 215
 505 Noel, 273, 602
 York, 55

MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS—10, 22, 33, 46, 57, 71, 84, 96, 112, 124, 136, 148, 161, 173, 182, 190, 201, 216, 228, 238, 252, 264, 274, 286, 294, 306, 318, 325, 330, 344, 352, 364, 374, 384, 394, 404, 414, 424, 434, 441, 458, 488, 506, 523, 534, 546, 558, 572, 588, 604, 616, 630, 640

Masonic Ball, 7
 Masonic Banquet at the Mansion House, 519
 Masonic Bazaar at Belfast, 539
 Masonic Ceremony at Harrisburg, Pa., 406
 Masonic Conversazione at Bournemouth, 245
 Masonic Festival at Southport, 478
 Masonic Memorial to the late Lady Lathom, 380
 Masonic Service, 245
 Masonic Service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 252

MASONIC NOTES—7, 17, 29, 41, 53, 65, 79, 91, 105, 119, 131, 143, 155, 169, 179, 187, 197, 209, 223, 235, 247, 259, 271, 281, 291, 301, 313, 325, 337, 349, 359, 369, 379, 389, 399, 409, 419, 429, 444, 451, 481, 497, 515, 529, 541, 553, 565, 581, 597, 611, 623, 635

MASONIC NOTES AND QUERIES—
 1115 Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, the, 19
 1116 Mark Grand Lodge Calendar, the, 42
 1117 Bro. Klein's Discovery, 66
 1118 Bro. Klein's Discovery, So
 1119 Bro. Sadler's Lecture, 106
 1120 Lord Edward Fitzgerald, 183
 1121 Newly-Discovered MS. of the "Old Charges" of A.D. 1629, the, 260
 1122 Confirmation of Minutes, 292
 1123 Confirmation of Minutes, 292
 1123A 302
 1124 Confirmation of Minutes, 326
 1125 Largest Grand Lodge, the, 338
 1126 Bro. Dr. Benjamin Franklin, 410
 1127 Bro. Sadler's New Work, 542
 1128 Royal Arch Prefixes, 624
 Masonic Service in Rochester Cathedral, 317
 Masonic Treat to Old Folk at Weston-super-Mare, 15
 Masonic Veterans of Illinois, So
 Masonry in Whitby, 230
 Masonry—Operative, Speculative, and Practical, 447
 Masters' Night at the Doric Lodge, No. 2695, Harrogate, 511
 Memorial Service for the late Bro. Major-Gen. Yeatman-Biggs, Dist. G.M. Bengal, 62
 Minutes of Supreme Grand Chapter, 382
 Mithraic Worship, 297, 309, 321
 More Minutes, 389

Negro Masonry, 320, 539

New Deputy Grand Master of England, the (Portrait of the Earl of Warwick), 637
 New Masonic Hall at East Grinstead, 311
 New Masonic Lodge at Portland, the, 314
 Newly-Appointed District Grand Master for Burma, 499
 Newly-Installed Worshipful Master's Power, a, 411

Obituary—

Addington, James, 124
 Barwell, H. G., 351
 Brett, Jas., 390, 402
 Clabon, J. Moxon, 557
 Craven, J. T., 363
 De Keyser, Sir Polydore, 44
 Deloitte, W. W., 412
 Dennis, W. C., 557
 Dimsdale, Baron, 237
 Doughty, Rev. Thos., 533
 Eckersall, W., 602
 Fernandes, Joze Luis, 172
 Funeral of the late Bro. W. Comyns, G. Treas. Ireland, 304
 Gregory, Sir Chas. H., 32
 Heaton, George, 56
 Jarvis, J. S., 630
 Lathom, Earl of, 569
 Lee, W. H., 200
 Lewis, T. Hayter, 630
 Lord, T. R., 557
 Meade, Mark W., 311
 Marson, Jas., 200
 Martin, Robert, 135
 Mr. Hennah, F. W., 44
 Murton, C. A., 402
 Peace, A. L., 602
 Pendlebury, A. A., 328
 Piper, Thomas, 5
 Pittaway, Jas., 402
 Randell, J. A., 433
 Rogers, P. Childs, 438
 Senington, Edward G., 533
 Squire, Jas., 182
 St. Albans, Duke of, 237
 Stedwell, J. M., 20
 Taubman, Sir J. S. G., 545
 Towell, Clare E., 95
 Vernon, 20
 Web, C. Locock, 390
 Woodwark, G. S., 69
 Yeatman-Biggs, Major-Gen. A. G., 31 (Portrait)
 Old Masonians' Association, 3
 Old Masonians' Cricket Club, 70
 Old Masonians' Visit to Bushey, the, 427
 Old Masonic Charges, 536
 Opening of a New Masonic Hall at Blyth, 407
 Oration, an, 2, 360, 632

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY—
 Cooper, A. H., 226
 Davies, Hon. C. E., G.M. Tasmania, 443
 Ford, F. H., 216
 Gittins, E. J., 343
 Howell, T. G., 614
 Stillwell, Major E. W., 95
 Townend, Harry, 135
 Walls, T. C., P.G. Std. Br., 8

Pain is an Element of

Strength for the Masons, 412
 Practical Masonry, 532
POETRY—
 In Memoriam—R.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, 570
 Lines, 530
 Shepherd and the Sheep, the, 579

PRESENTATIONS—
 Presentation to Bro. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, 151
 Presentation to Bro. and Comp. G. B. Laffan, 526
 Presentation to Bro. C. M. Brander, P.M., Treas. 1593, 600
 Presentation to Bro. C. N. Woodcock, W.M. 1648, 495
 Presentation to Bro. Dr. J. M. Murray, P.M. 1393, 566
 Presentation to Bro. H. Hardman, P.M. 606, P.P.A.G. Sec. North Wales, 427
 Presentation to Bro. H. Pritchard, P.M. 263, 198
 Presentation to Bro. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., 297
 Presentation to Bro. J. R. Cleave, P.M. 2648, 146
 Presentation to Bro. J. Ringer Hewett, I.P.M. 917, 550
 Presentation to Bro. Milton Smith, Past Secretary of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, 76
 Presentation to Bro. Ralph Chandler, P.M. 909, 578
 Presentation to Bro. R. B. Reed, P.D.P.G. M.M. Northumberland and Durham, 323
 Presentation to Bro. Thos. Grumant, P.M., Sec. 1599, and Mrs. Grumant, 500
 Presentation to Bro. W. H. Bailey, Past G. Treas., 132
 Presentation to Bro. William Andrews, W.M. 1933, 15
 Presentation to Bro. William Vincent, at the Annual Festival of Grand Masters (Mark) Lodge of Instruction, 106
 Presentations to the Sheriffs-Elect, 452
 Presentation and Unveiling of a Portrait of the late R.W. Bro. Dr. R. Hamilton, D.G.M. Jamaica, 411
 Preservation of Historic Records, 397

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTERS—

Berkshire, 510
 Buckinghamshire, 231
 Cambridgeshire, 576
 Devonshire, 278
 Durham, 437
 East Lancashire, 177
 Essex, 477
 Guernsey and Alderney, 576
 Hertfordshire, 493
 Middlesex, 377
 North and East Yorkshire, 272
 Northumberland, 493
 North Wales, 446
 Norfolk, 593
 Surrey, 357
 Warwickshire, 508
 West Lancashire, 212
 West Yorkshire, 256, 561
 Wiltshire, 257

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES—

Buckinghamshire, 347
 Berkshire, 508
 Cambridgeshire, 575
 Cornwall, 436
 Cumberland and Westmorland, 477
 Derbyshire, 594
 Devonshire, 366
 East Lancashire, 255, 575
 Essex, 370
 Gloucestershire, 278
 Guernsey and Alderney, 213
 Hants and the Isle of Wight, 386
 Hertfordshire, 356
 Kent, 299
 Lincolnshire, 289
 Middlesex, 310
 Norfolk, 346, 593
 North and East Yorkshire, 13, 354
 Northumberland, 525
 North Wales, 396
 Nottinghamshire, 332
 Shropshire, 367
 Somersetshire, 289
 South Wales (E.D.), 447
 Suffolk, 355
 Surrey, 356
 Sussex, 524
 West Lancashire, 509
 West Yorkshire, 495
 Wiltshire, 547
 Worcestershire, 447

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGES—

Buckinghamshire, 447
 Cornwall, 195
 Cumberland and Westmorland, 357
 Devonshire, 478
 Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, 289
 Hants and the Isle of Wight, 510
 Leicestershire and Rutland, 144
 Middlesex, 493
 Northumberland and Durham, 61, 323
 North Wales, 633
 Surrey, 537
 Sussex, 549
 West Yorkshire, 231

R. A. Masonry at Whitby,
421

Recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the, 116, 129, 145, 153, 170
 Reception and Dance of the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2491, 49
 RED CROSS OF ROME AND CONSTANTINE—
 1 Premier, 111, 293, 509
 2 Plantagenet, 160, 252, 520
 7 Doyle, 124
 35 Naval and Military, 95
 Divisional Conclave of Kent, 636
 Re-opening of St. John's Church, West Chelsea, the, 363
 Rescue by the Freemasons' Lifeboat—Albert Edward, 569
 Resignation of the Deputy Prov. G.M. of Essex, 311

REVIEWS—

Bell's Cathedral Series, 66, 156, 198
 Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar (1898), 92
 Calendar of Masonic Meetings in East Lancashire (1898-9), 370
 Catalogue of Valuable MSS., Rare and Interesting Books, a, 272
 Cathedral Church of Exeter, the, 42
 Cathedral Church of Southwell, the, 498
 Cathedral Church of Wells, the, 430
 Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, the, 54
 David Lyall's Love Story, 338
 Devon Masonic Directory (1898), 326
 Dorset Masonic Calendar (1898), the, 180
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Derbyshire (1898), 248
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Durham (1898), 92
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Essex (1898), 224
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester (1898), 120
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 188
 Freemasons' Calendar for the Province of Nottinghamshire (1898), 144
 Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Somerset (1898-9), 212
 Freemasons' Directory, Province of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, 180
 Freemasons' Manual and Official Directory of the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter of Kent (1898), the, 42
 Highways and Byways in Devon and Cornwall, 144
 History of the Post Office Packet Service between the years 1793-1815, 144
 Illustrated Catalogue of Old and Rare Books, an, 212, 292, 338
 Indian Freemasons' Almanac and Diary for the year 1898, the, 212
 International Directory of Bookseller's and Bibliophile's Manual, 566
 Lincoln, The Cathedral and See, 360
 Mannings' Masonic Register for the State of Pennsylvania (1898), 272
 Masonic Calendar and Directory for the Province of Guernsey and Alderney (1898), 156
 Masonic Calendar for the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, 236
 Masonic Calendar and Directory for the Province of Middlesex (1898), 8
 Masonic Calendar and Directory for the Province of Surrey (1898), 106
 Masonic Calendar for the Craft Province of Northumberland and the Masonic District (1898), 54
 Masonic Calendar for Shropshire (1898-9), 156
 Montreal Masonic Directory (1898), 272

REVIEWS (continued)—

Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall (1898), 248
 Poems and Sketches by David Willox, 55
 Proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, 144
 Province of Dumfriesshire Freemasons' Directory, 106
 Reminiscences of a Stammerer, 55
 Shilling Guide Books, 400
 Stanley Gibbons, Limited, Priced Catalogue of Stamps, 18
 Story of the Empire Series, the, 624
 Temple Magazine, the, 598
 Torquay by the Sea, 326
 Useful Handbooks, 400
 West Lancashire Masonic Calendar (1898-9), 260

ROYAL ARK MARINERS—

151 Collin, 438
 238 Prince Leopold, 147, 585
 400 Matier, 226
 T.I. Old York, 532, 638
 ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS—
 Grand Master's, 188
 3 Fidelity, 43, 147
 9 Albion, 568
 13 Union Waterloo, 82
 48 Industry, 95, 519
 88 Pythagoras, 327, 626
 92 Moira, 83, 198, 544
 94 De Lambton, 225
 185 Jerusalem, 8, 111, 233
 189 Sincerity, 82
 192 Lion and Lamb, 55, 215, 351, 519
 195 Hengist, 556
 236 Zetland, 69
 242 St. Magdalen, 147, 181
 312 Britannia, 327
 422 All Saints, 135
 441 Fidelity, 69
 591 Buckingham, 638
 603 Zetland, 69
 720 Panmure, 110
 777 Royal Alfred, 303
 862 Whittington, 351
 913 Pattison, 362
 1151 Unity, 82
 1196 Urban, 544
 1222 Inkerman, 531
 1260 John Hervey, 557
 1275 Star (Portrait of M.E.Z.), 82
 1321 Emblematic, 628
 1381 Kennington, 9, 147, 531
 1385 Gladsmuir, 111
 1423 Era, 159, 327
 1428 United Service, 111
 1457 Francis White, 519
 1472 Henley, 215
 1501 Wycombe, 233
 1524 Duke of Connaught, 303
 1549 Stanmore, 438
 1589 St. Dunstan, 43, 159, 584
 1602 Sir Hugh Middleton, 531
 1604 Wanderers, 200
 1614 Covent Garden, 532
 1622 Rose, 181
 1623 West Smithfield, 159
 1642 Earl of Carnarvon, 628
 1657 Aldersgate, 351
 1745 Farrington Without, 147, 362
 1901 Selwyn, 505
 1929 Mozart, 303, 344, 449
 1973 Saye and Sele, 159
 2030 Abbey, 303
 2317 Bisle, 94
 2346 Warrant Officers, 438
 2410 Esculapius, 172
 2416 Hiram, 95, 557
 2421 Studholme Brownrigg, 293
 2488 Eccentric, 43

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Entertainment by Bro. Sydney G. Edridge, Mayor of Croydon), 70

Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Committee Meeting), 343, 382, 427
 Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (Summer Entertainment to the Annuitants), 347
 Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Council Meeting), 13, 316
 Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Quarterly Court), 37, 338
 Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Quarterly Court and Election), 192, 498
 Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (Distribution of Prizes by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales), 276
 Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Quarterly Court), 32, 328
 Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Quarterly Court and Election), 194, 486
 Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Visit to the Crystal Palace), 326

Scotland—

Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge, 599
 Bluefields Lodge, No. 875 (S.C.), 11
 Glasgow Rose Croix Chapter of A. and A. Rite, 129
 Grand Lodge (Quarterly Communication), 74, 232, 389, 545
 Laying Foundation Stone of Municipal Buildings at Govan, 437
 Preceptory of the Temple in Glasgow, 569
 Presentation to Comp. Major F. W. Allan, 421
 Provincial Grand Chapter of Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, 128, 177
 Supreme Grand Chapter, 170, 448
 Visit from Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middle Ward of Lanarkshire, 381
 SECRET MONITOR—
 1 Premier, 147
 8 Cleve Fast, 323
 Grand Council, 322

Series of Cinderella Dances in Aid of the Masonic Charities, a, 557
 Service at St. Laurence's Church, Bolton Woods, Bradford, 607
 St. Mary's Magdalen New Church, Accrington, 339
 Summer Outing of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, 367
 Summer Outing of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, 360
 Summer Outing of the Liberty of Havering Lodge, No. 1437, 350
 Summer Outing of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, 357
 Summer Outing of the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, 381
 Supreme Grand Chapter of England (Agenda), 43, 212, 302, 510
 Supreme Grand Chapter of England (Quarterly Convocation), 60, 218, 366, 526

Tombs of the Kings Golconda and Mosques of Haidarabad Deccan viewed Masonically (Illustrated), 390

United Grand Lodge of England (Agenda Paper), 102, 254, 406, 574
 United Grand Lodge of England (Grand Festival), 204
 United Grand Lodge of England (Quarterly Communication), 114, 267, 416, 590

Veteran School Manager,
a, 595
 Visit of Bro. Lord Onslow, P.G.M. Surrey, to Croydon, 166

BOYS' SCHOOL CENTENARY NUMBER OF "THE FREEMASON."

CONTENTS.

	PAGE		PAGE
A Short History of the Institution (Illustration of School) ...	3	Portraits of Bro. Corble, Keyser, Eve, Russell, Smith, Le Feuvre, Everett, and Glass ...	20
The Duke of Atholl, K.T. (Portrait) ...	6	Portrait of Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, J.P. Distribution of Prizes by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales ...	22
Bro. William Burwood, of United Mariners' Lodge, No. 23, "Ancients" ...	10		
Bro. Sir F. Colombine Daniel, Kt. Centenary Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall (Illustrated) ...	11		
	12		

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF "THE FREEMASON."

CONTENTS.

	PAGE		PAGE
Loyalty (Illustration) ...	1	The Four Henries ...	33
Freemasonry in 1898 ...	5	A Three Century Old Scottish Masonic Document (Illustrated) ...	35
A Forgotten Episode in Irish Freemasonry (Portrait of Duke of Abercorn) ...	17	Methven and its Masonic Lodge ...	36
Scraps from a Preacher's Note Book	18	Charity (Illustration) ...	37
The Legend of "Dead Man's Wood (Illustrated) ...	21	Occurrences of the Year ...	40
The English Masonic Rite ...	31	A Woman's Heroism—A Poem ...	43
		An "Ancient" Worthy, Will'am Dickey, jun., Dep. G. Master	44

THE FREEMASON.

The Organ of the Craft, a Weekly Record of Progress in
FREEMASONRY, LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ART

REPORTS OF THE GRAND LODGES ARE PUBLISHED WITH THE SPECIAL SANCTION OF
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND;
RIGHT HON. LORD SALTOUN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

VOL. XXXVIII. NO. 1558]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1899.

[PRICE 3D.]

CONTENTS.

LEADERS—	PAGE.
The Approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ...	11
Northumbrian Masonry ...	11
Still Another Masonic MS. ...	12
Obverse and Reverse of Medals ...	13
Royal Masonic Institution for Girls (Quarterly Court) ...	13
Masonic Ball at Nottingham ...	13
Craft Masonry ...	13
MASONIC NOTES—	
Monthly Meeting of Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ...	17
Annual Supper of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1984 ...	17
First Meeting of Board of Stewards of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Festival ...	17
Initiation of the Earl of Ronaldshay ...	17
Transactions of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Chapter of Durham ...	17
Correspondence ...	18
Craft Masonry ...	18
Obituary ...	20
Royal Arch ...	21
Freemasonry and Ocean Penny Postage ...	21
Instruction ...	21
Masonic and General Tidings ...	22

THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Now that we are fairly settled down in the New Year, it behoves us to give our attention to the first of the great annual fixtures—the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This, as we have before stated, will be celebrated at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 22nd February, under the presidency of Bro. Lord LLANGATTOCK, Prov. G. Master of the Eastern Division of South Wales. There is, therefore, no very long interval of time in which to perfect the arrangements that were made at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Stewards on the 5th instant, or to emphasise that appeal for support to the brethren generally which it is one of our foremost duties to make, and which, under the circumstances that have been described, is more urgent than usual in respect of this particular anniversary. We have noted from time to time that Bro. TERRY, the Secretary of the Institution, has met with a fair measure of success in his endeavours to enlist the services of brethren as Stewards for the occasion. Indeed, as regards mere numbers, the Board, as at present constituted, is not greatly inferior to that which assisted the Duke of CONNAUGHT in his chairmanship at the Festival of this Institution in 1897. Six weeks before that successful gathering the number of ladies and brethren who had volunteered their services was about 250, and we have reason to believe that there are nearly, if not quite, as many who have volunteered to assist Lord LLANGATTOCK in the efforts he will make next month in behalf of the same Institution. But, though there can be no great difference between the two Boards in this respect, the difficulties which the brethren invariably experience in raising the necessary funds will be far greater than they were two years ago. We have again and again remarked that £14,000 or thereabouts takes a lot of raising even when the circumstances of the time are favourable; and *à fortiori* must the task be an arduous one, when we take into account the tremendous drain upon the resources of the Craft which was made last year.

But, while these difficulties will be far greater on this occasion, the circumstances of the Institution remain precisely the same as they have been for several years past. There are still the 202 annuitants on the Male Fund at £40 a year, the 245 on the Widows' Fund at £32 a year, and the 25 or 30 widows at £20 a year, among whom upwards of £16,000 must be distributed, to say nothing of the £3000 or thereabouts required for

the costs of management and maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon; and there is still the same formidable lists of candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution and the same paucity of vacancies to be filled at the annual elections in May next. The permanent income of the Institution is likewise the same, the annual grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and the interest on invested capital, producing, as usual, between £5000 and £6000. But as Bro. KEYSER, when presiding the other day at the New Year's entertainment to the Old People at Croydon, remarked there is a certain sum of money which "must be collected every year to pay the annuities without trenching on the capital." This sum, in ordinary years, amounts to about £14,000, but bearing in mind that the 1898 Festival was only moderately productive, we are of opinion that a somewhat larger total than usual will be necessary in order to restore matters to their normal state of equilibrium. Unfortunately, while we have every reason to be satisfied with the progress which has been made in enlisting brethren as Stewards, the prospects as regards the amounts they will be able to obtain are the reverse of hopeful. The tremendous sums that were raised in June, 1898, not merely in a few isolated cases, but generally in London and throughout the Provinces, have in this case and that of the Institution for Girls increased the difficulties which the Stewards at all our Festivals experience in obtaining the necessary funds. However, the wherewithal to pay the annuitants must be obtained next month or an inroad will have to be made upon the capital that has been accumulated, and it is our belief that the general body of English Masons would prefer to make any sacrifice rather than have recourse to so unpleasant an alternative. We therefore appeal with more than our usual earnestness to lodges and brethren to give all the support in their power towards the approaching Festival. More especially do we urge upon them the desirability of enrolling themselves as Stewards as soon as possible, so that they may be able not only to contribute out of their own funds, but also be in a position to invite others to contribute.

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY*.

There is little doubt that this account of Northumbrian Masonry is one of the most interesting of the many lodge and Provincial histories which have been published of late years. This is due in great measure to the wealth of the material which the author has had at his command, but, at the same time, it will, we think, be pretty generally conceded that the success of the work is attributable to an almost equal degree to the ability and judgment which he has shown in its compilation. It is not necessary to read more than a few pages in order to arrive at the conclusion not only that the history is written in a scholarly fashion, but also that the greatest care has been taken to separate facts from theories and thereby establish what may properly be accepted as a fairly continuous history of Masonry in this northern Province from the earliest to the latest times. We can, indeed, judge best of the spirit in which Bro. STRACHAN has set about his task from the opening lines of his Preface, in which he remarks—"As legendary lore the world over has been

* "Northumbrian Masonry and the Development of the Craft in England." By John Strachan, O.C., Grand Registrar of England (Past Provincial Grand Warden and Past Provincial Grand Secretary of Northumberland). Dedicated, by special permission, to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master. London: Bro. George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. 1898.

founded to some extent upon occurrences more or less distorted in the narration, it is ever the duty of the historian to sift the traditions as well as to collect the records pertaining to the subject with which he is dealing; and, so far as those traditions may fairly throw light upon that subject, he is entitled to avail himself of their aid, distinguishing between that of which he can furnish proof and that which can only be inferred from circumstances. In addressing myself to the task of compiling a Masonic History of Northumberland, I have endeavoured to keep this duty in view, knowing so well the extent to which the early history of our Order has been obscured by extravagant claims and fanciful stories. And again, after explaining that the "genesis" of the work is "the collection of all matters of record bearing upon Craft Masonry in the province, from 1725 to 1875, undertaken and carried out at the request of the Provincial Grand Lodge, under Earl PERCY, by my brother, T. Y. STRACHAN," &c., he goes on to say, "In no case have I accepted mere tradition as evidence; but have cited my authority for every statement made, and have given the facts upon which every inference or presumption of mine has been founded."

Turning to the work itself, we note that the first four chapters contain all such particulars relating to the history and development of Freemasonry during the centuries that preceded the establishment of Grand Lodges. In Chapter I. is described "British, Roman, and Saxon Masonry," the period which is covered extending from the earliest times to A.D. 1068. Northumberland, in the opinion of the author, being able to "point with pride to the possession of certain evidence entitling us to assume that the Masons' Art was practised there long before the Christian era," the evidence in question being a number of "brass wedges or chissels," which are stated in MACKENZIE'S "History of Northumberland" to have been discovered by a Mason, when "clearing the earth in Hulne Park (Alnwick)," about the year 1726. Chapter II. covers the period from 1154 to 1368, and treats of "Norman Masonry and the Development of the Craft," while Chapter III. deals with "Masonry an Organised System," from 1380 to 1598. In Chapter IV. we have an account of "The Development of Symbolic Masonry" between 1633 and 1763, the initiation of ROBERT MORAY, Quartermaster-General of the Scottish Army, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 29th May, 1641, being the first important fact mentioned in the Chapter. Particulars are also given of ROBERT TROLLOP, of York, Mason, the architect of the Newcastle Guildhall, erected between 1655 and 1658, and his brother Henry, who were "known as Freemasons, being among those 'Freemasons' and others of Gateshead to whom Bishop JOHN COSIN, on the 24th April, 1671, granted a charter of incorporation, constituting the several crafts named into a 'comunitie, fellowship, and company,' and naming the first wardens, who were to be four in number," and one of whom "must allwaies be a free mason." Particulars are also given of the old lodge at Alnwick, the minutes of which are the earliest in England, and show that in 1701 the Masons of Alnwick "met in lodge, with every indication of having been in existence for a long time as an operative body."

Of the merit pertaining to these four chapters, which we have so briefly described, and which form so small a portion of the History, we must leave our readers to form their own opinion, but that that opinion will be a favourable one we do not doubt any more than that the rest of the book, which it will be our privilege to notice in some future article, will prove to the full as acceptable.

STILL ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

I have much pleasure in stating that the Manuscript Roll of the "Old Charges," mentioned by me in the second edition of my work on the subject (Bro. George Kenning, 1895) as missing, and once belonging to the late Mr. Bohn, of Brighton (Bookseller), has been traced, and is now in the hands of its most recent purchaser, a Collector residing in London, who is not a Freemason, but very interested in the study of such documents, and has kindly sent me the scroll for examination. It was obtained from a dealer in Brighton, and is, beyond question, the copy noted by me at p. 159 of my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," and seen by the late Colonel John Mead, of Redhill, who failed to secure it for me, through a gentleman buying it in the interim.

It is a vellum Roll, in two equal portions, running to some 4 feet 3 inches in length, and about 7½ inches in width. It belongs to the "Sloane Family," and so I have numbered it E 17 (c). In some respects it resembles the "Alnwick Branch," and has no special text to render it of a more prominent character than that MS. E 10. It has the word *Now* added to "Good Brethren and fellows," like the Dautesey MS. (*Keystone*, 20th March, 1886, Article by Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A.), and its general character is indicated by the "Alnwick MS." reproduced in 1895, by the Rosicrucian Society of Newcastle-on-Tyne, Edited by Bro. Schnitger, with an Introduction by me. In the instructions for the reception of candidates, "ye ancientest of 'em had to hold a Booke yt he or they may lay his or their hand or hands upon;" Jerusalem is termed "Land of the East;" the wages paid by "St. Alban" are omitted, probably because undecipherable in the prototype; Hiram Abiff is called "Amon" (as usual), and the "Edwinge" legend is given, as well as the other accounts to be found in such documents. Its date is A.D. 1700 *circa*.

The present owner could not have been more attentive to my wants as to the matter had he been a brother.

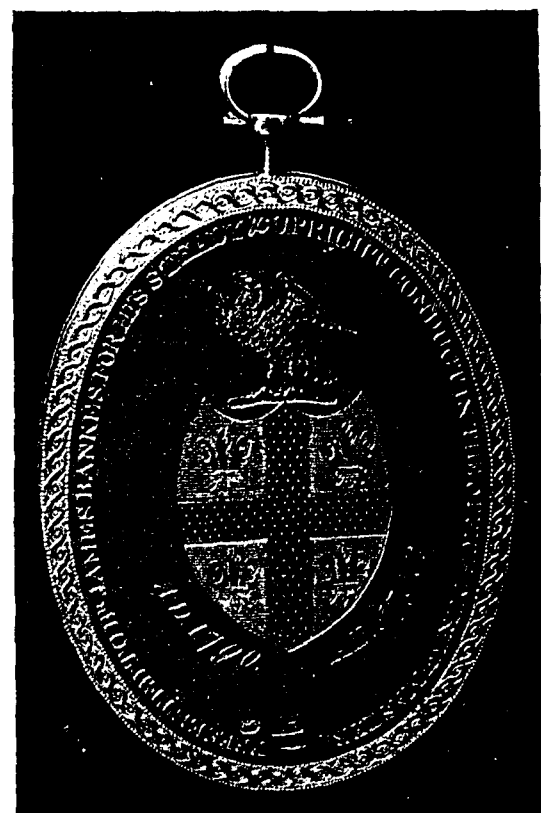
W. J. HUGHAN.

OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF MEDAL.

The above reproductions of the obverse and reverse of the large Gold Medal I wrote about in the *Freemason* for 24th December, 1898, will give a fair idea of its character, and I hope will lead to the identification of the Lodge which presented the handsome decoration to their R.W. Master (Bro. Bankes), in 1790.



OBVERSE.



REVERSE.

The inscription on the reverse reads—

"Presented to Br. James Bankes for his steady and upright conduct in the office of R.W. Master, A.D. 1790, A.L. 5790."

The "Patriotic Lodge" gave to Bro. Robt. Kidder, R.W.M., for his steady and upright conduct, June 23, 1785, a somewhat similar badge which can be seen in the Museum of our Grand Lodge, where there are so many other Masonic curiosities carefully guarded by the Sub-Librarians, whose special hobby it is to add to that valuable collection.

W. J. HUGHAN.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., Treasurer of the Institution, in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson, A. W. Duret, Henry A. Tobias, J. H. Matthews, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Alexander C. Chapin, William Russell, Prov. G. Treas. Kent, P.A.G.D.C., C. Pulman, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

The minutes of the General Court of October 13th, 1898, having been read and confirmed, the minutes, summarised, of the subsequent General Committee were read for information; after which 16 vacancies were declared for the next election of girls into the School, there being 36 candidates. The motion was made by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, and seconded by Bro. DURET.

On the motion of Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, seconded by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, to alter Law 61 of the Institution's rules as follows:

After the word "month," in 15th line, add "(except in the month of December, and then on the Thursday preceding)."

Bro. RICHARDSON explained that the last Thursday but one in December, when the House Committee met, often fell after the School had broken up for the holidays; consequently it had been necessary to call a special meeting for the previous Thursday to do the work, and when the regular meeting came round there was no work to do. His resolution did away with the present regular meeting, made the regular meeting a week earlier, and abolished the necessity for a special meeting.

In the course of the proceedings, Bro. Hedges, Secretary, announced that Viscount Dungarvan, D.L., Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, would take the chair at the 11th Anniversary Festival of the Institution, to be held on Wednesday, May 10th.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

MASONIC BALL IN NOTTINGHAM.

RECEPTION OF BRO. THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF PORTLAND.

To the long list of interesting events relating to Freemasonry in Nottinghamshire a notable addition was made on the 5th instant, when a ball, attended by members of the Craft from all parts of the province, was given at the Albert Hall, Nottingham. Primarily, the gathering was for the purpose of commemorating the appointment of Bro. his Grace the Duke of Portland, the Lord-Lieutenant of the county and of the city, as Prov. G. Master, but in another sense it served to indicate the substantial progress of an Order which rests upon the broad basis of Charity. It was with unfeigned regret that in December of 1897 the intimation was officially made known of the resignation by Bro. the late Duke of St. Albans of the office of Prov. G. Master. The announcement, which was made by his Grace himself a few months before his death, was not entirely unexpected. Bro. the Duke of St. Albans had, in regard to the Craft in Nottinghamshire, succeeded in a line of distinguished predecessors. It was as long ago as 1783 that the first Grand Master of the province, Bro. Thomas Boothby Parkins, afterwards first Lord Rancliffe, was appointed. Bro. Admiral Sir John Borlase Warren, Bart., was his lordship's successor in 1802, this distinguished officer being followed in 1823 by Bro. Col. Thomas Wildman. For the lengthy period of 37 years the latter officiated, being followed by the fifth Duke of Newcastle, who was in turn replaced in 1865 by Bro. Henry Pelham Alexander, the sixth duke. It was upon the latter's death that Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, who had filled a similar office in the adjoining county of Lincolnshire, was nominated in 1878. His Grace's retirement some 13 months since was not unexpected by those who had watched with anxiety the development of his trying illness. When it became known that Bro. the Duke of Portland had responded to the invitation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to act as the new head of the province it was felt that no more appropriate choice could be made. The installation ceremony, which took place at the Albert Hall in July, was performed in the presence of representatives from all parts of the province, as well as many distant centres. The function was rendered especially interesting by reason of the fact that Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., who is Prov. G.M. of Cumberland and Westmorland, acted as the Installing Officer. Fittingly there followed the laying, in Masonic form, of the foundation-stone of the new buildings, which, representing the much-needed extension of the General Hospital, will serve as a worthy memorial of the Queen's long reign. The Jubilee period in that connection was significant of the practical interest manifested alike in town and county as to the welfare of Nottingham's oldest medical institution. It had been intended to mark the Duke of Portland's accession to office by a social function partaking of the nature of a conversazione or ball. In that sense history would have repeated itself, for there are many who will remember that when the Duke of St. Albans was installed in 1878 there was a representative gathering at a conversazione at the Castle Museum, following upon a banquet on the same day at the Albert Hall. The lamented death in May last of the Duke of St. Albans led to a postponement of a contemplate portion of the programme in connection with his successor's installation.

The gathering which took place on the 5th inst. was one in regard to which the Duke of Portland had displayed the warmest personal interest, in the hope that the assembly would prove representative of the entire province, and the duchess participated with his Grace in the personal patronage which was accorded the event. By a Committee, with Bro. Arthur Stubbs as Secretary, adequate arrangements had been made, and the effort was attended with unequivocal success.

Artistic taste had been brought to bear upon the decorations of the hall, which lends itself admirably to adornment for ballroom purposes. The work had been entrusted to the experienced hands of Messrs. Henry Barker, Ltd., and thanks to the personal superintendence of Bro. A. J. Payne, the scheme of decoration was of the most elaborate and picturesque description. The dominant colours were those mainly associated with the Craft, blue and white, but the

addition of a pretty shade of pink heightened the effect. From the centre of the roof there hung a light canopy, from which streamers of crepon muslin, in pink, white, and blue, stretched across to an awning which had been erected around the balcony. This also was draped in similar material, and there were festoons of blue and white muslin in front of the balcony. In accordance with custom, the floor of the hall under the balcony was divided into a series of alcoves, luxuriously furnished, and tastefully draped. Facing the orchestra, the arms and crest of the Duke of Portland occupied a prominent position, surmounted by the Royal arms, and an artistic arrangement of trophy flags. Numerous electric lamps had been specially provided, and the light and tasteful character of the decorations, with their harmony of colours, formed a setting which has seldom been surpassed in the city. At appropriate points the banners of the several lodges were displayed, their number being significant of the marked growth of the Craft in Nottinghamshire during the last 20 years. When the late Duke of St. Albans became Grand Master neither Newark, Mansfield, nor Retford, possessed lodges, the only place outside the county town in which interest was displayed in regard to the Craft being at Worksop, where the Pelham Lodge was established in 1862. Now all the towns named are centres of active Masonic work, there being 18 lodges in the province, of which 10 belong to Nottingham, and one each to Worksop, Newark, Retford, Mansfield, Southwell, Eastwood, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Beeston. The floral embellishments were worthy to rank with the beauty of the draperies and illuminations. Bro. C. J. Mee had, indeed, achieved a veritable success in his characteristically tasteful adornment of the orchestra. The organ was hidden behind a luxurious collection of palms. In the centre there was a plant of the *Seaforthia Elegans* variety, 15 feet high, with two fine specimens of the *Kentia Fostriana* on either side. Among the other plants were bamboos and sugar canes. The seats occupied by the band were concealed by a wealth of flowering plants, arranged with perfect harmony, and including many magnificent specimens. There were superb *dracenas*, *cocos plumosas*, *crotons Warrenii*, *cyripediums*, *anthuriums*, and *Poinsettias*. Fringing the mirrors which confronted the orchestra were *chrysanthemums*, *lilies of the valley*, *Roman hyacinths*, and *ficus repens*, and surmounting the centre mirror was a lovely specimen of a new variety of *abutilon*. Charming miniature collections of flowers were suspended from the balconies, and in every respect the adornments were brilliant to a degree. A vestibule, neatly draped, was provided for each of the entrances and exits, and three alcoves opposite the orchestra were reserved for the use of the ducal party. The staircases to the lower hall, where supper was provided, were draped and ornamented by floral groups, and the hall itself was draped with pink, blue, and white muslin. The centre table, at which the Duke and Duchess of Portland and their guests occupied seats, was delightfully decorated, and the catering was carried out by the Nottingham Hire and Catering Company. The entrance to the large hall was richly carpeted, and the lobby, with its tasteful arrangement of mirrors and flowering plants, afforded a happy suggestion of the lavish decorations in the ballroom itself.

Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock to the strains of the splendid band of the Coldstream Guards, under the able leadership of Mr. J. M. Rogan.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Portland, accompanied by Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P., and Lady Henry Bentinck, Captain and Mrs. Lindsay, and Colonel Douglas Dawson, reached the hall at 10 o'clock, and the reception accorded to them was of the most hearty character. When the ducal party arrived the Coldstream Guards Band played a processional march, to the music of which the Prov. G. Master, and those accompanying him, proceeded down the hall, many interesting elements, in relation particularly to the Rose Croix, being associated with the ceremony.

When the party had taken their places beneath the balcony at the lower end of the building, warm applause was forthcoming in testimony of the popularity of his Grace, who, in a speech which was listened to with keen interest, expressed his cordial thanks for the flattering welcome. When he was installed as Prov. G. Master he had uttered the hope that he and his wife might have the privilege and pleasure of inviting not only the Masons of the province to their social festivities, but ladies also. He was glad indeed to think that on the present occasion that wish had been gratified. Owing to the wintry weather, and from the fact of the inconvenience which it would entail in relation to ladies, it was not possible to hold the ball at Welbeck; but he was glad to greet them all in the building in which they were assembled, and trusted in the summer to have the pleasure of meeting the Masons of the province, and, if it could be so arranged, ladies as well, in a gathering at the Abbey. It was the sincere wish of the Duchess and himself that the assembly that night might result in great success. He hoped that all present would enjoy themselves, and that they would dance till their shoes wore out.

Dancing was resumed with a quadrille to Lecocq's always acceptable music of "La Fille de Madame Angot." His Grace partnered Lady Henry Bentinck, and the Duchess joined with Lord Henry Bentinck in the dance.

The scene when the ball was in progress was of a bright and animated description. According to their respective ranks, members of the Craft wore their Masonic clothing and jewels. While there were naturally a number of those who were entitled, as Past and Present Prov. G. Officers, to wear the purple, a great many wore the light blue aprons, whilst a picturesque effect was added by the characteristic dress of Royal Arch Masons, members of the Rose Croix, Knights Templars, and others.

Upon Bro. Capt. W. H. Blackburn, a P.M. of the oldest lodge in the province, devolved the onerous duties of M.C., and he was most efficiently assisted by the following, representing each lodge, as Stewards: Bros. H. G. Ashwell, 402; J. Tomlinson, 411; C. D. Nicholson, 439; H. Dawes, 405; M. I. Preston, 1434; J. Levy, 1435, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Price, 1493; E. F. Mithorp, 1661, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Rendell, 1794; R. A. Bradshaw, 1802; R. F. Vallance, 1852, P.P.G.D.C.; R. S. Green, 1909; W. P. Payne, 2017, P.J.G.W.; R. Hallam, 2302; A. H. Bonser, 2412, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Sulley, 2553; and J. H. Williamson, 2594. The Prov. G. Lodge Stewards were Bros. W. Robinson, 47; W. G. Humber, 939; W. W. Holbrook, 1794; and Dr. J. O. Littlewood, 2412. For the convenience of visitors from North Notts, a special train left Retford at 7.45 p.m., calling at Worksop, Creswell, Mansfield, and Sutton Junction *en route*, and his Grace had provided two special return trains at 1.15 a.m. and 2.30 a.m. In all the company numbered nearly 400.

Craft Masonry.

Scientific Lodge, No. 88.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge, which was founded in 1754, was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday last, the 9th inst., and was attended by 88 brethren, including over two score visitors. The province of Cambridgeshire was represented by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. J. H. Gray, P.G. Chap. England, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Sword Bearer, and Stewards. Bro. F. C. Barrans, 1648, Bradford, was elected a joining member. The Auditors' report of the Treasurer's accounts was of a very satisfactory character. A subscription to the R.M.B.I. was voted. Bro. Horace Samuel Davidson, S.W., P.P.G. Stwd., was then regularly installed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. John H. Moyes, who performed his task in a masterly manner, and afterwards delivered the three charges.

Bro. F. Piggott, P.J.G.W., assisted in the ceremony with the proclamations and working tools. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. H. S. Davison, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; Major J. H. Moyes, P.P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; F. J. Moden, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; William James, J.W.; C. H. Banham, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Chap.; Major B. W. Beales, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Major Oliver Papworth, P.M., P.P.S. G.W., P.G. Sec., Sec.; Arthur R. Hill, S.D.; C. F. Charlton, P.P.G. Stwd., J.D.; Frank Piggott, P.M., P.J.G.W., D.C.; John Bester, P.P.G.P., I.G.; Major John Morley, Org.; C. S. Palmer, Std. Br.; W. Swindall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Stwd.; and G. A. Allen, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, which went crisply throughout, the D.P.G.M., in behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. H. Moyes, in recognition of his praiseworthy services in the chair during the past year.

The visiting brethren having expressed their "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards met at banquet.

At the conclusion of the repast, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was spent in true Masonic harmony, under the able direction of Bro. Davison.

Bro. J. H. Gray, P.G. Chap. Eng., in acknowledging the honour done to the Grand Officers, alluded to the success of Masonry during the past 25 years' Grand Mastership of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and expressed the hope that his tenure of the office might be doubled. Referring to the late Lord Lathom, he said, "may our six months' mourning not exhaust our memory of him," adding that Masons could set to themselves no greater example than the late Pro G. Master.

Responding next for "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Gray, in a very happy speech, alluded to their versatility. This, he said, was especially exhibited by the present Senior and Junior Wardens of the province, Bros. F. Dewberry and F. Piggott. It could not fail to be noticed how they vied with each other in their duties as Directors of the Ceremonies in their respective lodges. Further, they lived in the same street, they bore office in the same church, they also held the higher chairs in another place (the Prov. Grand Chapter, in which they are J. and H. respectively); in fact, they might fairly be described as Tweedledum and Tweedledee. (Applause.) Speaking for himself, the D.P.G.M. admitted that he had a craze for the extension of Masonry in the province, and he hoped that the brethren would do what they could to gratify that wish.

Bro. F. Dewberry, P.S.G.W., also responded.

Bro. J. H. Moyes, I.P.M., next proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M.," and described Bro. Davison as one of the keenest Masons in the province, and who would do all he could to uphold the traditions of No. 88. The brethren had had a foretaste of his ability in the way he invested his various officers. Might he have health and strength to discharge the duties of his office and be with them for many years. (Applause.)

The Worshipful Master, in responding, assured the brethren that it was indeed the proudest moment of his life to fill the chair of that ancient lodge. It was quite true that he had Masonry at heart. He felt it to be peculiarly gratifying, after an enforced absence from the lodge, to be unanimously elected as their W.M., and this mark of their kindness he would endeavour to appreciate by doing all he could for the lodge, if his health were spared. He was especially thankful to those Past Masters who had offered to assist rather than he should overtax himself, and this was particularly gratifying at home, where some anxiety was naturally felt about him under the circumstances.

The Dep. Prov. G. Master gave "The Health of the Installing Master and Past Masters," and made special reference to Bros. Chennell, Papworth, Piggott, Spalding, and Moyes. With regard to the latter, he was doubly pleased to see Bro. Moyes instal his successor so well, showing that he was following in the footsteps of his worthy father, the late D.P.G.M.

In the course of the responses from the Past Masters, Bro. F. Piggott alluded in sympathetic terms to an unfortunate accident at the Guildhall that mid-day to Bro. T. Nichols, which would cause the venerable P.M. to lay up for some time. On the other hand, Bro. W. P. Spalding alluded with pleasure to the return of Bro. W. I. Pashler, P.M., after several years' illness.

Bro. O. Papworth, P.M., submitted the toast of "The Visitors," of whom there were upwards of 40. These, however, did not include Bro. L. Hosegood, the newly-installed W.M. of the sister lodge, No. 441, who was temporarily indisposed.

The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dr. Gordon Campbell, 1492; Harvey, 2727; F. W. Miller, 441; Churchyard, 2602; Royce, 466; and Thompson, 1282.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very successful and happy festival, the pleasure of which was much enhanced by an excellent programme of music, shared in by Bros. E. M. Duncombe, W. H. Heal, E. Bowman, H. A. Chapman, J. Laxton, and W. F. Cheeseman, P.M., the last-named being "immense" in his humorous songs. Bro. W. H. Berridge, P.P.G.O., was accompanist.

Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

An emergency meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. William Baker, W.M.; J. G. Robeson, S.W.; T. Stokes, J.W.; T. Cohe, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; A. Fergusson, S.D.; J. C. Peach, J.D.; R. F. Roche, Stwd.; Couchman, Tyler; F. Hughes, P.M.; Bayley, Lloyd, Taylor, Hipwell, Farr, Wetton, Thomson, Franklin, and Meers.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. Bayley, Thomson, and Meers passed. The lodge was closed.

Bank Terrace Lodge, No. 462.

The festival of St. John the Evangelist is considered in every Freemason lodge as a red-letter day in their year. The above lodge celebrated their annual gathering on Thursday the 5th instant, at the Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington, and, in addition to a large number of the members of the lodge present, there were many Masonic brethren representing the various lodges in the district, also representatives from West Lancashire, and one from Plymouth, a number of Provincial Officers of the province, and a goodly number of Past Masters being also present. The ceremonies of installation and investiture of officers were efficiently rendered by Bros. G. Oldman, P.M. 126, P.P.J.G.D. E. Lancs., and Tom Heaton, P.M. 1064. The following are the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. W. Clough, W.M.; Edwin Welch, I.P.M.; F. A. Frankland, S.W.; R. F. Ware, J.W.; Thos. Cunliffe, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Ormerod, P.M., Sec.; J. Hindle, P.M., Chap.; D. C. Dewhurst, P.M., D. of C.; J. Cunliffe, S.D.; Hiram Waddington, J.D.; A. Pilling, I.G.; W. Rodgers, P.M., Tyler; S. Harker, A.O.G.; J. A. Bleakley, Org.; W. Carter, T. Bentley, J. E. Hill, and R. Tyack, Stwds. Bro. J. W. Clough, W.M., was appointed Charity Representative, and Bro. W. Ormerod, P.M., Almoner.

After the impressive ceremonies the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A resolution was also passed expressing condolence with Mrs. Birtwistle and family upon their recent bereavement by the loss they have sustained in the death of a husband and father and a brother Mason, whom every one respected, who always by precept and example, "though never taking any ostentatious part," always endeavoured to act up to the true tenets of the Order, and endeared himself to every one he came in contact with. Another resolution expressing sympathy with Bro. W. Carter in his illness was carried, with a fervent hope for his speedy recovery.

The catering reflected the highest credit on those responsible for that department.

During the evening a capital programme of songs and duets were ably rendered by Bros. J. W. Clough, W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Tyack, John Whittaker, A. Salthouse, and Wm. Tomlinson, of 462; R. Horsfall, 1064; E. Walsh, P.M. 1145; W. Bradley, 1145, and others.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst. at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. T. H. Clear, W.M.; T. A. Tidy, S.W.; John Cumming, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; Thomas W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Sturgess, S.D.; S. C. Cross, J.D.; H. T. Hipwell, I.G.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D.C.; Fred. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; F. J. Pittman, J. Leather, H. Rivett, W. H. George, J. Bannister Howard, A. Harry Heron, William Mervin Everett, F. A. Zeppenfeld, G. T. Augspurg, P.M.; John Skinner, P.M.; and Thos.

Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. W. Jarvis, 1471; L. A. Lockwood, 2509; H. J. Davis, 1278; A. H. Jones, S.W. 205; Frank Hall, P.M. 403; Percy Jakins, 1385; Joseph Pike, P.M. 1639; John Paul, P.M. 1287; Richard Kershaw, P.M. 61; Orilton Cooper, P.M. 211; James Hemming, P.M. 2408; W. C. Jones, 206; Fred Nicholl, P.M. 1650, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. J. Greig, P.M. 65; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; Edwin H. Tompsett, J.W. 1505; E. Brin Wilkinson, P.M. 335; Thomas E. Mullins, J.D. 211; John B. Pinchbeck, 2202; W. T. Rickwood, P.M. 192; J. W. Elvin, W.M. 2395; and C. W. Saffell, 860.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. Joseph Leather, 1207, F. A. Zeppenfeld, 2705, and Bannister Howard, 2705, were elected joining members; after which Messrs. Edward James Whittle and Sidney Worpell Harrington were initiated by the W.M. in excellent style. The final ceremony on the card was the installation of a new W.M., and for the performance of this the W.M. requested Bro. James Kench, Treas., to take the chair. Bro. Kench then installed Bro. Thomas Alfred Tidy, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the year ensuing, and Bro. T. H. Clear was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren who received collars of office were Bros. J. Cumming, S.W.; G. A. Sturgess, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; T. W. Smale, P.M., Sec.; F. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org. Surrey, Org.; J. J. Pittman, P.M., D.C.; H. T. Hipwell, S.D.; S. C. Cross, J.D.; F. J. Pittman, I.G.; Herbert Rivett, A.D.C.; G. T. Augspurg, P.M., W. M. Everett, and W. H. George, Stwds.; and Thomas Bowler, Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren were subsequently entertained at an elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual toasts succeeding.

The speeches in which these were proposed and responded to were interspersed with musical selections, vocal and instrumental, and humorous sketches, in which the executants were Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bro. Mandeno Jackson, and Bro. James Kift, under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, Mus. Bac.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers." He said: It gives me great pleasure to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers, and to assure you of the gratification I felt at witnessing the cordial manifestation of good feeling in which the toast was received. For, although it is a long time, as most of you know, since I was a regular attendant at Grand Lodge, yet I can assure you I take particular care to acquaint myself with the business that is transacted at the Quarterly Communication, and with all matters relating to the welfare of the Craft. One matter more especially interested me on a recent occasion. It had reference to the formation of a new District Grand Lodge to be held at Christchurch in our Colony of New Zealand. It has already been recognised by us as an independent sovereign Masonic body having jurisdiction in New Zealand, and I doubt not that the officers who have been appointed and invested there will like those our W.M. has had the pleasure to invest in our lodge this evening, well and worthily discharge the duties of their respective offices and faithfully follow in the footsteps of those illustrious brethren who have at different times presided over the destinies of the Craft of this country. Such an event, I am inclined to think, marks an era in the growth of the Colony, as it clearly shows that our Colonial brethren are worthy descendants of those Englishmen who left our shores in such multitudes 40 or 50 years ago to people a remote and comparatively speaking an almost unknown portion of our habitable globe. They went forth from this country not merely to make a home for themselves in another hemisphere, but to endeavour to civilise the Maoris, the natives of those parts, and to try, if possible, to raise them up to their own level. And, although they may not perhaps have succeeded to the extent that might be desired, yet, at least, they have been the means under Providence of effecting a great improvement in the moral, social, and political condition of the natives. It was in 1840 that New Zealand was made a British Colony, and since that time we have endeavoured—and, I think, successfully—to instil into the minds of the natives a correct estimate of the value of truth and peace by the force of our own example. We have taught them the lessons of Christianity, progress, and order, and enabled them, by the aid of European science, to take advantage of the almost inexhaustible resources of the country to attach them to ourselves and to our government by the ties of love and interest rather than by the stern persuasion of the sword. And it is thus, brethren, by inculcating, as far as lies in our power, habits of order, obedience to law, self-reliance and self-restraint, that we honour ourselves as a nation, and do honour to the great empire of which we are all proud to be citizens. And I thank you all most heartily for the kind manner in which you responded to the toast of the Grand Officers. (Cheers.)

Bro. T. H. Clear, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said all the brethren were gratified to see such an accomplished and distinguished brother as Bro. Tidy occupying the chair. Having gone through all the offices of the lodge with satisfaction to the brethren, raised their confidence that he would increase the reputation of the lodge in his capacity of W.M. However, he had to rely on the support of the brethren, and that he knew they would give. They had had two initiates that evening and three joining members, and if the lodge went on like that during the year it must have a good career. If the new W.M. contemplated having a ladies' banquet and a summer excursion, as last year, he asked all the brethren to support the W.M. to the very utmost. The W.M. was a strong supporter of the Old People's Institution, and if he had any idea of going up as Steward for that Institution, he (Bro. Clear) was prepared to support him, and he knew the other brethren would do the same.

Bro. T. A. Tidy, W.M., in response, said that as W.M. he had many responsibilities, but he was relying on the kind co-operation of all the brethren by which he should surmount those responsibilities. He should do his utmost to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and when he retired from the chair he trusted the brethren would say he had filled it creditably. He was pleased to see the lodge increasing in numbers, and this was really due to the Past Masters. The summer outing of the lodge had done much towards this result. The brethren then enjoyed themselves very much as had been shown by the testimony since rendered to the excellent arrangements made and carried out. He proposed to have another of these entertainments this year. But while on this topic of enjoyment he should mention that they should all bear in mind that as Masons they should do all they could for the Masonic Institutions. He, therefore, proposed to go up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The brethren would all agree that when a Mason in old age became reduced in circumstances it was a very great thing to have an institution such as the Benevolent. He hoped with the assistance of the lodge to take up such a list of subscriptions that they might not be ashamed of.

Bro. Tidy, W.M., next proposed "The Installing Master," and said, if there was one brother of the lodge more popular than another, it was Bro. Kench, whom they were all pleased to call friend and brother. Bro. Kench had been in the lodge so long that they were also entitled to call him the father of the lodge. Bro. Kench loved the lodge only second to his own home; he had acted as Treasurer of the lodge for the last 30 years; and for these reasons no words from him would adequately express what the brethren thought of Bro. Kench in the past and now. He must have filled the many offices in his long career with the greatest credit, or it would be impossible for him to be in the high position he now held; but if there was one in which he excelled or distinguished himself it was that of Treasurer. At the request of the brethren, he had now to make Bro. Kench a presentation—(applause)—a silver salver, subscribed for by the brethren as a testimony of their appreciation of the very excellent way in which he had performed the duties of Treasurer to the lodge for the last 30 years. The brethren hoped he might live long to take part in contributing to the welfare of the lodge, and that when he retired from these busy scenes of his labours he would have the satisfaction of knowing that he carried with him the affection and esteem of every brother of the lodge. The inscription on the salver was, "Presented to Brother James Kench, Past Master, Past Grand Pursuivant, by the Past Masters and Brethren of Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538, as a token of their regard and esteem, and as a mark of their appreciation for the very able and courteous manner he has discharged the duties of Treasurer of the Lodge for the past Thirty Years, London, January 5th, 1899." (Applause.)

Bro. Kench, who, on rising to respond, was received with renewed cheering, said: Worshipful Master and brethren, you have taken me so completely by surprise that I do not know how to thank you. I can only say, poor though I am in thanks, I thank you. I do thank you with all my heart; and I assure you that whatever I have done for the lodge has been a pleasure on my part—a labour of love; and I trust I may have the pleasure of being spared many years to be with you; and if I am, my best services will be used for the welfare and prosperity of the lodge. (Cheers.)

Bro. Tidy, W.M., in proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," referred to the great assistance he had received from Bro. Clear, and presented him with a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. T. H. Clear, I.P.M., replying, thanked the P.Ms. for the support they had given him during the past year; he included all the P.Ms., the Treasurer, the Secretary, the D. of C., the I.P.M., the Wine Stewards, and all the officers.

Both initiates and Bro. Leather replied to the toast of "The Initiates and Joining Members."
 Bros. J. Elvin, P.M., and Brickwood responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Skinner, Kench, Smale, Pittman, and Augspurg to that of "The P.Ms."
 The other toasts followed.

Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574.

The annual meeting, on the 6th inst., of the above lodge was held in the Temperance Hall, Reading, when there was an unusually numerous attendance of the brethren, including several distinguished visitors. The principal business was the installation of the Senior Warden, Bro. Major G. C. Ricardo, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Stephen Knight, jun. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the officers of the lodge as follows: Bros. S. Knight, jun., I.P.M.; John Rolfe, S.W.; E. A. Stickland, J.W.; Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, Treas.; S. Knight, sen., Sec.; J. Stradling, S.D.; J. Howard, J.D.; J. N. Day, D.C.; T. S. Cambridge, Org.; C. Stradling, I.G.; E. Turner and E. W. Goddard, Stwds.; and S. H. Burton, Tyler. The next duty of the Major was also of a gratifying character, being the presentation of a handsome Past Master's jewel to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Knight, jun., in recognition of the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year, and initiated some eight or nine candidates, this being a record number in the history of the lodge, which has now extended over nearly half a century. Other business was transacted, and at its conclusion the brethren adjourned to the "Chequers," a comfortable hostelry well-known to the frequenters of the great Bath-road in the old coaching days, where the installation banquet was served by Bro. Mees.

The banqueting room had been decorated with good taste in honour of the event, and draped with art muslin, which, with banners, Masonic devices, &c., had a pretty effect. The decorations were carried out under the direction of Past Master Hanington, assisted by Bro. S. Knight, jun., and Mr. W. Boyer.

Bros. Lord Wantage, Prov. G. Master; Viscount Valentia, M.P.; W. G. Mount, M.P.; and others, sent apologies for non-attendance, but the newly-installed W.M. was supported by Bros. J. T. Morland, Dep. P.G.M.; J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec.; and Charles E. Keyser (three Grand Lodge officers), E. Margrett, Prov. Charity Sec.; Col. Keyser, Col. Ball, S. Knight, jun., I.P.M.; the W.Ms. of several other lodges, some 25 Past Masters (an unprecedented number for a Newbury Masonic gathering), the Rev. J. L. Turbutt, Bro. W. Edmonds (Mayor of Newbury), and others. The brethren who sat down at the banquet numbered altogether between 60 and 70.

The toast list included "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by the W.M.; "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Amherst; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Wantage; the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past;" "The Worshipful Master, Bro. Major G. C. Ricardo;" "The Installing Master;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Visitors;" and others, which were duly honoured and acknowledged.

The W.M. announced his intention of setting on foot a project for securing a lasting and substantial memorial of the jubilee of this lodge next year (1900) by securing suitable premises for conversion into a Masonic hall—a proposal which was received with much favour, and is likely to be carried out.

In the course of the evening an excellent musical programme, arranged by Bro. Chas. H. Stradling, was successfully gone through. The vocalists who contributed to the harmony of the festive gathering included Bros. Chas. E. Keyser, G. Gardner Leader, W. J. Langley, W. H. Pitman, J. Stradling, W. W. Wallis, Carter, and J. S. Haddon.

A portrait of the W.M. (Bro. Ricardo) appeared in last week's *Freemason*.

Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922.

The installation meeting of this very flourishing lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. Robt. Peachey, W.M.; Hy. Cornford, S.W. and W.M. elect; E. J. S. Ware, J.W.; O. Lamare, I.P.M.; L. C. Supton, P.M., Sec.; A. Chadderton, S.D.; A. R. Jackson, J.D.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Riches, I.G.; J. M. Taylor, Org.; J. S. Robertson and Geo. Herridge, Stwds.; Thos. Bowler, P.M., Tyler; R. J. Supton, P.M.; W. P. Moore, L. S. Supton, W. Graves, W. Low, M. W. Harris, F. C. Greenley, W. E. Groom, J. Warne, W. H. Thornton, G. F. Lambert, F. G. Messent, J. B. Maltby, R. H. Harris, W. L. Chamness, J. L. Gill, G. Grove, W. H. Burgess, W. C. Hurley, J. Tyerman, J. McGuire, C. N. Wedge, S. Supton, C. Cook, J. H. Heatly, G. Seale, H. Legg, and H. Lambert. Visitors: Bros. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; J. E. Burkmar, S.W. 2234; F. W. Bate, P.M. 788; Thos. Grummant, P.M. and Sec. 1559; Wm. Hill, I.G. 1512; G. D. Fairburn, 30; E. E. Pouard, P.M. 1627; Thos. Holland, W.M. 720; W. T. Snell, I.P.M. 1818; F. E. Pow, I.P.M. 1901; H. G. Davenall, W.M. 1602; H. A. Stunt, P.M. and Sec. 1320; W. C. Harvey, 2348; H. E. Buckeridge, P.M. 1658; W. H. Harper, P.M. 2182; J. H. Witty, J.O. 1158; C. L. Plant, P.M. 101; W. S. Martin, 1194; W. E. Davis, 1194; A. E. Mullins, I.P.M. 1446; F. W. Stephens, P.M. 1348; T. R. Cass, P.M., 1320; Chas. Wm. Stone, W.M. 507; Wm. Dawson, P.M. 1622; H. C. Turner, P.M. 1662; Thos. Hobbly, W.M. 1320; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1641; A. Taylor, 217; S. P. Fisher, Treas. 217; A. E. Baldwin, 2182; W. Hipgrave, 1632; S. J. Field, 65; F. W. Trotter, 2182; R. Brown, 1320; A. G. Telling, S.W. 879; Roland Henry, 2192; Frank Swinford, W.M. 2272, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx.; E. J. Thompson, 2348; Wal. Harvey, 2348; Jas. Chubb, 1706; W. T. Grummett, P.M. 15; W. S. Whitaker, P.M. 1572; Arthur Court, 1539; Wm. Courtney, 1509; and Chas. H. Stone, P.M. 507, S.W. 1641.

The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cannon, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. H. Cornford, W.M. elect, to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation, which was performed in a large Board of Installed Masters in a commendable style. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. S. Ware, S.W.; A. Chadderton, J.W.; R. Peachey, I.P.M.; W. G. Cannon, P.M., Treas.; L. C. Supton, P.M., Sec.; L. S. Supton, Asst. Sec.; A. R. Jackson, S.D.; F. W. Riches, J.D.; J. E. Robertson, I.G.; G. Herridge, A.D.C.; W. E. Groom and T. T. Harris, Stewards; J. N. Taylor, Org.; and T. Bowler, P.M., Tyler. The three addresses were ably given by the Installing Master. A ballot was taken for Messrs. S. Supton, C. N. Wedge, and C. Cook, which proved unanimous, and they were initiated by Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., in an impressive and perfect manner. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to Lord Lathom, expressing the deepest sympathy of the brethren, and also a letter of sympathy to Bro. Runacres, P.M., late Treasurer, in his severe illness. Three candidates were proposed for initiation and also a joining member.

The lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, supplied by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual excellent style.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were ably presented and received, after which

The W.M. presented the toast of "The Pro G.M., Deputy G.M., and the rest of the G. Officers, Present and Past," in eulogistic terms, and paid the highest tribute of respect to the memory of the late Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom.

The toast was ably responded to by Bro. J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br., who said with pride that he was delighted to be associated with the Grand Officers. He could never forget the late Pro G.M., with whom he had been connected for many years, and he was present with him at the consecration of the Temple of the Surrey Masonic Hall. He was one whom to know was to revere, love, and esteem, and none were more competent to carry out whatever duties he was called upon to perform. Of Earl Amherst none was more able to succeed to the Pro G.M., and the Earl of Warwick to the Deputy; and it was his earnest desire that they should be under their able guidance for many years.

Bro. R. Peachey, I.P.M., next presented the toast of "The W.M.," and said there was no brother better qualified in the lodge to perform the duties and guide their destinies than Bro. Cornford, proof of which had been exemplified that evening. He ventured to prophesy, if he might, that the year would be an unqualified success, and, for his part, he would endeavour to assist all in his power.

In reply, the W.M., who received an ovation, said he was almost overpowered with such kind words and eulogiums, but he would endeavour his utmost to carry out the duties as they should be. He tendered his best thanks for their confidence in placing

him in such a proud position after eight years since his initiation. He never contemplated that he should succeed to the Mastership, but he had made the ritual his greatest study and pleasure, and success had attended. It was, indeed, the proudest moment in his life and he expressed his most cordial thanks for their very great kindness.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next given by the W.M., who said in his opinion the manner the installation ceremony had been performed had given the greatest satisfaction and pleasure to the brethren, and also for the manner he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during the past year and it gave the W.M. great pleasure to present the Past Master's jewel so well earned, with the hope that he might live many years to wear the same in the Earl of Lathom Lodge.

Bro. Peachy, I.P.M., with many thanks, said it was, indeed, a proud day to him in Freemasonry. A few months ago he had no idea of installing, but through the able assistance of Bro. C. Plant, P.M., Preceptor, he had been able to rise to the occasion and instal his successor. For the handsome jewel he assured the brethren he should look upon it with pride and pleasure as their reward for his services and he hoped to wear it as they earnestly desired.

The toast of "The Initiates," received at the hands of the W.M. words of strong recommendation and advice, and was replied to by Bros. Supton, Cook, and Wedge in an able manner.

Bro. H. Cornford, W.M., next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," giving them all the hearty welcome, for which the lodge was noted.

This was replied to most forcibly by Bros. Whitaker, Dawson, and Plant, Preceptor of the lodge of instruction; and T. Hobbly, W.M. 1320.

The toast of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," was given in laudatory terms by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Cannon, Supton, Lamare, and Peachey.

That of "The Officers" received at the hands of the W.M. the eulogium it deserved from their excellent work, and was responded to by the S.W., J.W., and J.D. The Tyler's toast closed one of the most enjoyable meetings in the lodge.

The excellent programme of music was arranged and directed by Bro. Frank Swinford, W.M. 2272, P. Prov. G. Org. Middx., assisted by Bros. Roland Henry, Arthur Court, Fred W. Stephens, P.M. 1348; and S. J. Dereham, P.M. (flautist). Bro. Frank Swinford and Roland Henry presided at the piano.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076.

The above lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 6th instant, at five p.m. There were present: Bros. C. Purdon Clarke, W.M.; Sydney T. Klein, I.P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., as S.W.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., as J.W.; G. W. Speth, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; G. Greiner, J.D.; Admiral A. H. Markham, P. Dist. G.M. Malta, I.G.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, Stwd.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, P.M.; Dr. Belgrave Ninnis, P.G. Std. Br.; Hamon le Strange, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; and E. Armitage; also 70 members of the Correspondence Circle and 12 visitors. Ten lodges and 88 brethren were admitted to the membership of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 199 (I.C.), Cape Town; Worcester Lodge, No. 1603, Worcester, Cape Colony; Lodge Mount Everest, No. 2439, Darjeeling, India; Lodge Oranje (D.C.), Paarl, Cape Colony; Lodge S. Jan, Malmesbury, Cape Colony; Metropolitan Lodge, No. 2528, Cape Town; Cango Lodge, No. 2088, Oudtshoorn, Cape Colony; Birmingham Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, A. and A.S.R., Birmingham, Alabama; Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands in S. Africa; Lodge De Goede Trouw (D.C.), Cape Town; Bros. C. J. English, P.M. 9, O. S. Marrison, P.M. 9, and H. R. J. Payne, 4, of Launceston, Tasmania; J. W. Johnson, 859 (S.C.), and C. E. E. Berry, 2281, of Perth, Western Australia; Dr. W. P. Le Feuvre, 1603, Trouw's River, Cape Colony; B. T. Hutchinson, P.M. 864, G. J. Hoffmann, P.M. Oranje L., P. J. K. Moeke, Goede Trouw L., and H. H. L. Pentz, De Goede Hoop L., all of Cape Town; C. J. G. Tate, P.M., J. Reid, 1022, Bloemfontein, and J. W. Hopwood, Vrede, L. Vrede, in the Orange Free State; E. A. Kendall, 1422, Etawah, India; J. C. Henry, P.M. 190, St. Paul, Minnesota; H. N. Rittenhouse, 19, Philadelphia, and N. G. Woodside, 318, Alleghany, Pennsylvania; S. L. Pope, Portland, Oregon; G. W. Young, W. W. Blossom, and R. W. Browning, all of Corinthian L., Concord Junction, Massachusetts; J. L. Campbell, P.M., Melita, Manitoba; O. Fornaes, Trondhjem, and A. N. Ulstrup, 5, Stavanger, Norway; J. O'Duffy, 227, Dublin, and T. Greene, J.P., 116, Mageny, Ireland; W. Sinclair, P.M. 87, Glasgow; H. H. Adair, 208, Stranrear, Scotland; C. W. Tidman, 940, Yarm-on-Tees; D. S. Chapman, P.M. 431, North Shields; J. V. Isherwood, 827, Dewesbury; R. Smailes, 1311, Leeds; J. B. Fearnly, W.M. 2321, Huddersfield; A. Page, P.M. 411, Nottingham; J. E. Steward, P.M. 386, Stockport; J. M. Crone, 1375, Manchester; W. H. Jones, W.M. 1808, and S. F. Stacad, W.M. 807, Norwich; Dr. A. Marshall, 1452, Lowestoft; J. F. Joslin, 156, Plymouth; G. Wormald-White, 1151, Par, Cornwall; C. Shenton, W.M. 76, Winchester; G. M. Buckham, 1184, Battle; J. J. Simcox, 150, High Wycombe; J. Williams, 1801, Maidenhead; Major G. E. Twiss, R.A.M.C., Shorncliffe; A. Penfold, Woolwich; T. F. Peacock, P.G.S., Sidcup; H. J. Matthews, P.M. 2509, Hadley; F. S. Plowright, P.M. 2509, H. A. Marchand, P.M. 2509, and F. E. W. Withans, W.M. 2509, all of New Barnet; and in or near London, Bros. E. H. Dring, 229; W. T. Dibdin and H. T. Lyons, 1789; C. H. Perryman, W.M. 2398; L. Wild, 813; W. Beattie, P.M. 95; Dr. H. Sutherland, P.G.D.; C. J. Drummond, W.M. 1541; A. Kapadia, 1155; W. S. Bunting, 2500; W. G. A. Edwards, 2500; W. C. Miller, 2500; H. R. S. Pullman, 3; L. Foppoli and E. Bennis, 1623; W. T. Boydell, P.M. 1984; A. F. Robbins, 1928; R. Davies, 176; W. G. Lacy, 2664; Dr. R. J. Reece, P.M. 69; Rev. Dr. W. H. Fraser and J. R. Brough, 2397; W. H. Cave, 1767; A. H. Rowlinson, 1890; F. Krasa, 1504; and P. W. Taylor, P.M. 403.

The report of the Audit Committee, showing a total income from all sources of £1576 15s. 9d. and expenditure of £1574 17s. 8d., of which over £700 falls to the cost of preparing and issuing the printed Transactions of the lodge, and another £200 for posting them to the members, was received and adopted. Votes of condolence were passed with Bro. F. J. W. Crowe on his serious family bereavement, and of congratulation to Bro. Hamon le Strange on his installation as Prov. G.M. of Norfolk and to Bro. Sir Francis Boileau on his installation as Superintendent of the same province. The exhibits were of unusual interest. An old hand embroidered on satin apron, bearing, besides the symbols usually occurring, the distinctive feature of the Mark Degree on the flap, with the name of S. Osborne, No. 1, under the flap, gave rise to some discussion, the Secretary venturing the guess that it dated from last century and that the No. 1 referred probably to No. 1 Cork. Bro. General Terry exhibited and presented to the lodge a vile and scandalous libel on the "Irish Freemasons and their Continental Brothers," with sensational pictures, the work of some contemptible Roman Catholic enemy of the Order. Bro. G. W. Pavitt exhibited and also presented to the lodge a copy, in splendid preservation, of the somewhat rare skit on the Craft, the engraving known generally as "Molly," but entitled "The Freemasons Surprized, a true History from a Canterbury Lodge." The thanks of the lodge were tendered to Bros. Terry and Pavitt. The W.M. addressed the lodge in eloquent and feeling terms on the recent death of their Past Master, Bro. Professor T. Hayter Lewis, giving details of his remarkable professional career, and bearing just testimony to the sweetness of his disposition, charm of manner, and extensive learning. The Secretary made a report of his visit, as delegate of the lodge, to Antwerp on the 20th November last, accompanied by Bro. the Rev. C. E. L. Wright, on the occasion of the memorial meeting which the combined four lodges of that city hold every seven years in honour of those of their brethren who have passed to the Grand Lodge above during the interval. His description of the ceremony, at which over 500 brethren attended, including the Grand Masters of Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg, evoked much interest, and the special honour rendered to the representatives of the lodge, as well as the great kindness shown to them in every way, was highly appreciated, the Secretary being ordered to officially convey the thanks of the lodge to the Master presiding over the Antwerp lodges on that occasion. Bro. G. W. Speth then read a long paper on the remarkable history of the English lodge at Bordeaux, founded in 1732, whose last number on the English lodge lists was 204—the only surviving lodge in France of English origin—and which still bears as part of its title the last number, 204, accorded to it by our Grand Lodge. The origin of the paper was the discovery by Bro. Gordon Hills among his family papers of letters and other documents from the lodge to its London representative, Baron J. Talbot Dillon, revealing a most important part of the history of the lodge, which had hitherto been unknown to Masonic students. Owing to the lateness of the hour, no discussion followed, as is usual in the lodge when a paper is read, and, even had time permitted, it is difficult to see how a discussion could have arisen, as the writer refrained from all theorising, contenting himself with eliciting the facts as contained in the voluminous documentary evidence lately made accessible. The usual vote of thanks was heartily accorded the reader, and the brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

CROWN AND ANCHOR HOTEL,

LONG DITTON, SURREY.
Half-way House—London to Ripley.

Main Portsmouth Road (almost adjoining the River); Seven Minutes from Hampton Court; less than One Mile from Surbiton Station; One Mile and a Half from Sandown Park.

LUNCHEONS, DINNERS AND TEAS PROVIDED
(Large Club Room, Piano, &c.)

EVERY ACCOMMODATION FOR CYCLISTS.
(Good Stabling, Lock-up Coach-houses.)
BILLIARD SALOON. BOWLING GREEN.

Bro. FREDERICK WILLIAM WOOD, PROPRIETOR.

THE SHIP AND TURTLE (PAINTERS), LTD.

Best and oldest house in London for recherché Masonic Banquets, Private Parties, and Dinners.
ASSEMBLY ROOMS FOR COMPANIES, &c.

OUR TURTLE "THE ELIXIR OF LIFE,"
Vide faculty.

Purveyors to H.R.H. Prince of Wales, H.I.M. Emperor of Russia, Dukes of Saxe Gotha, Connaught, Cambridge, and most of Crowned Heads of Europe.

Manager, Bro. C. J. GARDNER.

CANNON STREET HOTEL,

CANNON STREET, E.C.

RITTER & PUZEY, PROPRIETORS.

SPACIOUS AND COMMODIOUS ROOMS

FOR LARGE OR SMALL

MASONIC LODGES,

AND
BANQUETS,

MEETINGS, AUCTIONS, BALLS, CONCERTS, ARBITRATIONS, CINDERELLAS, ETC.

W. G. FENELEY, MANAGER.

MAYO'S CASTLE HOTEL,

EAST MOLESEY, HAMPTON COURT STATION.

BRO. JOHN MAYO. MASONIC TEMPLE.

Accommodation in the new wing for Banquets for any number up to 120. Every convenience for Ladies' Gatherings. Spacious landing to river, whence Steam Launches can start. Five Lodges meet here, and reference may be made to the respective Masters as to the catering, &c.

TOWER BRIDGE HOTEL,

TOOLEY STREET, S.E.

PROPRIETOR: C. J. BROWN.

Within five minutes L. B. and S. C. Railway, and S. E. Railway (London Bridge); 10 minutes from Liverpool-street and Broad-street Stations.

SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR MASONIC LODGES AND CHAPTERS. LARGE BANQUETING HALL.

All up to date, and latest improvements. Acknowledged by the Press to be the finest Masonic Hall in London.
Telephone No. 222 Hop. Inspection invited.

Telephone No. 879, Holborn. Established 1808.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & CO.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

STATIONERS, PRINTERS, LITHOGRAPHERS,
ACCOUNT BOOK MAKERS,

37 & 38, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.

Law Department—10, GRAY'S INN PLACE, W.C.

A HIGH-CLASS WRITING PAPER

"THE PROFESSIONAL NOTE,"

White or Blue Tint, 5 quires 1/6, 1 ream 6/6, 5 reams, 28/6.
SAMPLES SENT POST FREE.

MATTHEWS, DREW, & Co.'s

SPECIALLY SELECTED PENS,

Assorted Sample Box containing 3 dozen (16 varieties)
POST FREE SIXPENCE.

OFFICE STATIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

ANDERTON'S HOTEL & TAVERN

FLEET STREET, LONDON.

F. H. CLEWOW, Proprietor.

In connection with the Peacock Hotel, and Royal Hotel, Boston, Lincolnshire.

The central position of Anderton's is unequalled for Masonic Banquets, Public Dinners, Wedding Breakfasts, Meetings of Creditors, Arbitrations, &c.

The RESTAURANT on Eastern Side of Hotel Entrance is open to the public from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Breakfasts, Luncheons, Teas, and Dinners.

The 2s. Hot Luncheon, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Coffee Room, unequalled.

Registered Address for Telegrams:—

CLEWOW, LONDON.

BREE'S ROYAL HOTEL, JERSEY

Healthiest situation in St. Helier.

20 degrees cooler than the sea front.

BED AND BREAKFAST 5/6 AND 6/-.

FULL BOARD, ROOMS & SERVICE, 8/6 & 9/ per day.

Telegraphic Address—"BRRS, JERSEY."

Published this Day. Price 10s. 6d.

NORTHUMBRIAN MASONRY.

(FROM B.C. TO END OF 1897.)

Being a History of the Craft in the Border Province from the earliest times; showing its identity with, and development from, the Medieval Operative Lodges as they existed throughout Britain.

By JOHN STRACHAN, Q.C.,
GRAND REGISTRAR OF ENGLAND.

(P. Prov. G. Warden and P. Prov. G. Secretary of Northumberland)

Masonic Tradition is herein tested by Contemporary History, and by interesting old Records and Correspondence collected by the Author while in the North, and now published for the first time, including the Masonic portion of the famous "Delaval Papers," Minutes of extinct Lodges, &c. There are also in the Appendix, extracts from the Masonic Orations of V.V. Bro. CANON TRISTRAM, F.R.S., Past Grand Chaplain, the Historian of the Holy Land, revised by their Author for this work.

Dedicated, by Special Permission, to H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND, whose Portrait and *fac-simile* Autograph form the frontispieces, beautifully executed by the new *ColloTYPE* process.

London:

GEORGE KENNING, 16 and 16a, GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.

THE SHIP HOTEL,

HALLIFORD-ON-THAMES, SHEPPERTON.

Bro. F. J. THAYRE, Proprietor.

(Many years at the Savoy Hotel).

The above old-established and famous Hostelry is most pleasantly situated on the banks of the Thames at one of its most charming reaches.

There is a large Coffee Room with a grand uninterrupted view.

Superior accommodation for Masonic gatherings, Families, Anglers, &c.

Fish abound in the immediate vicinity of the Hotel, and experienced Fishermen are always available, Billiards, Boating, Punting, Posting, &c.

BRO. EDWARD P. DELEVANTI

will be pleased to undertake

MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MASONIC

BANQUETS, CONSECRATIONS, &c.

(Craft, Arch, Mark, Secret Monitor, &c.)

MASONIC QUARTETTE.

THE COURT PART SINGERS.

Layer Marney, Mount Park, Ealing; or 16 Great Queen Street, W.C.

FISH, POULTRY, GAME, OYSTERS.

JOHN GOW, LIMITED,

17, NEW BROAD STREET, E.C.,

11, HONEY LANE MARKET, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.,

23, LONDON STREET, MARK LANE, E.C.,

93, THEOBALD'S RD., HOLBORN, W.C.,

AND
86, HIGH STREET, PECKHAM, S.E.

JOHN GOW, Limited, always have on sale the Largest Stock in London of the Very Best Quality at Lowest Prices.

BOURNEMOUTH.—RIVIERA

WESTCLIFF.—Mrs. PENDLEBURY, née von Meien, wife of the late Alfred A. Pendlebury, Past Asst. Grand Secretary, is desirous of receiving a few young girls into her family; every educational advantage; daughters very musical; German and French always spoken; Terms moderate.

VALE OF HEALTH HOTEL,

HAMPSTEAD HEATH.

PROPRIETOR - Bro. CHARLES PETERS.

The Hotel now stands on the original site, which is not to be surpassed for the grand view of the surrounding scenery. Considerable alterations have been carried out making the Hotel replete with every comfort for the convenience of Visitors.

SPACIOUS BANQUETING & BILLIARD SALOONS.
CLUB AND CONCERT ROOMS

Suitable for large parties and private Balls.

SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION FOR MASONIC GATHERINGS.

JUST PUBLISHED, PRICE 6s.

MASONIC REPRINTS AND HISTORICAL REVELATIONS

By HENRY SADLER, P.M. & P.Z.,

Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge.

Author of

"Masonic Facts & Fictions," "Thomas Dunckerley," &c.
AND W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., D.C.L.,
Past Senior Grand Deacon, Ireland, &c., &c.

Upwards of 250 pages demy octavo, handsomely bound in cloth gilt, top edges gilt.

GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16a, GREAT QUEEN ST., W.C.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT

INSTITUTION

FOR

AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS
OF FREEMASONS.

GRAND PATRON AND PRESIDENT:

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

TREASURER:

JOHN A. FARNFIELD, Esq.

BANKERS:

LONDON AND WESTMINSTER BANK (Bloomsbury Branch), 214, High Holborn, London, W.C.

Upwards of 1628 Annuitants have received the benefits of the Institution since its foundation in 1842 and 1849. 202 MEN AND 245 WIDOWS are Annuitants at the present time. 30 WIDOWS, in addition, are receiving half their late husband's annuity.

Amount paid Annually in Annuities £16,384
126 Candidates for next Election. Only 23 Vacancies.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

Will be held at

THE FREEMASONS' TAVERN, LONDON, W.C.,
On WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1899,

Under the distinguished Presidency of

THE RT. HON. LORD LLANGATTOCK, R.W. Prov.
G. Master for South Wales (E.D.).

Brethren are earnestly solicited to accept the Stewardship upon this most important occasion, BEING THE JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE WIDOWS' FUND, especially considering that the income during the past year was not sufficient to meet the expenditure, and to kindly forward their names as soon as possible, with full particulars, to

JAMES TERRY (Pat., P.G. Swd. B.),
Secretary,

by whom the same will be gladly received, and who will thankfully acknowledge same.

Office—4, Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

CAMDEN SCHOOL OF ART

AND
SCIENCE CORPORATION,

4, DALMENY AVENUE, CAMDEN ROAD, N.

For Technical and Fine Art Instruction, in connection with the Science and Art Department, South Kensington, and the Technical Education Board of the London County Council.

Director—FRANCIS BLACK, Esq., R.B.A.,
Assisted by duly qualified Teachers of both sexes.

DAY CLASSES.—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,

and Saturday, Ten to Four o'clock.

EVENING CLASSES.—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Seven to Nine o'clock.

TECHNICAL CLASSES for all kinds of Drawing, Painting, Modelling, Design, Art Needlework, Book Illustration, Wood Carving, &c.

SPECIAL CLASSES for Elementary Teachers on above Evenings, and on Saturday Mornings.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE,

19, LOMBARD ST., & 57, CHARING CROSS,

LONDON.—Established 1782.

Lowest Current Rates Assured free of all Liability

Liberal and Prompt Settlements | Electric Lighting Rules supplied

W. C. MACDONALD, { Joint

F. B. MACDONALD, { Secretaries.

WANTED.—An Efficient TYLER

for the Mitcham Masonic Lodge, No. 2384, which meets five times a year; must be strong and active, as the preparation of the hall for lodge purposes necessitates the shifting of the heavy furniture and hanging of curtains. Apply, with particulars as to age, experience, and fee required, to T. A. COMPTON, Secy., The Green, Mitcham.

"VICTORIA—MOTHER OF MASONS,"

By Bro. J. HORNSEY CASSON,
P.P.G.O. Derbyshire.

GEORGE KENNING, 16 and 16a, Great Queen Street,
(opposite Freemasons' Hall), W.C.

FOR SALE.

SET OF TRACING BOARDS ON PANELLED OAK.

Size 6-ft. by 4-ft. Painted in Oils.

Price 30 Guineas.

As painted for Grand Lodge by
GEORGE KENNING & SON, Little Britain, London.

BEFORE YOU BUY YOUR MACHINE FOR 1898,

INSPECT THE "HOLBORN."

Guaranteed to be a First Class Machine at a Moderate Price.

THE HOLBORN CYCLE COMPANY,

39, GREAT QUEEN STREET, HOLBORN.

(Nearly opposite the Freemasons' Hall.)

FREEMASON'S HYMN.—THE MYSTIC TIE. Words and Music composed by

F. J. STRIN. Price 1s. 6d. nett.

GEORGE KENNING, 16 & 16a Great Queen St., W.C.

"THE MASONIC INSTRUCTOR,"
Dedicated, by permission, to

BRO. D. MURRAY LYON.

(A Text Book), with hints for the formation and management of a Lodge of Instruction.

To be had from the publisher, A. LAWRENCE, Dumbarton;

and at GEORGE KENNING & SON'S,
Glasgow, London, Liverpool, and Manchester.
Price in Paper Covers, 6d.; in Cloth, 9d.

TEOFANI'S
HIGH-CLASS
CIGARETTES.

UNEQUALLED FOR QUALITY.

TEOFANI'S CIGARETTES have been awarded Two Gold Medals for Quality and Make, International Tobacco Exhibition, 1895!

TEOFANI'S are sold at the leading Hotels, Restaurants, and Tot accousts throughout the United Kingdom.

A Feature of the Metropolis.

SPIERS & POND'S

CRITERION RESTAURANT,
PICCADILLY CIRCUS,

LONDON, W.

EAST ROOM.

Finest Cuisine, unsurpassed by the most renowned Parisian Restaurants, Luncheons, Dinners and Suppers à la carte and prix fixe. Viennese Band.

GRAND HALL.

Musical Dinner 3s. 6d. per head. Accompanied by the Imperial Austrian Band.

WEST ROOM.

Academy Luncheon 2s. 6d., Diner Parisien 5s.

BUFFET & GRILL ROOM.

Quick service à la carte and moderate prices. Joins in each room fresh from the Spit every half-hour.

AMERICAN BAR.

Service of special American Dishes, Grills, &c.

Splendid Suites of Rooms for Military and other Dinners.



Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1899.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been graciously pleased to accept the copy of "Northumbrian Masonry and the Development of the Craft in England," which the author, Bro. John Strachan, Q.C., Grand Registrar, had forwarded for presentation to his Royal Highness, and which, by special permission, was dedicated to him as M.W. Grand Master.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Durrant, J.P. The Secretary reported the deaths of two widow annuitants, and the Warden's Report, as well as that of the Finance Committee, were submitted. The petitions of 13 candidates—eight men and five widows—were then taken into consideration with the result that all were accepted and the names ordered to be placed on the lists for the elections in May next. As no further additions can now be made to these lists, it will be as well if we announce that, as matters stand at the present time, the candidates for the next election are 126 in number, of whom 56 are men and 70 widows, while the vacancies to be filled—irrespective of the three deferred on each Fund—are 12 on the Male and 12 on the Widows' Fund.

From these figures it is too manifest that it will be possible to make provision for only about one-fourth of the total number of candidates, and that, as for several years past, there will be a very formidable number of aged and indigent brethren and widows of brethren who, for lack of room, will have to remain out in the cold for at least another twelvemonth from May next. We wish there was some way of reducing this number, but the demands upon the resources of the Institution have been so heavy during the last 20 or 25 years, owing to the successive augmentations of the numbers of brethren and widows in receipt of annuities, that for the present, at all events, it will be impossible to increase the establishment. In fact, for some time to come, we fear it will be as much as the Charity will be able to do to pay its way without trenching upon capital.

On Saturday, the 11th February, a further addition will be made to the roll of lodges in the Province of Hertfordshire, and the number, which has remained at 23 ever since 1894, when the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge, No. 2518, was consecrated at Hoddesdon, will, henceforth, be 23. The new lodge will be known as the Grove Park Lodge, No. 2732, and will be consecrated by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G. Master, assisted by his Prov. G. Officers, at the Hall, Bushey, on the date mentioned. The W.M. designate is Bro. T. J. Mercer.

The Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1984, had its annual supper on Monday, the 9th instant. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., and Past G. Warden and Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Province, rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation in the presence of between 60 and 70 brethren, among whom were the Prov. G. Master—Bro. T. F. Halsey, P.M.—and Bro. Charles Bullock, Prov. G. Secretary. At the supper which followed, the chair was taken by Bro. Rev. O. C. Cockrem, D.D., Past Prov. G. Chaplain, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to find the Earl of Clarendon Lodge of Instruction fulfilling its duties so satisfactorily. The after-supper proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing. Indeed, the evening from first to last was a success.

We have received our usual copy of the Transactions of the Prov. G. Lodge and Prov. G. Chapter of Durham for the year 1898, and there can be no question as to their forming a most creditable record and one of which any Province would have every reason to be proud. The annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge—we reported it at the time in our columns—was held at Barnard Castle, on the 27th September, under the presidency of the R.W. Prov. G. Master—Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. The several reports then presented showed that Freemasonry had greatly prospered during the previous 12 months, there being, according to the Prov. G. Treasurer's Statement of Account, a balance of upwards of £350 in the National Provincial Bank at the close of the said account. The Fund Committee reported grants to the Provincial and Central Charities amounting to 270 guineas (£283 10s.), and of donations to three widows of sum together reaching £70, while the number of subscribing members on the several lodge rolls was returned as 3092. All these circumstances were carefully noted in his address by the Prov. G. Master, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to receive such excellent accounts of the year's proceedings.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Thursday, the 5th

inst., when the following brethren were elected officers, namely, the Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. G. Master of Staffordshire, President of the Board; Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., Prov. G. Master Shropshire, Vice-President; Bro. James Stephens, Past D.G.D. of Ceremonies, Acting Vice-President; Bro. Robert Colsell, Hon. Treasurer; and Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, as usual, Hon. Secretary.

Among the items of news it was our privilege to record last week none could have been more interesting than the brief account of the initiation into the mysteries of the First Degree of the Earl of Ronaldshay, eldest son and heir of Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, who has presided over the fortunes of the Craft in North and East Yorkshire as Prov. G. Master since January, 1874. The ceremony, which took place in the Lennox Lodge, No. 123, Richmond, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., was performed by Bro. M. C. Peck, Past G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Secretary, in the presence of a small muster of officers and members, among whom were the Prov. G. Master and his Deputy, Bro. Lord Bolton, Past G. Warden, who have both been members of the lodge for some years, and Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.G.S.B. Eng., Past Prov. G.W., the Provincial Charity Representative, who, with Bro. Peck, was among the visitors. Everything passed off well and when the charge had been delivered, the Prov. Grand Secretary congratulated the lodge on having had so distinguished a personage placed on its roll of members.

The event is of far greater importance than usual, the Dundas family having been for so many years connected with English Freemasonry, while its most prominent members have been among the foremost officers of Grand Lodge for the greater part of the present century. Thomas Dundas, second baronet and first Lord Dundas—peerage created in 1794—was appointed Dep. G. Master of England ("Moderns") in 1813 in succession to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, and retained office in United Grand Lodge until his death in 1820. His son and successor, Lawrence, Lord Dundas, after serving as Dep. G. Master in 1821-2, and for a second term from 1824 to 1833, was appointed Pro Grand Master in the latter year. In 1838, at the Queen's coronation, he was advanced to an earldom by the style and title of the Earl of Zetland. Dying the following year, he was succeeded by his son, Thomas, second Earl, who was appointed Dep. G. Master from 1839 to 1840, and in the latter year, on the death of the Earl of Durham, was chosen to be that nobleman's successor in the office of Pro G. Master.

On the death of the Duke of Sussex, in 1843, the Earl of Zetland, the Pro Grand Master, continued to preside over United G. Lodge until the next regular period for election came round, when he was chosen the M.W.G.M., and so remained until, in 1869, old age and failing health compelled him to retire, one of the latest of his acts as G.M. being that of installing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W. Past G. Master of United G. Lodge. His lordship died in 1873, and was succeeded by his nephew, Lawrence, third Earl and first Marquis of Zetland, who, in 1874, was appointed Prov. G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, in succession to his deceased uncle, and still retains the office. It may not be out of place to add that when, in 1817, the Province of Yorkshire was divided into the two Provinces of North and East Yorkshire and West Yorkshire, the former was placed under the charge of the Hon. Lawrence Dundas, afterwards second Lord Dundas and first Earl of Zetland, and on his death, in 1830, the office was conferred upon his successor. Thus the Province has throughout its existence been presided over by a Dundas.

From a printed statement we have received from Buenos Ayres, it appears that under the District G. Lodge of the Argentine Republic, of which Bro. C. Trevor Mold is the District Grand Master, there are seven lodges, the senior of which is Excelsior Lodge, No. 617, Buenos Ayres, which was warranted in 1853, and is, therefore, well on its way to celebrate its jubilee. The next in order of seniority is Star of the South Lodge, No. 1025, Buenos Ayres, which dates from 1864; and then Light of the South, No. 1553, Rosario, of the year 1875; Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1740, Cordoba; the Victoria, No. 2329, Buenos Ayres, warranted 1869; the Quilmes Lodge, No. 2459, Quilmes, in 1893; and the St. John's Lodge, No. 2517, Lomas de Zamora, in 1874. The members of the District G. Lodge are 79 in number, including the District Grand Master.

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.

INSTALLATION MEETING OF INHABITANTS LODGE, No. 153 (E.C.), GIBRALTAR.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Not hearing much from this corner of the globe, I trust I am not taking you by surprise, and imagining that none of the abler pens will find time to narrate this I took it up and here it is. It is a short narrative of our installation meeting on January 2nd, which will remain a red letter-day in the annals and history of the Inhabitants Lodge, No. 153 (E.C.), founded in 1777.

It is a thorough working and up-to-date lodge, and without any disrespect to other local lodges, I can safely say that for the good work carried out and its able working members, we can hold our own, and I venture to say that many Masons will bear out this statement; numerically we hold a record (for Gibraltar), and also financially, the quarterly cash account which was read on the 2nd January, 1899, corroborating my statement.

But, to return to the installation; the whole arrangements were vested in a Committee of nine, to whom an amount of praise can be given, those deserving of special mention being W. Bros. J. Cunningham, P.M.; A. J. Weir, P.M.; E. Stock, I.P.M.; A. Betenson, W.M. elect; and Bro. Robinson; also Bros. Bennett and Slack, who, although not forming part of the Committee, most gladly helped and their assistance was most welcome. Bro. Davies (S.C.) also deserves notice for his voluntary services, and last, but not least, our caterer, Bro. Montegriffo, whose name is too well known in this locality to require any mention, for the able manner in which he brought everything to a successful conclusion.

The installation over, we proceeded to the all-that-could-be-wished-for Hall, next door to the lodge, where an excellent repast was awaiting us, and by the justice done, it must have been well appreciated by the 117 who sat down.

Among our visitors the R.W.D.G.M. (J. T. Harrison), with the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar were most prominent, also representatives from the other local lodges (115 and 278 (E.C.), 578 and 670 (S.C.), and 325 (I.C.) honoured us with their attendance, which went far to bring that success which we attained.

The usual toasts, as per list, were rendered in thorough Masonic style.

W. Bro. Stamborough, W.M., of 278 (E.C.); W. Bro. Gibson, P.M. (S.C.); and W. Bro. J. Discombe, P.M., P.D.G.S. (E.C.), gave some stirring speeches on the qualities required of a good Mason and Masonry in general.

An incident which caused great gratification among all present was the announcement by the Dist. Grand Master that he had a magnificent jewel suitably inscribed for our able and hardworking W. Bro. Secretary, J. Cunningham P.M. It was presented on behalf of our I.P.M., W. Bro. E. Stock, in recognition of the Secretary's excellent services during W. Bro. Stock's year of office, needless to say, that this jewel was well earned, and may its wearer live many years to wear it is the motto of all Masons who have known our Secretary.

The time getting short, and as every good thing has an end, so did our banquet come to a happy conclusion at exactly 3 a.m., with the singing of the National Anthem, everyone straining his lungs to their utmost.

In conclusion, dear Editor, allow me to offer you a happy and prosperous New Year on behalf of Gibraltar Masons, trusting that God may grant you all that your heart desires.—I remain, yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. TANTI.

Lloyd's Signal Station, Gibraltar,
January 4th.

"A THREE CENTURY OLD SCOTTISH MASONIC DOCUMENT."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In an interesting paper in the *Freemason* of December 17th, by Mr. Murray Lyon, on a "Three Century Old Scottish Masonic Document," the author is led quite naturally to state his own views on the bearing of this document on the famous question of the ancient position of the Mother Lodge of Scotland. Though entirely disagreeing with the conclusions stated by Mr. Murray Lyon in his remarks on William Schaw's Statutes of 1599, I do not wish to controvert them at present. But he goes beyond this document, and, one would say, very unnecessarily, almost, indeed, in opposition to his own expressed desire, proceeds to fortify what he regards as Schaw's position by arguments against the ancient priority of Mother Kilwinning from other sources, and I beg that, in the interests of truth and justice on this truly important historical question, you will give me space for the following criticisms:

Mr. Murray Lyon writes: "Its (Mother Kilwinning's) appropriation in 1643 of the title of the Ancient Lodge of Scotland may naturally be held as a claim of priority of existence, but the ground upon which it was based is not shown." Now, the inference from this is that Mother Kilwinning's claim is not to be admitted, because no proof of it is given. Is this logical? Would any one for a moment say that because an office bearer of Grand Lodge simply states that he is, say, Grand Senior Warden, his claim is to be set aside? Surely not. But this is just what Mother Lodge in 1643 did. In her records of that year she simply, without any preface or explanation, as if it were the proper thing to do, states that she is the Ancient Lodge of Scotland, and passes on to enter the business of the meeting. The fact is that Mother Kilwinning, in making this claim without stating "the ground upon which it was based," indicates that there was no need for her advancing any proof; that her position was admitted; a conclusion to which we seem naturally to arrive when we remember the conduct of Canongate Lodge, Edinburgh, in 1577, when she sought a charter not from the Lodge of Edinburgh, which was at its door, but from far distant Kilwinning. This claim, indeed, on the part of the Mother Lodge has ever been regarded as of the utmost importance, and hence the dastardly attempt to obliterate the word "ancient" from the records, a fact which Mr. Murray Lyon himself detected and exposed.

Mr. Murray Lyon also states: "In its earliest minutes Kilwinning is represented as holding its meetings in 'an upper chamber' of a private dwelling house, instead of in the parish church, as directed by the Warden General." There is no reason given why this statement is made, but, apparently, it is meant to show either that Mother Kilwinning was contumacious or poor or both. Very readily I admit both inferences. Mother Kilwinning was poor, and she was disobedient to the orders of William Schaw. But it is no crime to be poor, and however poor, she expected and required what she believed to be justice, and when as she evidently believed that the Warden-General was doing her wrong, she resented his conduct. And the Freemasons of the time approved of what she did, and declared against what the Warden-General regarded as "neidful and expedient,"

as the conduct of the Lodge of Perth in 1658 and of Canongate Lodge, Edinburgh, in 1677, most distinctly shows.

I must crave your indulgence to notice another statement in the article, viz., "It has been asserted that the position of Kilwinning as the ancient lodge of Scotland was recognised by Grand Lodge in 1808. . . . Grand Lodge made no such admission." The italics are Mr. Murray Lyon's. Now, I venture to say that this is mere quibbling, and unworthy of being used in an argument so interesting and important. It is true that Grand Lodge in 1808 did not do this in so many words, but *ipso facto* it did so when it put down the Lodge of Kilwinning and put Mother Lodge in its place. If not, what did it do? Besides, Sir John Stuart, one of the members of the Committee to which Grand Lodge entrusted the investigation of Mother Kilwinning, claims emphatically and asserts in a letter to one of the officials of Mary's Chapel that the Grand Lodge did "assent to what every one of us, Mary's Chapel and others, that the Kilwinning is the most ancient in Scotland, notwithstanding that Mary's Chapel shows the oldest written records." Not only so, but Grand Lodge of 1737 makes this statement, even while placing Mary's Chapel before Kilwinning—"It was generally considered that Kilwinning was the birthplace of Scottish Masonry."

In view of such facts, I submit that it is not worthy of a brother so distinguished as Bro. Murray Lyon to assert that Grand Lodge of Scotland of 1808 made no such admission as that Kilwinning is the ancient lodge of Scotland. By its deeds and by its representations it emphatically did so.—Yours fraternally,

WM. LEE KER,
Chaplain Mother Kilwinning.

The Manse, Kilwinning, N.B.,
January 6th.

MASONIC IMPOSTORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Again I have to caution Masonic Almoners against being imposed upon. On 29th December last, at the Ashton-under-Lyne Borough Police Court, Joseph Lomax Bullock was convicted of obtaining relief from the Masonic Almoner, under false pretences, in the name of Frank Bradley, Commercial Lodge, No. 411, Nottingham, and sentenced to one month's hard labour. This is the third case of a similar conviction at the same Court during the last four months.

Another case of imposition I have just ascertained is that of an individual giving the name of Samuel Young, claiming to be a member of Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull. The Secretary writes me that they have no such name on their books.—Yours fraternally,

JAS. NEWTON,
Prov. G. Sec. East Lancashire.

23, Silverwell-street, Bolton,
January 10th.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to your editorial note in the *Freemason* of the 7th inst., in regard to the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, I fear there is a misunderstanding somewhere or other.

To explain, when I wrote to the District Grand Secretary of Canterbury, acknowledging receipt of kind donation to my Steward's List, as representative of Australasia, at the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, my suggestion was that I might be permitted to hold the proxy for the vote accruing from such donation, to accumulate same from year to year, and place the accumulated votes to the credit of an Australasian candidate, whenever there should happen to be one.

It will, therefore, be gathered that the suggestion has unaccountably been mixed up with a matter quite foreign to the Boys' School elections.

I have not as yet heard from the District Grand Secretary of Canterbury, nor have I seen a copy of the October Quarterly Communication referred to in your note.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

January 7th.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO POOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

The subscriptions already received by me have been sufficient to pay for the banquet at Guildhall, for 4020 hampers to be sent to poor crippled children in the metropolis, and to leave a balance of about £25. But I am appealed to to send out 300 more hampers, and I shall send them out this week. This will leave a deficiency of £35, about.

These 300 poor little ones have been led to believe that hampers would be sent to them.

Perhaps some of your readers will help me to make up the deficiency now, so that next year we may start clear and send out 5000 hampers.—Yours fraternally,

W. P. TRELOAR,
Alderman.

Ludgate-hill, London, E.C.,
January 12th.

Craft Masonry.

Derwent Lodge, No. 40.

On Monday, the 9th inst., the above lodge held its installation meeting at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, when Bro. C. E. Botley, P.M. 1996, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly installed by Bro. H. Boyce, W.M., the ceremony being performed in a most able and impressive manner, and quite in keeping with the high tone and ability which have marked the Mastership of Bro. Boyce during his year of office. A large muster of the brethren of the lodge, as well as a goodly number of visitors, were present to do honour to the retiring W.M. and to congratulate and heartily greet the newly-installed W.M. The presentation of a beautiful Past Master's jewel to Bro. Boyce, I.P.M., was made on behalf of the lodge by the W.M., who spoke in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which the duties of the lodge had been performed during the past year, and expressed the high appreciation of the brethren on his year's work. Bro. Boyce suitably and feelingly responded, and thanked the brethren generally, and his officers in particular, for the hearty support accorded him during the year.

The banquet which followed was attended by 65 brethren, and was served in the usual admirable style giving entire satisfaction to all present.

The musical arrangements, being in the hands of Bro. Baker Guy, J.W., assisted by Bros. Russell Hocking and Val Marriott, were admirably carried out, while Mr. H. Botley, A.R.C.M.—at the piano—delighted his hearers with his rendering of some most difficult music.

Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59.

This ancient lodge held its installation meeting on Monday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Daniel Mayer, W.M. The brethren who also attended were Bros. H. Adlam, S.W.; W. H. Lance, J.W.; A. G. Beale, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec.; Henry A. Tobias, S.D.; W. J. Abbott, J.D.; H. Claridge, I.G.; H. Coxen, M.C.; Albert S. Berenberg, P.M.; J. Duncan, P.M.; W. W. Cook, P.M.; G. W. Fry, P.M.; M. Relph; S. O. Evendsen, R. C. Ralph, W. Melville, W. H. M. Flint, E. Apelt, Charles Innes-Parker, James F. C. Bell, J. A. Barker, M. Spiegel, W. T. Woodrow, C. Grien, P.M.; B. Morgan, Edwin C. Crouch, W. Hurst Flint, W. W. Clarke, H. B. Gold, C. Innes-Gaillis, O. Russell, and E. Mallett, P.M., Tyler. There was also a grand array of visitors present, the list comprising the names of Bros. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br.; A. A. Oakden, P.M. 1110 and 2434; E. R. Cleaton, J.W. 2077; Frederick Broadbridge, 1380; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. W. Reynolds, P.M. 2109; J. J. Thomas, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Warden Dennis, P.M. and P.Z. 2108; James Bird, 2256; Francis Thomas, W.M. 706; C. W. Long, P.M. 2256; R. E. F. Lander, P.M. 2056, P.P.G.D. Herts; H. H. Bainske, 706; George Roberts, W.M. 2348; Robert E. H. Goffin, P.M. 1572, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; R. H. Nichols, 180; Ferdinand Hess, S.D. 90; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; A. G. Seewin, P.M. 1069; Will Sparks, 2705; W. H. Burt, W.M. 916; B. Free, 1706; Claude B. Lumley, S.W. 2323; Charles Wells, 2323; Charles J. Pitcher, P.M. 1216; F. Deutsch, 2108; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Wilhelm Ganz, 4, P.G.O.; W. Bishop, P.M. 1677; Arthur Parker, 1347; Herbert C. Arthur, 2243; Isaac Goldstein, 2108; Tom Cookes, P.M. 1347; Robert R. Banks, 1347; Hermann Klein, P.M. 2108; J. M. McLeod, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.B.; G. A. Parker, 1366; E. Cremieu Java, W.A.; W. Douglas Powell, 1920; and W. J. Fawke, W.A.

Bro. Daniel Mayer, W.M., who carried up a list of over £1200 to the Centenary Festival of the Boys' School, and who since the commencement of his membership of the Royal Naval Lodge has contributed enormously to the present prosperity of the lodge, having been elected for the second year in succession Worshipful Master, was presented to Bro. Stimpson, the oldest Past Master of lodge, and its Secretary, for installation. Bro. Mayer having vacated the chair of K.S. in his favour, and Bro. Mayer was duly installed again as Master. Bro. Albert S. Berenberg, P.M., was for the second time invested as I.P.M. The remaining officers were Bros. William H. Lance, S.W.; Henry A. Tobias, P.M., J.W.; Arthur G. Beale, P.M., Treas.; Robert H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec.; William B. Abbott, P.M., S.D.; Harold Coxen, J.D.; Michael P. Relph, I.G.; Charles J. Baillie, D.C.; James Duncan, P.M., and Cecil G. Lindo, Stewards; William Adlington, Org.; and Edward Mallett, P.M., Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony, some other interesting events took place. Bro. Stimpson presented Bro. Mayer with a handsome Past Master's jewel. In acknowledging the gift, Bro. Mayer said: Brethren, I thank you sincerely for the high honour you have conferred on me in placing this beautiful jewel on my collar. I shall view it with great pleasure, because you all know how I love the Royal Naval Lodge. Following this, another presentation was made, in performing which office, Bro. Daniel Mayer, W.M., said: It now devolves upon me to perform a duty which is at once a privilege and a delight; it is to present an illuminated address and a piece of plate to our beloved Secretary, Bro. Past Master Stimpson. He has worked for a period of over 10 years for this lodge as Secretary with an earnestness and love of his duty which have not only made him beloved and endeared to every member, but, I may say, has marked him as the mainstay and prop of the lodge. He has done his duties not only in an efficient manner, but absolutely as entirely honorary, and as honorary Secretary we felt we owed him a deep debt of gratitude, and we desired to-night to present him with this address and this piece of plate to show our appreciation of his services, and also to give him a practical proof of our love for and our devotion to him. We now ask him to accept, and I will ask our Treasurer to read the address and the inscription on the silver salver. Bro. A. G. Beale, P.M., Treas., then read the following:

"Founded 1738.

"Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59.

"At the Regular Meeting of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, Held at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Dec. 12th, 1898, It was proposed by Brother A. G. Beale, P.M., Treasurer, seconded by Brother A. S. Berenberg, I.P.M., and carried unanimously—That a piece of plate, with an illuminated address, be presented at the Installation Meeting on January 9th, 1899, to Brother Robert Henry Stimpson, P.M., as a slight recognition of his services as Secretary to the Lodge for 10 years, and as a token of the esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge.

(Signed) "DANIEL MAYER, W.M.,
"HARRY ADLAM, S.W.,
"W. H. LANCE, J.W."

The inscription on the silver salver (which weighed 72 ozs.) was "Presented to Brother Robert Henry Stimpson, P.M., by the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, on the 9th January, 1899."

Bro. R. H. Stimpson, P.M., Sec., in acknowledging the gifts, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—Words fail me to express my most sincere thanks for the very handsome present you have made in acknowledgment of any services I may have performed to the lodge, but yet I fully recognise the kind feeling that has prompted the presentation. I assure you my services are a pleasure to me whatever I do for the lodge. All this that you have presented to me will be ever considered by me with kind feeling. I shall value these sincerely, and I hope that those who succeed me, when the Great Architect has removed me, will also value them for the kindly feeling you have entertained towards me in the Royal Naval Lodge. (Applause.)

This concluded the business of the evening, and after the lodge was closed, an elegant banquet was partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant.

A beautiful selection of instrumental music was performed during dinner by the Dulcken Trio (Madam Dulcken, piano; Miss Louise Nanney, violin; and Miss May Mukle, cello). The music between the speeches, which were delivered after dinner, was under the direction of Bros. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., and Hermann Klein, the performers being Mr. Henry Stockwell, Mr. Reginald Davidson, and Mlle. Aurelia Révy.

Bro. A. S. Berenberg, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," said it was rather a difficult thing to propose the same toast two years in succession. Last year he told the brethren what little he knew about the W.M. But to-night the brethren knew as much as he did of Bro. Mayer, and they knew moreover the great idea he had of charity, so he would leave that alone. But he thought after what Bro. Mayer had done for the lodge, the honour they had conferred upon him by electing him for the second time in succession as W.M. was due to him. The lodge had been founded 160 years. Some few years ago Bro. Mayer was a joining member, but very soon by dint of hard work, perseverance, and strict application to the duties of Masonry, he caused the present high position of the lodge, which all good Masons were anxious their lodges should attain to. In a lodge of this description it was a high honour to be Master for the second time. As far as they could trace for 70 or 80 years ago no person had filled the position of Master of the lodge two years successively except their late lamented Treasurer, Stephen Barton Wilson. The brethren who heard the financial statement this evening and that of five or six years ago would see the difference, and that difference was owing, he believed, to the great influence the W.M. had brought to bear on the lodge. It was now full up, that was, it had 40 members. At the present time five or six gentlemen were anxious to become Masons, and they would not do so unless in this lodge; they were quite willing to pay double fees to belong to this ancient and honourable lodge. The brethren saw the handsome present Bro. Mayer that evening made of the working tools; it was the second present he had made the lodge, the former being a handsome banner. All this went to show that it was as much an honour to have a Master like Bro. Mayer as it was to be Master of a lodge like the Royal Naval. (Cheers.)

Bro. Daniel Mayer, W.M., in reply, said it was with a sincere feeling of thankfulness for the extreme kindness the brethren had shown him that he rose to acknowledge the far too flattering words of the I.P.M., and the brethren for electing him for the second time as Master. He felt it a very great honour when he was first elected, but he did not fully realise the honour then. He found it out now, and he was extremely grateful. He did not think he deserved it. What he had done for the lodge he had done out of love for the lodge which received him so cordially; he liked old things, and he liked to support them. He found the lodge worthy of support, and of the sincere regard and love he had for it. What he had done for Charity he did not think ought to be so much praised. It was a great event last year, and he gave his quota. What he could do for the lodge he should do with very great pleasure and delight. The brethren when the toast was drunk gave a cheer for his wife, and he thanked them for it. His wife was as good a Mason as any one. She never kept him away from the lodge. She and his children were Vice-Patrons of the Boys' School as well as himself.

Bro. Mayer, W.M., next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," who was not only senior P.M. and Secretary, but also their true brother and friend, always ready to help young Masons, instruct, and advise them. Whatever he (Bro. Mayer) knew of the ceremonies, whatever work he had done, was entirely due to Bro. Stimpson, who was his mentor and instructor.

Bro. Stimpson, replying, said that in installing Bro. Mayer he had done as he did last year a good thing for the lodge. The benefits to the lodge would be as great as they had been during the past year. It was rather a unique thing for a P.M. to have twice to instal the same W.M., but it had fallen to his lot to do so; it fell to his lot last year, and it had fallen to his lot this year. Bro. Mayer was a good and worthy Mason and he (Bro. Stimpson) wished him the same prosperity in the coming year as he had in the past. All the members of the lodge knew it had been one of the most prosperous years the lodge had ever experienced; not only had it increased in numbers, but they had brought themselves prominently before the Masonic world, and in a good cause. He was sure the brethren would support the W.M. this year as they did last year. He thanked the brethren again for the present they had made him in lodge.

Bro. Mayer, W.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said it was his intention to go up this year as Steward for the Girls' School. He hoped that the brethren would support him to the best of their ability so that the list of the Royal Naval Lodge might not be the smallest. The Girls' School did excellent work. Each Institution in its own way did all it could for the furtherance of charity for the deserving in its ranks. The brethren liked Masonry because it led to pleasant social gathering; but after all Masonry was constituted for the help of others, and Masons gave an inward pleasure to themselves by helping others.

Bros. Hedges and McLeod responded.

Bro. Stimpson announced that he had collected in the room £236 5s. towards the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School.

The other toasts followed.

Virtue and Honour Lodge, No. 494.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Axminster, on Tuesday, the 10th instant. There were present: Bros. Harvey, W.M.; Heal, I.P.M.; Bucknole, S.W.; H. Imber Parsons, J.W.; Rev. A. Newman, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; G. R. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Reece, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Macbraig, S.D.; Ramsay, J.D.; E. Snell, I.G.; Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Morrish and A. Stevens, Stwds.; Jefferd, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Mitchell, P.M. 847; Paul, P.M.; Reynolds, P.M.; Langrau, P.M.; Southwood, P.M.; W. H. Pinney, P.M.; Catford, P.M.; Forward, P.M.; C. Snell, W. B. Parsons, J. Madge, J. Gage, H. H. Seecombe, Rev. A. Ball, J. Wade, Tyler; A. G. Griffiths, S.D. 847; R. Powning, 1066; E. W. Hellier, P.M. 847; A. James, 847; G. Bailey Tom, I.P.M. 1953; C. Turner, W.M. 847; and J. E. Symes, W.M. 1053. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. S. Bucknole, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. G. R. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Harvey, I.P.M.; H. Imber Parsons, S.W.; J. Macbraig, J.W.; Rev. A. Newman, P.M., P.P.G. Chap.; Chap.; J. R. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. P. Reece, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. Ramsay, S.D.; E. Snell, J.D.; A. Paul, P.M., D.C.; G. Morrish, I.G.; T. N. Webber, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; A. Stevens and W. E. Pitfield Chappel, Stwds.; and J. Wade, Tyler. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read. The following sums were voted from the Lodge Charity box: Two guineas to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, one guinea to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, one guinea to the Devon Widows' Fund; half a guinea to "Our Brother's Bed," in the National Free Home for the Dying. The sum of two guineas was voted to the Kitchener Fund to establish a "Gordon Memorial College," and one guinea to the Axminster Cottage Hospital.

A banquet was held at Bro. Moass' New Commercial Hotel, which was presided over by the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, interspersed with songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, on Monday, the 9th inst. There were present Bros. T. W. Liddington, W.M.; Richd. Steel, I.P.M.; Henry Wood, S.W., W.M. elect.; Dr. F. Lawrence, P.A.G.D.C., P.M., Treas.; Edwd. Wavell, P.M., Sec.; D. Heath, S.D.; G. G. Hiscocks, J.D.; W. S. Fincham, I.G.; H. Bowhill and E. White, Stwds.; F. L. Lunnon, Org.; Geo. Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., founder and father of the lodge; H. Clark, P.M.; H. Pryce, P.M., Major T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Patrick, Tyler; Jas. Musk, J. W. Blaydes, H. Creswick, W. D. Portch, T. Morris, A. Barrett, G. E. King, W. C. Miller, H. E. Julian Challis, Albert Flint, A. Stephens, C. Wilkinson, F. Austin, T. C. Oates, J. N. Rhodes, J. W. Press, G. F. Wilshire, A. J. Cardell, Loftus, H. Canton, and G. N. Callingham. Visitors: Bros. S. Keene, P.M. 865, P.P.G.P. T. Leader, P.M. 805, P.P.G.P.; W. J. Rogerson, P.M. 1435, P.P.G.D. of C. Notts; Prof. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; W. H. Godlen, S.D. 1814; H. Barrett, 281; E. Bolton; T. Leake, J.D. 302; E. Nice, J.D. 1624; Jas. Gawthrop, W.M. 1706; Wm. Schultz, P.M. 1107; Geo. Scott, I.P.M. 889; W. Goode Linsell, Org. 1543; G. A. Keen, W.M. 1599; F. J. Deaton, P.M. 25; D. Strong, 1706; Chas. Ackerman, W. H. Brereton, P.M. 1920; Saml. Noble, 1706; J. N. Hearn, P.M. 1381; Callingham Percy, W.M. 1599; Ernest Taylor, W.M. 1706; J. E. Overed, P.M. 1708; H. Hardwicke, P.M. 343 and 415; W. J. Ferguson, W.M. 177; C. G. Bentfield, 141; Walter Coward, W.M. 2000; T. G. Doughty, W.M. 1287; A. Hutchinson, 1287; F. Burne, 1922; W. H. G. Rudderforth, S.W. 1668; J. W. Newman, 1185; H. Harris, S.D. 1275; and Sutton Shepley, P.M. 1706.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Cursons was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. Hy. Creswick was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. E. Wavell, P.M., Sec. Bro. H. Wood, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. H. Pryce, P.M., acting D.C., to Bro. T. W. Liddington, W.M., the Installing Master. The Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the W.M. elect was obligated as W.M., after which he invested the late W.M. as I.P.M. The investiture of the other officers then took place as follows: Bros. D. Rawlings, S.W. (absent); D. Heath, J.W.; Dr. F. Lawrence, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Wavell, P.M., Sec.; G. G. Hiscocks, S.D.; W. S. Fincham, J.D.; E. White, I.G.; H. Bowhill, D.C.; J. W. Blaydes and Cutbert Wilkinson, Stewards; F. L. Lunnon, Org.; and Patrick, Tyler. The Installing Master gave the three addresses in an impressive manner. The Treasurer proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to the I.P.M. for his valuable services. Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., seconded, and it was carried unanimously. The W.M. thereupon presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. T. W. Liddington, who returned thanks. The Secretary proposed that to guineas should be placed on the list of the W.M., as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, which was adopted, and five guineas were voted to Bro. Hopkins, late Organist.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

A sumptuous banquet was provided in the Victoria Hotel; after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed and received due honour.

The music was furnished by the gentlemen of the choir, Chapel Royal, St. James's, provided at the cost of the W.M.

The W.M., in a few words, gave "The Queen and the Craft"; "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."; "The R.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."

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for the Grand Officers.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." in felicitous terms, it being enthusiastically received. He spoke of the estimable qualities of the W.M., and how devoted he had ever been to the lodge.

In reply, the W.M. reminded the brethren of the fluctuating fortunes of the lodge since its constitution. His personal aim had been in the past, as it would be in the future, to improve the position of the lodge, and be the pioneer of its success. He relied on the loyal support of his officers and brethren.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." He said how much he was indebted to Bro. Liddington for his valuable services, which were always devoted to the interests of the lodge.

The I.P.M. replied, warmly thanking the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He gratefully acknowledged the valuable aid he had received, from the Treasurer, Secretary, and officers while the lodge was under his rule.

"The Visitors" were next proposed by the W.M.

Bro. Ferguson, W.M. 177, first responded. He related, in a humorous manner, his unique experience when, on the occasion of one of his early visits to the Chiswick Lodge, the W.M. and P.Ms. were absent from illness, and it was found he was the only qualified person to take the chair, and he also presided at the banquet table.

Bros. Keen, Scott, Linsell, Bond, and Leader also spoke.

To the toast of "The P.Ms." Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M., replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was then proposed; both officers responding.

"The Officers of the Lodge" was next given.

The S.W. replied on behalf of his colleagues and himself.

The Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. ALDERMAN MABANE, P. PROV. G.W. DURHAM.

We regret to have to record the death of Bro. Alderman Thomas Grieves Mabane, J.P., which took place at his residence in Salisbury-place, South Shields, about 10 p.m. on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. After a few days' holiday at Harrogate, Alderman Mabane returned home. He was not enjoying good health, and, becoming worse, sent for his medical attendant, Dr. Dalziel, who found him suffering from an attack of pleurisy. On Sunday he showed some improvement, but on Monday pneumonia set in and developed rapidly, his condition in a short time becoming very serious. On Tuesday afternoon he revived slightly, but in the evening became worse, and gradually sank, death taking place at the hour mentioned. Our late brother was one of the best known and most popular men in South Shields. He was of a most energetic nature, and took an active interest in the work of all sorts of public and semi-public bodies. His profession was that of a solicitor, in which he had practised successfully since 1866. Till a couple of years ago he was frequently engaged in police court cases, and had a large share of the legal work in connection with the Brewster Sessions; but so far, at any rate, as the South Shields Borough Court was concerned, his appearance at the solicitors' table ceased on his being made a magistrate. In 1884 he was appointed Registrar of the South Shields County Court, and discharged the duties of that position in a judicious and painstaking manner. For 29 years Bro. Mabane was a member of the South Shields Town Council. He was first elected in November, 1870, and in 1885 was raised to the Aldermanic bench. In the years 1883 to 1885 he was Mayor of the borough, and fulfilled the functions of that office in a manner which gained for him great popularity. During the last year or two he had been Chairman of the Parks Committee, and sought to make the public pleasure grounds as attractive as possible to the people. He strongly advocated the provision of music in the parks at the public expense, but was not successful in persuading the Council to do this. As a member of the Board of Guardians, he during many years gave great attention to the administration of the poor law. His sympathy with the poor was strong, but he was careful at the same time to guard the interests of the ratepayers. In successive years he was vice-chairman and chairman of the Board, and was chairman of the House Committee up to the end. Educational work, too, claimed some of his attention. He was a member of the School Board for some years, and also showed himself a friend of the voluntary school system. In August, 1896, Bro. Mabane was made a borough magistrate, and regularly discharged his duties on the bench, his knowledge of police court work and of the law being of great service to him in this respect. When the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade was formed it at once enlisted the sympathy of Bro. Mabane. He was one of its first captains, and after doing active duty in aiding to rescue shipwrecked seamen, for many years, he relinquished this position, and in recognition of his services was elected an honorary captain. Another institution which commanded his sympathy and support was the Ingham Infirmary. He was one of the Governors, and some years ago was elected chairman of that body. The infirmary at the time was not in so satisfactory a financial position as could be wished, and, with characteristic energy, Bro. Mabane threw himself into the task of improving the state of things. In this he was successful, and when he retired from the chairmanship about five years ago the institution was on a much sounder basis than before. Amongst the brethren of the district, the late alderman was well-known and held in great esteem. His first entrance to that body dates as far back as 1870, when he became a member of St. Hilda's Lodge. Seven years later he was W.M. of the lodge, and in the same year was made Provincial Senior Grand Deacon. In 1891, he founded, and was first Worshipful Master of the Hedworth Lodge, No. 2418. Three years afterwards, the Provincial Grand Master of Durham (Sir Hedworth Williams), in recognition of his services to Freemasonry, invested Bro. Mabane as Prov. J.G.W., the Prov. Senior G. Wardenship in the same year being held by Lord Barnard. To the end, Bro. Mabane was an enthusiastic member of the Craft. Since its establishment, 35 years ago, Bro. Mabane was a member of the South Shields Amateur Swimming Club, and for the last eight or nine years was its President. In his younger days he used to take part in the competitions at the annual gala. He was also at one time an active member of the South Shields Amateur Rowing Club; for a great number of years he took an active interest in the South Shields Cricket Club; and he was President of the South Shields Rugby Football Club, his interest in athletics being always well maintained. Of the South Shields Choral Society Bro. Ald. Mabane was a Vice-President, and at all times he did what he could to promote its prosperity. The deceased, who was about 53 years of age, was a widower, his wife having pre-deceased him about two years. He leaves two daughters and a son.

The remains were interred in Harton Churchyard, on Friday, the 6th instant, and the very large gathering which took place on the occasion was indicative of the high esteem in which the deceased was held, and the wide popularity of which we have spoken. The cortege was formed at his residence in Salisbury-place, and from the house to the burial place there were large crowds of people assembled along the route, while nearly the whole of the houses in Salisbury-place, Erskine-road, Westoe-lane, and Westoe and Harton villages had their blinds closely drawn, the manifestation of public sorrow and sympathy being very general. The procession was a very imposing one. It was headed by over 40 members of the borough police, who, in the unavoidable absence of Chief Constable Morant, were in charge of Inspectors Murray, Burton, and Castling. Then came a very large number of brethren, including, besides the members of local lodges, many Past and Present Provincial G. Officers. Amongst them were Bros. J. Anderson, W.M. 240; W. Allon, W.M. 1970; C. E. Walton, W.M. 2418; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; F. H. Bennett, P.P.J.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Joel, P.P.J.G.W.; C. T. Johnson, P.G.D. of C.; R. Stewart, P.G. Treas.; T. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; E. Lautesach, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. W. Hudson, P.P.G.S. of W. N. and E. Yorks; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Farmer, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.P.G.T.; W. E. Moffett, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Sedcole, P.P.G.T.; T. Robinson, W.M. 1119; J. Robinson, P.P.J.G.W.; M. J. Wheatley, R. Hauxwell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Hunter, and J. Heppell, Prov. G. Sec. (Mark). Bro. Canon Tristram, it may be mentioned, wrote Bro. Heppell expressing his sorrow that it was not in his power to attend the funeral, for two reasons—first, because he was unable to walk more than a few yards, his recovery from his accident being very slow and tedious; and, secondly, because he was on

duty at the Cathedral. Bro. Thos. Purvis, P.D.G.M. (Mark), was also unable to attend through illness. After the Masonic brethren came the hearse and mourning carriages, the pall-bearers consisting of officers of the South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade, namely, Captains G. R. Potts, Geo. Robson, W. J. Buckland, and J. Page, and Deputy Captains Grimes and Newby, who were all in uniform. The chief mourners were Mr. A. V. Mabane (son), Mr. John Mabane (brother), Bro. C. R. Toomer (son-in-law), Mr. C. F. Shotton (brother-in-law), Mr. John Shotton, and Mr. R. W. Graham. There were over 40 carriages following. The members of the Corporation present were the Mayor (Bro. Councillor T. D. Marshall, P.P. G. Reg.); the Town Clerk (Mr. J. M. Hayton), Aldermen Wardle, Renoldson, Bro. Smith, J. R. Lawson, and Imrie; many members and officers of the Town Council, and also of the Societies with which our brother had been connected together with the members of South Shields Volunteer Life Brigade in uniform, the rear of the procession being brought up by a large number of the public. On arrival at Harton Churchyard the cortege was met by the Rev. Canon Savage, vicar of South Shields, who conducted the service in the church and at the graveside in an impressive manner. On its conclusion the Freemasons' choir, under Bro. L. Winstone, sang the hymn, "Days and moments quickly flying," and the service concluded.

BRO. ROBERT FENDICK, No. 103.

On Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the late Bro. Robert Fendick took place, the interment being at Arno's Vale Cemetery, Bristol. The deceased brother, it will be remembered, was one of the oldest and best-known medical practitioners in Bristol, and the esteem in which he was held was shown by the presence at the preliminary service in All Saint' Church (city), and at the graveside by gentlemen representing all phases of professional, commercial, and official life in Bristol. The cortege left the residence of the deceased brother at 11.30, and proceeded to the church of All Saints', which was filled with an exceedingly large congregation. The coffin was met at the door by the Rev. H. W. Boustead, who was attended by the full choir, and the impressive service was joined in with reverence by all present. The mourners were Mr. George Fendick (son), Mr. Robert Fendick (nephew), Mr. W. J. Sanders, Mr. H. Grigg, Mr. W. Lyne Fear, the Rev. T. K. Allen, Mr. J. Pitman, Mr. F. W. Tricks, Mr. F. W. Waite, and Mr. W. E. Perham; and others present included Messrs. A. Bailey, R. C. Smart, R. H. Carpenter (Junior Warden All Saints'), J. H. Dix, J. Curtis (Senior Warden All Saints'), J. Gerrish, Edwards, C. J. Hill, E. T. Bullock, H. Dodge (representing officials of Barton Regis Workhouse), W. A. Pitt H. J. Spear, Hy. Anstey, J. Coulthard, Arthur Lee, and Dr. Gloag. The late Bro. Fendick had for many years taken a keen interest in Freemasonry, and he was the "father" of the Beaufort Lodge, No. 103. The services he had rendered to this and other lodges was testified to by the presence of many prominent local brethren, though ill-health and other causes prevented many from attending the funeral. The W.M. of the Beaufort Lodge, Bro. R. Harford, was prevented from attending by an important engagement out of town; but amongst those who were at the service at All Saints' and at the graveside were the following members of the Beaufort Lodge: Bros. W. J. Cullimore, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. E. Bowden, I.P.M.; Dr. E. H. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Cook, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. H. Vowles, P.M.; Alfred Hiley, P.M.; D. Howell Jones, Sec.; J. W. Belsten, J. Harford, F. Hayman, F. G. Tricks, W. C. Hall, F. C. Fawn, and F. W. Waite. Other lodges were represented by Bros. H. W. Parsley, P.M.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.S.G.D.; C. J. Hill, P.M. 2257; W. Pearce, P.M. 610; H. Anstey, P.M. 326; and M. H. Clarke, P.M. 1750. The service at All Saints' and also at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. H. W. Boustead. The coffin, which was of English oak, with brass fittings, bore the following inscription: "Robert Fendick, died January 5th, 1899, aged 82." A number of beautiful floral tributes covered the coffin.

BRO. BENJAMIN C. CURTIS.

Bro. Benjamin C. Curtis, P.M. 1472, P.M., P.M. and Sec. Zodiac, and P.Z. 1472, R.A., died on the 31st December last, at his residence, the Lord Bexley Hotel, Bexley Heath, Kent, of blood-poisoning, at the early age of 39 years, leaving behind him a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. Bro. Curtis for many years held a responsible position at the Chemical, or Product Works, attached to the Gas Works at Beckton (Gas Light and Coke Company), which position he resigned in June last to take up his hotel work at Bexley. He was initiated into Masonry in the Henley Lodge, No. 1472, some 11 years ago, and filled the chair as W.M. on March 7th, 1893. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Zodiac Lodge, held at the Denmark Hotel, East Ham, E., and was its Secretary at the time of his death. He filled the First Principal's chair in the Henley Chapter twice. He was Secretary for many years and Asst. Preceptor of the Henley Lodge of Instruction, and was a founder and Secretary of the Henley Masonic Benevolent Association. He served the office of Steward to two of the Charities, and was a Life Governor to both. The deceased was buried in the family grave at Barking, Essex, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The funeral was a most imposing and impressive spectacle. The cortege left the hotel at 12 a.m. and consisted of an open hearse, drawn by four horses, containing the body of the deceased in a polished oak coffin with solid brass fittings. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths, and a number decorated the sides and roof of the hearse. Then came two mourning coaches with the male relatives of the deceased, and these were followed by 19 private broughams, containing members of the Bexley Heath, Henley, and other local lodges, and inhabitants of Bexley and Woolwich. Ten more carriages joined the cortege at North Woolwich, and 12 more at East Ham, until at Barking there were no less than 42 private carriages in the line, beside at least a dozen other conveyances. There were over 1000 people in the church and yard, and our deceased brother was laid to rest amid deep manifestations of grief and regret, the brethren dropping their sprigs of acacia on the coffin lid. On returning to the Henly Lodge house, the Three Crowns Hotel, North Woolwich, the brethren and visitors present partook of high tea provided by Bro. Walter Richardson and his amiable wife, and under the presidency of Bro. J. Savage, P.M., the memory of the deceased was drunk in solemn silence. Bro. Curtis had played in the Essex cricket team, and was a fine bat and bowler. He was also a member of the East Ham School Board for many years. Some 39 beautiful wreaths were sent in by brethren, friends, various cricket clubs, and neighbours, and among the brethren present were Bros. C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472, P.M. and Sec. 2184, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; C. H. Canning, P.M. and Treas. 1472, P.M. and Treas. 2184, P.P.J.G.D. Essex; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., A. T. Ives, P.M., J. Savage, P.M., A. Knight, P.M., C. Powling, P.M., J. Delo, P.M., W. Turvey, P.M., T. Lait, S.W., S. Bow, S. Evans, E. Hornsey, F. Andrew, Jos. Andrew, W. Dodge, C. Hefford, D. Ross, T. Welsh, R. Alabaster, E. Dawson, and A. Burton, of 1472; W. Long, S.W., and Nicholls, of 700; G. Sidders, W.M., G. Dale, I.P.M., J. Day, P.M., H. Lait, J.D., W. Henshaw, I.G., B. Thomas, Treas., C. Thompson, Stwd., F. Sturton, J. Benson, H. Drake, H. Wilson, C. Wilkinson, G. Smith, J. Smith, W. Byford, J. Byford, E. Byford, Manning, Tyleman, Stillwell, Berry, Lewis, J. Jagers, Stewart, Moore, Baker, Spencer, and Brayes, of the Zodiac Lodge; and many others whose names we could not obtain. It was a great undertaking, and splendidly carried out by Messrs. S. J. Farrer and Sons, of Bedford House, North Woolwich.

BRO. T. I. BIRD, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. MIDDX.

The remains of the late Bro. Bird were interred at Abney Park Cemetery on Saturday, the 7th inst., when a vast concourse of people assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to one who, during his whole career, had been so generally respected. The principal mourners included—In the first carriage: Bros. T. Matthews, H. Willsmer (son-in-law), A. Wyatt, and Mr. P. G. Fox; second carriage: Bro. J. Cante, P.M., and Mr. G. Wright (cousins), C. V. Andrews (nephew), and Bro. John Mason, 1567, P.G.S.B. Eng.; third carriage: Bros. J. Osborn, P.M., Sec. 1897, Scribe E. 1602; Willie Wright, P.M., Org. 1897; Lieut. James, P.M., M.E.Z. 1602; S. Sandiland, and Mr. Fox; and others. The Elliot Lodge was represented by its W.M. (Bro. W. C. Tyler), Bros. J. H. Pearson, A. Bevis, E. T. Taylor, G. R. Nicholls, S. J. Millin, and W. T. Dillon, P.Ms., and many members; the Citadel Lodge by Bros. J. J. Wrathall, W.M., John Osborn, P.M., Sec., W. Wright, P.M., Org., Young, P.M., Ball, P.M., Gaskin, P.M., W. Wright, J.W., and others; the Royal Commemoration and other Lodges by Bros. S. Pardoe, P.M., T. Tilley, P. Davis, Woods, J. J. Horsted, Walker, Edgar, T. Matthews, S. A. Pardoe, and M. Strang; the Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter by Comp. Lieut James, P.M., M.E.Z., and members; and the Citadel Lodge of Instruction by Bros. F. Dunstan, P.M., Sec., Lebanon, Preceptor, and many others. Chief officers of the Gas Light and Coke Company were also very strongly represented: Bros. G. F. L. Foulger, 1076, Chief Distributing Engineer; W. C. Wigley, P.Z. 1348, P.M., J. J. Horstead, 1585, G. Marvin, 1567, and T. V. Fenn, 1567, Divisional Chief Inspectors; J. H. Pearson, P.M. 1567, Chief Coke Manager; A. Bevis, P.M. 1567, Accountant; H. Rayner, Secretary, and General Managers' Department; Bevan, 1585, Architect; Fagan, 1567, Chief Meter Department; and Bro. Geo. Grocott, 1364, Vestry Clerk Hackney Contractors G.L.C.C.; and some hundreds of Masons and others. Fifty-eight beautiful wreaths were sent, amongst which were from members of the Elliot Lodge, Citadel Lodge, Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter, Citadel Lodge of Instruction, and New Concord Lodge of Instruction, and the rest from members of the family and private and Masonic friends, and from officers and workmen of the different departments of the Gas Light and Coke Company. Bro. Bird had been nominated by two lodges of the Province of Middlesex (Elliot and Citadel) for Grand Treasurer of the province.

BRO. CHARLES VEAL, P.M., P.P.G.D. SURREY.

It is with regret we announce the death, at the age of 69 years, of Bro. Charles Veal, of the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex. Many years ago the deceased was a member of the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, Kingston-on-Thames, and in 1874 was appointed Prov. S.G. Deacon of Surrey. Having joined the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, he was elected and installed W.M. in 1890, and for many years, even to the time of his death, was its Secretary. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, held the office of Scribe E. in the Stanmore Chapter, No. 1549, and in 1885 was appointed Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Sojourner of the Prov. G. Chapter of Middlesex. Bro. Veal was highly respected by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter, No. 3.

The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 6th instant. Among those present were Comps. W. Mapleton, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., H., M.E.Z. elect; Lieut.-Col. W. Hart, J., H. elect; E. Nash, P.Z., S.N., J. elect; W. J. Collens, P.P.G.S.N., P.Z., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Spawforth, 2nd A.S.; Cooper, D.C.; Maj. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C., I.P.Z.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; W. Ratcliffe, P.Z.; H. Birch, P.Z.; Larcomb, P.Z.; and S. Cochrane, P.Z., P.G. Treas. Among the visitors were Comps. T. Simpson, P.Z.; Grassie, P.Z.; Palmer, P.Z.; and Dr. Sandberg, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Clark, P.M. 3, and it being unanimous, he was duly exalted to the R.A. degree by the M.E.Z., who subsequently inducted Comp. H. J. Lardner as First Principal. The latter installed Comp. Lieut.-Col. Hart as Second Principal, and Comp. E. Nash as Third Principal. Among the officers appointed were Comps. W. J. Collens, P.Z., S.E.; Spawforth, 1st A.S.; Cooper, 2nd A.S.; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to the I.P.Z. The sum of one guinea was voted to "Our Brother's Bed Fund." The chapter was then closed.

A banquet followed.

Comp. Samuel Cochrane, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." In the course of his speech he feelingly alluded to the great loss sustained by the Order in consequence of the lamented decease of the Pro G.Z. He was very pleased to be present that night at the installation of an old friend of his. When he (the speaker) was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, Comp. H. J. Lardner was a most valuable and active member of his committee, and he was deeply grateful to him.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in very flattering terms by the I.P.Z. In the course of his remarks, he said they all knew the working capabilities and worth of their First Principal. He trusted that the M.E.Z. would have a prosperous year of office.

The First Principal, in his reply, briefly thanked the I.P.Z. for his kind remarks. He was of opinion that for any one to hold the position of M.E.Z. in a chapter so old and distinguished as No. 3, was a great honour. He hoped that the companions by introducing eligible members would give him plenty of work to do. He did not believe in either large lodges or chapters but it was necessary occasionally to have fresh blood.

The toast of "The Exalte" followed, and drew a neat reply from Comp. Clark.

"The H. and J." came next, and Comps. Lieut.-Col. Hart and Nash acknowledged the compliment.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Comps. Simpson, Grassie, and Palmer.

Comps. Mapleton, I.P.Z., and W. J. Collens, P.Z., S.E., responded on behalf of "The Past Principals and Officers."

The M.E.Z. had kindly provided a varied programme of music, which greatly diversified the proceedings.

The executive members of the chapter are to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which the whole arrangements were carried out.

FREEMASONRY AND OCEAN PENNY POSTAGE.

Ocean penny postage in connection with the Dominion of Canada and most of the British Colonies is now an accomplished fact, and nothing happier could have been conceived than the idea which occurred to M.W. Bro. Ross Robertson, P.G. Master of Canada, and Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, of associating its inauguration with the Fraternity, whose aims and objects have so much in common with that ideal of universal Brotherhood which, it is hoped and believed, the new system will largely help to foster. The idea once conceived, was carried out with the promptitude and energy so characteristic of Bro. Robertson. He determined that the first letter posted from Toronto to Great Britain with the two-cent stamp should be a message of fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of England from its representative at the Grand Lodge of Canada. To this end he arranged that the letter should be posted at the General Post Office, Toronto, and the assistant postmaster, who was in attendance, has certified that the letter mailed at the Toronto Post Office at one quarter of a minute past 12 o'clock on the morning of the 25th of December, 1898, and was the first letter posted and cancelled at the Toronto office addressed to Great Britain bearing the new Imperial penny postage stamp.

The letter which was of a warmly fraternal character has, we understand, been received by Bro. Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, and the envelope bearing the new stamp and signature referred to, together with that of the Grand Secretary acknowledging its receipt, will be preserved in the Grand Lodge Museum and will, we feel sure, not be the least interesting exhibit in the new building which will soon be constructed in connection with Freemasons' Hall.

In addition to this interesting communication, Bro. Robertson has sent to a large number of English Freemasons a card of fraternal greeting, on which is affixed the new two-cent stamp with a brief description.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Robertson on his happy idea and are confident in assuring him that we are expressing the sentiments of every Freemason in Great Britain in reciprocating the kindly and fraternal feeling which has prompted him to convey this message of good will across the sea.

Instruction.

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. E. J. Harrison, W.M.; C. C. Renaud, S.W.; A. F. Hardyment, J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., P.P.G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secs.; W. F. Roberts, S.D.; C. Nicole, J.D.; S. Cload, I.G.; O. Oliver, P.M.; J. Birks, F. H. Johnson, C. Isler, J. Ewings, and R. Philip Upton, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ewings being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Isler, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The investiture of officers was rehearsed. Bro. Renaud was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford-street, W. Present: Bros. C. Lumley, W.M.; W. Fisher, S.W.; T. L. Bowden, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Howard E. Mullins, Sec.; T. W. Smale, P.M., S.D.; N. Dukas, J.D.; C. Glaser, I.G.; J. Leather, M. Beedle, W. Cumberland, T. E. They, G. Spiers, C. Ornstein, and C. Pinnell.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Leather. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cumberland being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The 5th Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Paul, assisted by Bro. Leather. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. At the second rising of the W.M., Bro. Fisher was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded Bro. Lumley for the excellent manner in which he had officiated as W.M. for the first time in the lodge. The lodge was closed in due form.

BRO. THE EARL OF DERBY and Mr. T. Sutton Timmis, of St. Helens, have each given a donation of £1000 to the building fund of the Liverpool Church House.

THE PRESENTATION of the freedom of Tiverton to the Lord Chancellor (Bro. the Earl of Halsbury) will be a memorable function in the history of the quaint little borough from which the Earl of Halsbury's son and heir takes his title. It is arranged that the ceremony shall take place on Thursday, the 19th inst., and will be attended by the Lord-Lieutenant of the county, Lord Clifford, the Right Hon. J. W. Mellor, Q.C. Sir John Phear, and most of the leading residents in that part of Devonshire.

COUNTY

50 REGENT ST., W., &
14 CORNHILL, E.C., LONDON.

FIRE

OFFICE.

FOUNDED 1807.

The Distinguishing Feature of this Office is **THE RETURN SYSTEM.**

On **Ordinary Insurances**, under which Policyholders who have been insured for Seven Years and who continue insured—whether under an Annual or Septennial Policy—become entitled to a **RETURN OF 25 PER CENT.** of the Premiums they have paid during each Seven Years, provided no loss has arisen under their Policies in that Period.

Insurances on Farming Stocks and on other than **Ordinary Risks** do not participate in the Returns, nor are the Returns given on amounts which, being in excess of its own holding, are not retained by the Office.

Policies may be effected or transferred without any extra expenses.

G. W. STEVENS, }
B. E. RATLIFF, } Joint Secretaries.

Masonic and General Tidings.

BRO. THE EARL OF DUNRAVEN has left for Adare Manor, county Limerick.

BRO. THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF KINTORE have taken 55, Hans-place, till Easter, and have arrived in town from Keith Hall, Scotland.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, attended by Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, arrived at Marlborough House on Monday afternoon from Norfolk.

TO-DAY (Friday) Princess Christian will arrive at Osborne on a visit to the Queen, and to-morrow (Saturday) her Majesty will hold an investiture at Osborne.

LADY CHARLES BERESFORD has arrived at Parkgate House, Ham Common, from Paris. Bro. Lord Charles Beresford will return to England at the end of February.

THE COUNTESS OF JERSEY gave a ball at Middleton Park, Bicester, on Tuesday evening, for which a large number of invitations were issued, all the neighbouring houses being filled with guests for the occasion.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN has undertaken to distribute the prizes won last season by the members of the Volunteer Medical Staff Corps (London Companies) on Friday, the 27th inst.

BRO. THE EARL OF WARWICK has been advised to leave England for Biarritz, a diphtheric attack from which he suffered two years ago having left his throat rather weak, and a change to a finer climate is thought desirable.

BRO. THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND returned to Alnwick Castle on Tuesday evening, after attending the funeral of his father at Westminster Abbey on Monday. His Grace was accompanied by his daughters, the Ladies Percy.

THE INFANTA EULALIA OF SPAIN arrived at Hertford on Monday evening on a visit to Sir George and Lady Faudel-Phillips, Balls Park. A number of guests were invited to meet her Royal Highness, and a ball was given in her honour on Tuesday night.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Bro. Lord Wolseley) has approved of the following race meetings being held at Aldershot, namely, the Cavalry Brigade Meeting, March 20th and 21st; Royal Artillery Meeting, April 8th; Aldershot Spring Meeting, May 12th and 13th.

LORD TENNYSON'S memorial at Haslemere Church will take the form of a window, after a design by the late Sir Edward Burne-Jones (one of the last of a series illustrating the story of the Holy Grail) representing the vision which came to Sir Galahad in the little chapel. It will cost about £100.

THE QUEEN held a dinner party at Osborne on Tuesday night, preceding the leave taking of the Empress Frederic, who crossed from Trinity Wharf on Wednesday in the Royal yacht Alberta to Portsmouth, en route for London. The Empress left Buckingham Palace on Thursday for the Continent.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the death of Napoleon the Third was observed on Monday by a Requiem service at the Imperial Mausoleum, Farnborough, celebrated by the Prior (Rev. Father Cabrol) and the brethren of the Monastery of Solesmes. The Empress Eugénie, who is at Cap Martin, her residence in France, was represented by M. Uhlmann, who was the body-servant of the Prince Imperial, and accompanied him to Zululand.

HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE EMPRESS FREDERIC left Osborne on Monday and embarked at Trinity Wharf, East Cowes, in the Royal yacht Alberta, in which, accompanied by Captain Prince Louis of Battenberg, she crossed to Portsmouth. On leaving the yacht at the southern railway jetty of the dockyard the Empress was received by Admiral Sir Mich^d Culme-Seymour, Commander-in-Chief, who was attended by Flag-Lieutenant Sinclair. Her Imperial Majesty was conducted on board the Majestic, flagship of the Channel Squadron, which was lying alongside the jetty. The officers were on the quarter-deck and the crew "manned ship." Prince Louis conducted the Empress over the vessel, after which her Majesty took luncheon with Prince Louis of Battenberg, and subsequently returned to Cowes in the Alberta.

THE QUEEN on Monday decorated with the Distinguished Conduct Medal the following non-commissioned officers and men, all of whom took part in the recent expedition in the Soudan and were mentioned in despatches by Bro. Major-General Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, G.C.B., Sirdar of the Egyptian Army, for their distinguished services during the operations: Lance-Sergeant W. Chalmers and Private W. Bushell, 21st Lancers; Quartermaster-Sergeant J. E. C. Chamberlain and Sergeant-Master-Cook J. M. Brooke, Grenadier Guards; Colour-Sergeant J. M. McIver, Seaforth Highlanders; Staff-Quartermaster-Sergeant G. M. Osborne, Army Service Corps; Sergeant A. T. Mears, Royal Army Medical Corps; and Second-Class Armourer-Sergeant Woodham, Army Ordnance Corps. Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg was present with her Majesty.

MISS GRACE HAWTHORNE, whose courageous efforts in management at the Princess's, and whose impersonation of Theodora appealed to the admiration of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, proposes to make her reappearance as the heroine of a stage version of Alphonse Daudet's novel, "Sapho," in which Mesdames Jane Hading and Réjane on the dramatic, and Madame Calvé on the operatic stage, have achieved successful creations. M. Daudet's powerful work has received revision of a character to suit it to the English stage without in any wise diminishing its ethical significance, and a fine spectacular feature has been made of the operatic ball scene, familiar even to those who have not read the book, in the celebrated picture. This play, which is to be handsomely mounted, will be tentatively produced at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, as the beginning of a provincial tour, on the 16th instant, after which Miss Hawthorne hopes, on finding a suitable theatre, to bring the play to London.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES presided at a meeting at Marlborough House of the Executive Committee of the Royal Commission of the Paris Exhibition of 1900, and afterwards presided at a meeting of the Finance Committee. The members of the Executive present were the Earl of Crewe, Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Earl Spencer, Lord Kelvin, Bro. the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, Bro. Sir Frederick A. Abel, Sir Edward H. Carbutt, Bro. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, Bart., Sir Andrew Clarke, Sir David Tennant, Sir John Bramston, Sir John F. D. Donnelly, Sir Edward J. Poynter, Bro. Arthur J. R. Trendell, and Colonel Herbert Jekyll (Secretary). The members of the Finance Committee were: Lord Rothschild, Lord Welby, Sir Edward H. Carbutt, Sir George Hayter Chubb, Sir Charles W. Freemantle, Sir Robert G. W. Herbert, Bro. Sir Thomas Sutherland, Bro. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, Bro. Arthur J. R. Trendell, and the Governor of the Bank of England. In the evening his Royal Highness, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Gordon Highlanders, was present, attended by Bro. Major-General Sir Stanley Clarke, at a dinner given by the members of the Caledonian Club to Lieutenant-Colonel Mathias, C.B., and some officers of the 1st Battalion of the regiment, on their return from India. Bro. the Earl of March was in the chair.

MR. REID, the New South Wales Premier, has offered the post of Agent-General for the colony in London to Sir Julian Salomons, who, it is believed, will accept the appointment.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES is to be asked to accept the Royal Order of Scottish Masonry on the occasion of his visit to Edinburgh for the purpose of attending the annual show of the Highland and Agricultural Society.

THE LORD-LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND and Countess Cadogan have not left Ireland, but are residing at the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin. Their Excellencies will take up their residence at Dublin Castle about the 28th instant, for the season.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, Princess Victoria, and the Duke and Duchess of York, attended Divine service at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday morning last, attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Household.

PRINCE ALBERT OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, who has been staying for about a fortnight with Prince and Princess Christian, left Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park, on Saturday last, upon the conclusion of his visit, for Darmstadt, in order to rejoin his regiment.

BRO. J. H. WHADCOAT, J.P., P.M. Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, recently Mayor of Poole, has been unanimously elected on the Court of Assistants of the Spectaclemakers' Company. Bro. Whadcoat gave £1030 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Centenary Festival last year.

AT ST. GEORGE'S CHAPEL, Windsor Castle, on Sunday evening last, a funeral march was played by Bro. Sir Walter Parratt at the close of the service, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Northumberland, who was a Knight of the Garter, and whose banner and insignia hang above his stall in the choir.

THE MASSEY-MAINWARING cup for competition among metropolitan corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been won by the Great Northern Railway Corps, who also took it in 1895. Last year the cup was held by East Ham, whose team this year ranked third, a team from the South Metropolitan Gasworks being second.

THE RIGHT HON. J. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary of State for the Colonies, will entertain a house party at Highbury, including the Duke of Devonshire, for the annual banquet of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, to be held on the 23rd instant. Bro. the Duke of Devonshire and Mr. Chamberlain will be among the speakers at the dinner.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING of the managers of the Royal Institution, held on Saturday afternoon last, it was resolved that the Royal Institution be closed on Monday, the day of the funeral of his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, K.G., the President of the Institution, which post he had held since the year 1873. He had been a member ever since 1851.

THE CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613, will hold its annual ball in the King's Hall of the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 17th instant. A strong committee has been formed under Bro. B. Garner, W.M., with Bro. W. Medwin, P.M., 143, Graham-road, N.E., as Secretary, of whom tickets and all necessary particulars can be obtained. The services of Bro. Dan Godfrey, jun.'s, band have been secured for the occasion.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE QUEEN AND THE EMPRESS FREDERIC drove out on Saturday afternoon last, attended by the Hon. Aline Majendie. His Serene Highness and her Grand Ducal Highness Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg, with Prince George and the Princesses Alice and Louise, arrived at Osborne, having crossed over from Portsmouth on board her Majesty's yacht Alberta, Rear-Admiral Fullerton, A.D.C.

WE REGRET to state that the death of Lady Edith Cecil Bootle-Wilbraham, the youngest daughter of Bro. the late Lord Lathom, took place on Thursday, after much suffering, at Gloucester-place, Portman-square. The remains of the deceased will be conveyed by train from Euston Station on Sunday next to Lathom House, Ormskirk, Lancashire, and the funeral is fixed for Monday at 12 o'clock. The deceased will be buried in the family vault wherein lies the remains of Bro. the late Lord Lathom.

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON, K.G., who is now at Goodwood, has quite recovered from the effects of the severe chill which seized him while travelling from Scotland to the South. His Grace honoured the annual servants' ball at Goodwood with his presence, as did also Bro. the Earl of March and other members of the family, Lady Caroline Gordon Lennox opening the ball in a country dance with Mr. Cheesman, the house steward.

AT A MEETING of the General Council of the Gordon Memorial College Fund to be held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Bank of England, a statement of the accounts of the fund will be submitted and subsequently published. It is requested that the amount of the subscriptions received up to date on the lists opened in various parts of the country be communicated to the honorary secretary, 67, Lombard-street, London, on or before to-morrow, (Saturday).

THE FIRST NUMBER of the new weekly journal which is to wage *War Against War* (the title thereof) makes its appearance to-day (Friday). The editor, Mr. Stead, sounds the "clarion call of duty" in no uncertain tone. Mr. Rudyard Kipling's famous "Recessional" is republished in a niche which is to be devoted to poetry, and which is somewhat curiously named "The Crusade Psalter." Then there are "Views from many standpoints," including those of Mr. Balfour, Lord Northbrook, Lord Ashbourne, and the Duke of Argyll. Mark Twain, in an article he has written for the second number of *War Against War*, says—"The Czar is in favour of disarmament. So am I. There ought to be no difficulty about the rest of the world."

AT THE RETFORD POLICE COURT on the 9th inst., before the Mayor (Mr. Peatfield), Mr. J. A. H. Hirst, Mr. P. Tomlinson, and Mr. G. Cutts, a man giving the name of James Warburton was brought up in custody charged with obtaining alms by fraudulently representing himself to be a Freemason. Captain Thomas, superintendent of the Retford police, said the prisoner called upon him on Saturday night about nine o'clock and asked him, as the Almoner for the Retford Lodge of Freemasons, to give him relief. He challenged his statement as to his being a Freemason, and he said he was a member of the Blagdon Lodge, Blythe, Northumberland, No. 659, and had been for 28 years. He tested this statement, and the prisoner admitted that he was not a member of the Blagdon Lodge. He found a letter in his pocket purporting to be from the Secretary of the Blagdon Lodge, enclosing him £3 on the 4th November, 1898, and signed Wm. Smithson. There was no secretary of that name, the Secretary being Mr. Malkensrose, who had telegraphed to say that Jas. Warburton was not and never had been a member. Prisoner admitted he wrote the letter himself, and he now said he was guilty. He was further charged with being the man who, at Cheadle, in Staffordshire, under the name of Bradburn, was convicted of a similar offence and sent to gaol for seven days with hard labour. The superintendent of police said there was so much of this thing going on that he had been instructed to prosecute everyone of the impostors who came round. Prisoner pleaded guilty and said he knew he had done wrong. Sentenced to 14 days imprisonment with hard labour.—*Sheffield Telegraph*.



PRESENTATION AND FAMILY PORTRAITS

Oil Paintings on Canvas

FROM LIFE OR FROM ANY PHOTOGRAPH.

Write or Call for PRICE LIST and See our SPACIOUS GALLERIES.

W. G. PARKER & Co., Artists,

288, HIGH HOLBORN, LONDON, W.C.