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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1900.

It is with almost as much astonishment as pleasure that we lay before our readers the usual particulars of the amounts received by our three central Charitable Institutions during the past year. We have grown accustomed to the big figures with which their respective Secretaries have been in a position to favour us, but that in such a time of stress as the country has been passing through since October, 1899, the aggregate of the sums received should have exceeded those of any previous ordinary year seems well nigh incredible. Moreover, while these contributions have been made to our Institutions, our lodges, chapters, and other bodies have been subscribing generously to the War Funds that have been raised for our fighting men of both services and their widows, orphans, and dependents, or the wives and children they have been less able to support than in times of peace and prosperity; while, in addition, the brethren have compiled the large total of upwards of £10,000 to relieve the necessities of those loyal members of the Craft in South Africa who have been temporarily deprived by the war of their means of subsistence. Yet, in spite of these heavy claims upon the pockets of the brethren, the English Craft has subscribed to its three great Institutions no less than £83,702 16s. 1d., or more by over £2400 than it has subscribed before in a single year, the total of £81,294 10s. 5d., in 1899, having been, till now, the record total. The statements of the items composing this huge amount are furnished in full, and will, no doubt, be studied by our readers with the same pleasure and surprise as we have experienced, the most gratifying of the items in the several returns being the sums received by each Institution in respect of "Donations and Subscriptions." The following are the figures given under this head: Benevolent Institution, £21,671 14s. 6d.; Girls' School, £24,162 6s. 11d.; Boys' School, £20,579 3s. 4d.; or together £66,413 4s. 9d. The totals, announced at the three Festivals or as finally revised, reached £62,170 8s. 8d., so that the year's receipts under this head exceed the Festival Returns by rather more than £4200, there being a substantial increase in the case of the two Schools and a shortcoming of some £620 in that of the Benevolent Institution. Beyond the fact that legacies have been bequeathed during the year to all three Charities, there is no need for further remark.

The following are the statements arranged in the order in which the respective Festivals were held, and in presenting them we take the opportunity of expressing our sincere acknowledg-

ments to the Secretaries—Bros. TERRY, HEDGES, and MCLEOD—for their courtesy in furnishing them.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

*Donations and Subscriptions ...	£21,671 14 6
Dividends ...	5,671 1 2
Grand Lodge ...	1,600 0 0
Grand Chapter ...	150 0 0
Interest on Cash at Call ...	119 19 4
Re Humfress' Estate ...	124 18 11
Legacy ...	250 0 0
Grand Total ...	£29,587 13 11

* Festival announcement £20,220 16s. ultimately increased to £22,298 9s.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

*Donations and Subscriptions ...	£24,162 6 11
Subscription from Grand Lodge ...	150 0 0
" " " Chapter... ..	10 10 0
Interest on Investments ...	3,041 19 5
Interest on Deposits... ..	121 12 11
Receipts for Musical Instruction ...	145 10 0
Legacies ...	379 3 11
Receipts under Law 104 ...	10 0 0
Total ...	£28,021 3 3

* Festival announcement £23,037 5s. 6d.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

*Donations and Subscriptions ...	£20,579 3 4
Grand Lodge Subscription ...	150 0 0
Grand Chapter Subscription ...	10 10 0
Dividends and Interest on Cash at Call ...	4,671 13 7
Music Fees ...	52 10 0
Science and Art Department (Grants earned) ...	39 5 5
Prize Funds ...	11 19 6
Sundry Receipts ...	65 9 0
Maintenance Refunded ...	10 5 0
Legacies ...	378 18 11
Balance 1900 Festival Fund—Stewards' Fees ...	56 15 3
The Richard Eve Memorial Fund ...	72 9 0
Total ...	£26,093 19 0

* 102nd Festival Announcement, £16,834 14s. 2d.

The following table shows the receipts of the three Institutions during the seven years from 1894 to 1900, both inclusive, together with the yearly totals of those receipts during that period; the yearly average of receipt by each Institution; and the average receipt per Institution for the whole of the septennial period:

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.G.	R.M.I.B.	Total.
1894	£20,782 3 11	£20,943 7 1	£24,186 16 8	£65,012 7 8
1895	21,720 10 6	18,211 0 6	22,695 18 1	62,628 9 1
1896	25,650 16 6	19,664 3 11	23,663 2 0	68,918 2 5
1897	27,129 0 1	21,405 14 3	23,303 5 7	71,837 19 11
1898	19,170 4 4	16,478 14 10	126,276 19 1	161,925 18 3
1899	28,020 1 9	26,266 2 0	26,408 6 8	81,294 10 5
1900	29,587 13 11	28,021 3 2	26,093 19 0	83,702 16 1
Total for the 7 years	£172,660 11 0	£150,090 5 9	£272,569 7 1	£595,320 3 10
Average for the 7 years	£24,665 15 10	£21,441 9 5	£38,938 9 7	£85,045 14 10
Average per Institution	...	...	...	£28,348 11 7

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

	CASES RELIEVED.	AMOUNT.
January ...	20	£535
February ...	28	830
March ...	38	1125
April ...	25	785
May ...	37	1070
June ...	21	570
July ...	13	410
August ...	17	420
September ...	13	360
October ...	38	1015
November ...	26	720
December ...	41	1240
Total	317	£9080

Now Ready.—The Freemasons' Calendar & Pocket Book for 1901, Price 2/-, by Post 2/1½.

These figures show an appreciable increase both in the number of cases relieved and the amount distributed amongst them as compared with the year 1899, when there were 286 cases relieved with £7803.

Be it added that the Anniversary Festival in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was held in July, under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, M.W. Grand Master, produced donations and subscriptions amounting in the aggregate to £5113, while a large amount of support has been given to the Provincial Benevolent and Educational Funds, which have, in consequence, been doing good service to the poorer members and their families; the most noteworthy case being that of Warwickshire, which, at the first Festival held in July in behalf of its Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, raised the handsome total of £3155.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.*

The contents of the third and concluding Part of Volume XIII. of the Transactions of Quatuor Coronati Lodge are exceptionally interesting. First of all we have an account from the pen of the editor, Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.A.G.D.C., of the summer outing, when, at the invitation of Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, and other prominent members of the Craft in that Province, the members and their friends visited the City of Gloucester, making excursions thence to Cheltenham and Cirencester, and inspecting under the guidance of well known local antiquaries the Cathedral and other of the attractive buildings and places with which the neighbourhood abounds. The account is clearly and concisely written and has the additional advantage of being well and fully illustrated. With the October meeting are associated two most valuable papers, of which Bro. Dr. CHETWODE CRAWLEY'S on "The Sackville Medal. The Earl of Middlesex and Irish Freemasonry, 1733"—being No. V. of that brother's "Notes on Irish Freemasonry"—was read, while owing to the lack of time, the second, compiled by Sir CHARLES A. CAMERON, C.B., and treating at considerable length of "The Origin and Progress of Chivalric Freemasonry in the British Isles" could only be taken as read. As regards the "Sackville" paper, there are doubtless many of our readers who will call to mind that in 1883 a long discussion took place in the columns of this paper as to the genuineness of this medal, which resulted in satisfactorily connecting it with CHARLES SACKVILLE, Earl of Middlesex, eldest son of the first Duke of DORSET, who was on a visit to Florence in 1733, the date inscribed on the medal. There were, however, some points which, as Bro. Dr. CRAWLEY remarks in his note of reference to this discussion, "were necessarily left to the future to determine," and it is just one of the most important of these points which the author of the paper has succeeded in determining. There are those who have rejected this medal as having any value Masonically on the ground that there was no evidence to show that CHARLES SACKVILLE was a Freemason, especially as at the date on the medal itself he (SACKVILLE) was under age. Bro. CRAWLEY, however, upsets this theory by quoting from Faulkner's Dublin Journal, 20-24 November, 1733, a paragraph, from which it appears that on the 22nd November of that year the Earl of MIDDLESEX was present at a "Grand Meeting of the Right Worshipful Society of Free Masons, at the Hoop Tavern on Cork Hill," and which was attended by the Grand Master (Lord Viscount KINGSLAND), the Deputy Grand Master (Lord Viscount TYRONE), Lord KINGSTON, Lord MOUNTJOY, and other Masonic notabilities, and he also points out that while 25 years was the age at which men became eligible for admission into the Society in England, the age under the Irish Constitution was 21 years. Thus the most serious objection to the medal as possessing any Masonic value may be said to have been upset, while the fact of CHARLES SACKVILLE having been in Florence in 1733 has been established from the note-books and diaries of the Rev. JOSEPH SPENCER, who accompanied his lordship throughout the whole of his prolonged tour on the continent. Bro. CRAWLEY enhances the value

of his paper by particulars of the career as Masons of the other brethren who were present at the meeting, and Bro. SPETH, in his "Addendum," does further service towards the solution of this "Sackville" question by quoting important references from the works in which the medal is mentioned. There are two illustrations of the medal, both obverse and reverse, one from ZACHARIAS'S "Numotheca Numismatica Latomorum," Dresden, 1840, and the other from a photograph of a cast of the specimen in the British Museum.

The paper on "Chivalric Freemasonry in the British Isles," by Sir CHARLES A. CAMERON, is a most valuable contribution, throwing, as it does, additional light on the origin and development of this branch of our modern system of Freemasonry. It is the more worthy of being studied, as it has been compiled by a "Chivalric Freemason" of high rank and long and tried experience in the Order of the Temple in Ireland, and is the more interesting as it is accompanied by reduced facsimiles of early Templar Warrants.

The inaugural address delivered by Bro. E. CONDER, jun., after his installation as Worshipful Master, on the 8th November, contains a handsome tribute to the brethren who during the last quarter of a century have helped so materially to furnish the Craft with a literature which may at least claim to be trustworthy as to the facts it treats of. Indeed, both this and "The St. John's Card" are on a level with the best of this kind respectively, which have been published. We must not omit to mention that as this completes the volume, there are given with it a Table of Contents, an Index, and a portrait of Bro. T. B. WHYTEHEAD, who presided as W.M. in 1900, to serve as a frontispiece; and that Bro. SPETH has fulfilled his part as Editor with his accustomed ability and accuracy.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

[COMMUNICATED.]

THE RULES OF DEBATE.

A Masonic gathering, whether of Grand Lodge or a private, is governed by the same rules as regards the orderly conduct of its proceedings, as any other gathering of intelligent men met together for business purposes, and we may therefore not unprofitably consider the rules of debate.

It is not suggested that our lodges are debating societies, and, moreover, it is possible that a certain amount of freedom and elasticity is desirable in the way debates are carried on when they happen to arise. Nevertheless, a knowledge of what is right and what is wrong is always desirable, and the more so in that we generally find lodge bye-laws contain some few rules on the subject.

The first and most elementary rule is that every member shall address the Worshipful Master. This is not only due to the chair as a mark of respect, but it is the only way of preserving decorum. Recrimination is avoided. A certain amount of restraint is imposed on the speaker, who has to shape his remarks so that, although in effect they are a reply to the observations of a previous speaker, they are in reality addressed to the Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master should be addressed as such, and not as Worshipful Sir. Nor should the brother on his feet address the "Worshipful Master and brethren."

A proposition, of whatever nature, should be handed in in writing, and the mover should always be provided with a seconder. Much time is occasionally saved by the Worshipful Master insisting on having the names of both proposer and seconder, and it has happened that a brother has made a long speech in support of his proposition, and, no seconder coming forward, the motion fell through.

This occurred in the Grand Lodge of . A brother got up to propose that, by way of celebrating

Grand Lodge should—with the assistance and co-operation of other Grand Lodges—rebuild King Solomon's Temple. There was, however, no seconder, and had this fact been ascertained at the outset, the time occupied in listening to the proposer's somewhat lengthy remarks might have been saved.

Whilst the proposer is expected to support his motion by arguments, the seconder may, if he chooses, reserve his right to speak, and intervene at a later stage in the debate. The proposer has a prescriptive right of reply, after the exercise of which the debate is closed, and the motion must be put forthwith.

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This is all very straightforward in a business assembly, where the issue is the important consideration. But in a debate complications sometimes arise, due to ignorance. It should be remembered that two independent original motions cannot be considered at one time. The lodge frequently considers at the same time two alternative motions, but then one of them is an amended form of the other.

What is an amendment? It is not a direct negative. The brother who proposes, by way of amendment, a direct negative of the motion, can get all he wants by voting against it. An amendment is what the term implies, and no more. For instance, it is proposed that £10 be spent on a set of new tracing boards. It would be an amendment to propose that only £5 be spent, and it would also be an amendment to substitute the word "second-hand" for "new." But suppose that it were proposed to substitute for the words "tracing boards" words having reference, say, to a Masonic Charity, such proposed alteration would not be an amendment, and the Worshipful Master would be justified in declining to accept it, as it would virtually imply a direct negative of the original motion.

When an amendment is accepted by the W.M. and put to the lodge as such, the debate takes the form of comparison. In the case already suggested as an example, the debate on the amendment would take the form of enquiry which sum of money (£10 or £5) could be better afforded, or was most suitable for the proposed object. The amendment is put to the lodge first of all. It is well to be clear on what actually happens at this stage. The W.M. does not put the question as to whether a sum of money shall be spent on the object suggested. The question is only whether £5 shall be substituted for £10 on the original motion. If it is carried, the amendment thereupon becomes the main question, and argument proceeds upon its merits, always, of course, subject to the possibility of another amendment. But the W.M. must take care that amendments are not multiplied simply for the purpose of obstruction.

It is a rule that no brother may speak twice, except the mover by way of reply and except by way of explanation; and this is another point as to which the W.M. has to be careful.

When a successful amendment is put as the main question, however, it is practically a new motion and every brother's right of debate revives. It is a rule, however, more honoured in the breach than in the observance, and the W.M. who admits a laxity in this respect will have considerable difficulty in enforcing it at a later period. We cannot too forcibly urge the importance of insisting that the motion, as first put, and all amendments, and the motion as finally carried, shall be legibly written out and signed by its sponsors. In the first place, it puts the accuracy of the minutes beyond all question. Half the disputes that arise when minutes are put for confirmation are due to neglect in this particular. Secondly, it expedites business, it prevents desultory conversation which has no bearing on the issue to be presented, and it prevents casual and ill-considered questions being brought before the lodge.

There are times when the operation of the rule forbidding second interposition in a debate might prove irksome. Frequent explanations are necessary from brethren all round, each explanation expanding into a speech. When such is the case, it is within the W.M.'s right to "resolve the House into Committee"—to use a Parliamentary phrase. It must be quite understood that this is only to be done for the purpose of expediting business, and also for the purpose of examining a proposal in detail. A proposition, in addition to its main features, often bristles with minutiae, none of them important enough to be made the subject of amendment, and none of them affecting the principle. None of them besides can be considered separately, as one depends on another. Such a state of things would arise when bye-laws are to be discussed. It frequently happens that a special Committee is formed to consider such. When the Committee has concluded its labours it presents a report to the lodge, and the lodge is, strictly speaking, only competent to treat the report as a whole. Three courses are open. To accept it as it stands, to reject it altogether, and appoint a new Committee—a very extreme course—and to send it back to the Committee for amendment—the more usual course in the event of disagreement. Unanimity is more desirable in a lodge than anywhere else, and the Committee should not resent being called upon to resume its labours if thereby unanimity can be secured.

In actual practice, if the points as to which amendment is thought desirable are of such detail as not to affect any other points, the question is often decided on the spot, and the Committee released from further labour.

The duties of the Committee when in session are hampered by very few rules. In fact, there is but one absolutely strict rule, and that is to keep within the terms of reference. A Committee, for instance, appointed to report upon repairs to the lodge buildings, might possibly be allowed to express an opinion

as to lighting arrangements, and even about the lodge furniture, without incurring the annoyance of being told "to mind its own business." It would not, however, be competent for such a Committee to recommend that jewels be granted, or to refer to the Masonic Charities.

But an unwritten rule by which all Committees, Masonic or otherwise, should be guided is that the report should be unanimous. Contentious items should be left out if agreement be not possible. A unanimous report has far more chance of its acceptance than one as to which many of the recommendations are the work of a small majority.

We have, in a former chapter, referred to the subject of voting at some length, and it is only necessary to repeat what has been before said about the second or casting vote, which custom allows the Master when numbers are equal. Such vote is a trust, to be exercised only for the purpose of rescuing a lodge from a deadlock. It is not intended to give the Master a chance of emphasising his former opinion; in fact, tradition might dictate to him that he should vote against his private convictions in such a case. The proposition, for instance, is one for altering the time of the lodge meeting. If it is carried, even by a majority of one, still all who composed that majority are equally responsible, and the onus of making a change in the lodge procedure cannot be attributed to any one in particular. But if members are equal, and the Worshipful Master gives a casting vote in its favour, the responsibility becomes his, and his alone, and he should hesitate to incur it. Privately, he may have been convinced that the change is desirable, but his second vote is a public one, so to speak, and he should vote against it. By so doing, he certainly incurs a responsibility, but it is a very unimportant one. He determines to let things be as they are rather than by his individual action to inaugurate a change.

The writer remembers being in a lodge where a proposition was carried by a majority of one. The Worshipful Master consulted the bye-laws which contained a clause that no brother more than three months in arrears with his dues should be allowed to vote. A consultation with the Secretary and the Treasurer followed, after which the Worshipful Master disallowed the vote of a brother (one of the majority) on the ground stated. Numbers thus being equal, he gave a casting vote the other way.

This was uncommonly sharp practice, and it was also illegal, though never challenged on the latter ground. The bye-law itself was bad in point of abstract law. It is quite right that a brother in arrears should incur Masonic disability, but he should have been warned of it at an earlier stage. Still many lodges possess such bye-laws, which have survived a visit to headquarters, and, therefore, the writer only records a personal opinion *quantum valeat*.

It is often felt by the opponents of a motion that it is better to avoid a direct negative, whilst, at the same time, they feel that it is an undesirable one for the lodge to adopt. The lodge for instance, is asked to pass a resolution which might imply sympathy with a political party. Its adoption would be undesirable on Masonic grounds, whilst popular feeling is such that were the resolution to be disposed of by direct negative, and the circumstance reach the ears of the profane sympathy with the opposite party might be inferred.

The lodge is rescued from this dilemma by "the previous question" being proposed and carried. It is a perfectly well understood device, although the expression is rather ungrammatical inasmuch as there may be no previous question before the lodge. In fact it means "proceed to the next business," and it would be interesting to know how the inventor of the phrase could have imagined that a previous question meant a succeeding one.

However, that may pass. When the previous question has been put as an amendment it can only legally be argued against on the ground of the importance of coming to a decision one way or the other. Both parties are satisfied. The proposers feel that their proposal has not been rejected and its renewal is quite allowable. The opponents feel that the motion has not been carried and they have been spared the unpleasantness of voting against it.

The Worshipful Master is always justified in declining to allow a proposition to be made of which notice has not been given. If he relax the rule it should be by vote of the lodge duly entered in the minutes. If financial questions are involved it is his duty to require notice inasmuch as the rights and property of absent members are involved.

The Worshipful Master may allow a visitor to speak to a motion, but the visitor should make use of the permission given in a very tactful way, and what he says really ought to take the form of expert evidence. He certainly should avoid such expressions of opinion as would make it appear that he was a partisan.

On a question of a vote, say, for an Indian Famine Relief Fund, there might be present an Indian visitor, whose remarks would be of value. But he must confine himself to facts, and not even talk about the "duty of every lodge." Every lodge is the judge of its own duty, and an opinion, perfectly in order in his own lodge, of the finances of which he was cognisant, might be an impertinence in another lodge.

The procedure dictated by Articles 49 *et seq.* for the guidance of Grand Lodge might be too cumbersome to be adopted in its entirety by a private lodge. Still what is done in Grand Lodge always forms a valuable precedent, and we never heard of a Worshipful Master being successfully appealed against who could quote the example of that august body.

The lodge bye-laws often prescribe that opposed motions shall not be entertained after a certain hour. In such case, a motion does not lapse, but retains its precedence according to its priority on the summons, and should take a sufficiently early place at a subsequent meeting—remembering always that, of ceremonial work, an initiation takes precedence of everything. Second and Third Degrees are not of equal importance, inasmuch as the brethren affected have already seen the Light.

(To be continued.)

SILVER WEDDING OF BRO. AND MRS. JAMES STEPHENS.

Bro. and Mrs. James Stephens celebrated their silver wedding on the 31st ult., and entertained a large company at the Frascati Restaurant in honour of the event. The guests numbered 180, and heartily congratulated the happy couple on the completion of 25 years of married life. The entertainment provided for the guests was on a lavish scale, and included a *recherche* banquet followed by a dance and concert. Although dispensing hospitality in such a liberal manner, Bro. and Mrs. Stephens—as has ever been their wont—were not unmindful of Charity, and during the evening the announcement was made of their intention to donate 100 guineas, viz., 25 guineas to each of the three Masonic Institutions, and a similar sum to the Royal Female Orphanage.

The guests were received by the host and hostess, and adjourned to a well-served banquet, during which the salon orchestra performed a selection of music under Mr. Archibald Evans. Two items elicited very hearty applause—"Many happy returns of the day" and a cornet solo by Mr. George Harlow, "The Lost Chord."

Three toasts were honoured, the first being "The Queen and Royal Family." "The Ladies" was next proposed by Mr. GEORGE READER, who said the tongue of the most gifted orator would not be sufficient to do justice to the toast. The ladies, at whatever stage, whether as the companions of the pleasures and amusements of one's youth, or as the companions of maturer pleasures and joys of mature life and also the solacers of one's troubles, or as the companions of old age, were equally invaluable and charming. It was difficult to say which was the more charming, the time of life of the rosy blush of youth, or the maturer time of 25 years married life, or when one came to see the venerable white haired lady. That the ladies were men's equals in intellect they had an example in their Queen, and that they were their superiors in Charity and amiability they had examples in their own domestic lives. He asked them to drink the health of the ladies, and associated with the toast the name of Mr. Quinn, who before dinner had expressed to him his appreciation of the bevy of beauty assembled in the reception room.

Mr. J. QUINN said he was afraid that whoever had been responsible in associating his name with the toast had made a mistake, because he did not see why a man who had been a bachelor all his life should be called upon to speak on a subject of which he knew extremely little or on which he ought to know little. If he did not exactly know something, or as much as Mr. Reader, he knew something about landladies. Perhaps they would allow him to explain. If most of the young people present had been amongst landladies as he had they would know something. Most of his friends said that landladies had only one side. Now, he had found they had two sides. Bachelors were knocked about from the frying-pan into the fire, and thus they were only too pleased to turn their attention to thoughts of love. That was his situation. He could give no better testimony of his regard and feeling for the ladies than to say he was going in a very short time to take to himself one of the ladies sitting on his right. If landladies had two sides, he had seen the reverse side. It would not be necessary for him to detain them longer or to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, who dwelt upon the intellectual powers of the ladies. They all knew that in the century about to close the most remarkable feature in connection with it had been the wonderful position women had reached during that period. In his own little way he had always advocated the development and the employment of the powers of women, whether physically or intellectually. As an instance of the excellence of woman, he might, as a matter of fact, refer to one with whom they were all well acquainted—he referred to Mrs. Stephens. He would ask the bachelors to make up their minds and follow in his footsteps as quickly as they could. It was a great pleasure to love and be loved, and, in conclusion, he would just quote them one or two lines, concluding—

"'Tis better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all."

Bro. W. H. BAILEY then rose and said that in his lifetime he had had many difficult tasks, but never remembered one more difficult than that of proposing to them "Their Excellent Host and Hostess." It had been to him, as to many present, a source of the most profound pleasure to number amongst his friends—his dearest and best friends—the host and hostess, and he was compelled to say they had thrown back upon him that love and affection with double and treble interest. There was no one whose name was more a household word than their host, and there was no one whose kindness of heart was more greatly esteemed than his excellent wife. They all said on that happy and pleasant occasion of their silver wedding—God bless the excellent pair; might they live long and have every blessing. He sometimes wondered why they made so many friends, but it was doubtless that magnetic influence which springs from the heart of both. Of all the kind people he had known there were none who had Charity more sincerely at heart for the benefit of all than they had. As they were blessed with all prosperity he could only say, God bless them both. They would thank

their host and hostess for the enjoyment of the evening, and ask them to be allowed to be numbered amongst their friends, and be links in that chain which bound them together in friendship and sincerity. On behalf of all present he offered their love and affection—a humble tribute which was only the expression of all who knew them—and hoped that God would grant them health and happiness now and evermore.

Bro. JAMES STEPHENS, in reply, said that if there was one moment in his life he felt happy it was on that occasion. He must first express his regret at the unfortunate absence of his dear old friend, Sir John Monckton, who had intended to be present, and wrote some months ago that unless he was at Derby he would be with them. On Friday last, however, Sir John had written that he had been obliged to join the party to which he had been invited prior to his (Bro. Stephens') invitation. Sir John wrote: "I am now starting for Derby, as I thought might be the case. I can only offer to you and your wife my warmest felicitations on the happy event of your silver wedding, and ask you to accept my own unworthy likeness in a silver frame." Bro. Bailey had spoken so kindly that he felt like a General returning from South Africa, who, having been feted again and again, in return for the kindness shown him said the result was not obtained by him but those serving with him. He felt sincerely all the kind things said about his wife, and from the bottom of his heart he could say there was not the slightest tinge of flattery in them. Never was there a dearer soul, one more devoted, or more true, honest, and just than she had been, not only to himself, but to the whole of her relations. If anything were wanted to show kindness in a wife it is when the husband's relations speak of her in equal terms of praise to those of her own relations. He could assure them his wife was esteemed and beloved by every one of his relations in like manner that she is beloved by her own brothers and sisters. They had had 25 years of married bliss. He would not attempt to say they had never had a few words, but for his part he was inclined to think he was qualified to compete for the Dunmow fitch. She believed in the old saying that "The course of true love never runs smooth," and enjoyed those little interludes because there was the pleasure of making up. They were married 25 years ago, and he was pleased to see his dear old friend, the only gentleman present that day who was present then, Mr. H. Ward. They still had the tea service—or remnants of it—which he was good enough to give them 25 years ago. It was a pride and pleasure to say they had been successful by their own industry and perseverance. Never did a man possess a wife who worked harder in this life than his good wife had worked for him. He frankly admitted that all the good things Bro. Bailey had said of him was the reflection of his wife's influence and character. They started in a humble sphere of life, but with a determination to get on if they could. He would tell them what to many was a secret. Some 12 years ago he built a little villa at West Hampstead, where they thought to retire, and knowing as he did the extreme exertions she had put forth to place him in the position he was, he thought how could he best identify the house with her? The initials of her Christian names were E L A D, and as he gave her the name of Stephens, this made the name of their house Elads. Bro. Bailey had said they had been successful, and he was grateful to Providence they had, and if he did not deserve it, at least his wife did for her energy. On the occasion of his jubilee birthday—and it was a singular coincidence to celebrate both his jubilee birthday and silver wedding in one year—they wanted to mark it in charity, for they were as charitable as they could be. He could not claim, like his friend Bro. Whadcoat, to give 1000 guineas to the Boys' School, but in their efforts in the past they could lay claim to have given 1000 guineas to the three Institutions. On his jubilee birthday he thought he would be doing his duty by recognising some charities outside Freemasonry. They had now decided to give 100 guineas in sums of 25 guineas to the three Masonic Charities. He was proud and honoured by the presence of their esteemed and beloved friend Bro. Letchworth, whom many of them knew as the Grand Secretary, in which capacity he had endeared himself to the hearts of all. Knowing the keen interest which Bro. Sir John Monckton took in the Royal Female Orphanage as one of the Committee, they had decided to give 25 guineas to that Institution in the name of his niece. A similar sum to the Masonic Boys' School, whose indefatigable Secretary he saw present, and also to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who was present, and had been for 40 years its invaluable Secretary. If Bro. Letchworth would allow him, he would send him 25 guineas in the name of his nephew, Eric Carter, for the Girls' School. In conclusion he could only say how happy they were after 25 years to be amongst nearly 200 friends who had honoured them with their presence. They had some thoughts of going to the Cecil, but his wife said they had enjoyed themselves at the Frascati so much and felt so much at home. He wished to express their deepest thanks to his friend, Bro. Morrell, for the admirable way in which the Frascati had catered for them. Their fervent hope to all present was that they would be spared long into the century, and that God might bless them and take them in His keeping until He might call them hence.

The company then adjourned to the dance and concert-rooms until the new century had been ushered in.

The artistes assisting in the concert were: Miss Emily Foxcroft, Miss Bessie Greenhill, Miss Annie Bartle, Miss Florence Ogilvy, Miss Lily Stephens, Miss Lizzie Davies, and Messrs. R. Dennant, Wills Page, Owen Clark, Murray Bemister, Mr. and Mrs. John Warner, and Mr. H. L. Cooke (accompanist).

Amongst those present were Bro. E. Letchworth, Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Whadcoat; Bro. and Mrs. A. Ritchie; Bro. and Mrs. W. Lake; Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Bailey; Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas; Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Mason; Dr. Gwynne Bird, Bro. and Mrs. J. Terry; Bro. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod; Bro. and Mrs. James Speller; Bro. and Mrs. E. L. Berry; Bro. and Mrs. T. Richards; Bro. and Mrs. B. Carter; Bro. G. V. Wood, Bro. and Mrs. G. A. Sims; Bro. and Mrs. J. H. Haylor; Bro. and Mrs. W. Godson; Bro. and Mrs. Flatman; Bro. and Mrs. A. Craddock; Bro. J. Stevens, Miss Dearing, Mr. Gus Rothschild, Bro. A. Morrell, Mrs. Dew, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dew; Bro. and Mrs. W. H. Parker; and many others.

Among the presents, which numbered nearly 100, were the following: Silver flower pots and salver from Cricklewood Lodge; photograph in silver frame, Bro. Sir J. Monckton; five o'clock tea service in case, Bro. and Mrs. Whadcoat; silver tea urn on stand, Bro. B. Carter; silver cake basket, Mrs. B. Carter; set of four antique silver candlesticks, Bro. J. W. Morrell; silver epergne, Bro. and Mrs. J. Terry; case of silver tea knives, Bro. and Mrs. Mason; silver flower bowl on stand, Bro. and Mrs. C. Dearing; silver flower vases, Bro. and Mrs. Welford; silver fruit dish, Bro. and Mrs. Lake; silver mirror, Bro. and Mrs. Godson; silver fruit dish and spoon, Bro. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod; silver flower bowl on stand, Bro. and Mrs. Craddock; silver spirit bottle, Bro. and Mrs. H. J. Turner; flower vases, Bro. and Mrs. J. Speller; writing case and cabinet, Bro. and Mrs. A. Flatman; silver flower vases, Bro. and Mrs. Griffiths; silver mirror, Bro. and Mrs. G. Reader; silver tea caddy, Bro. and Mrs. W. Thomas; silver salver, Mrs. and the Misses Jeffreys; silver sugar sifter and spoon, Bro. J. W. and Mrs. Nightingale; case of silver liqueur cups, Mrs. and Miss Nightingale; silver fruit dish, Bro. and Mrs. C. Mann; silver fruit dish, Bro. and Mrs. Slaughter; silver fruit dish, Bro. Haddock; silver bowl, Bro. and Mrs. H. Ward; silver photograph frame, Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas.

Mr. F. de Jong has secured a site for a new music-hall at Cape Town, South Africa, for which, as reported, he has paid the high price of £37,000.

FIELD-MARSHAL BRO. EARL ROBERTS, K.G.

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, whom on the occasion of his visit to the Queen at Osborne on Wednesday on his return from South Africa, her Majesty was pleased to create an Earl of the United Kingdom with special remainder, and to confer upon him the vacant Garter in recognition of his latest military

to the Royal Arch Degree in the Border Chapter attached to his mother lodge, and meeting in the same city. In 1895 his Royal Highness the M.W.G. Master appointed him to the chair of S.G. Warden, and on his lordship advancing to the dais for the purpose of being invested, the reception accorded him was most enthusiastic. The exigencies of military service have, as we have said, prevented Lord Roberts



services, has been a member of our Order for upwards of 45 years, but it will be readily understood that so distinguished a soldier, who has been on active service during nearly the whole of his long career, can have had but little leisure to devote to the duties of Masonry. His lordship was initiated in the Kyber Lodge, No. 583, Peshawur, in 1853, and a few years later was elected and installed its W.M., while in 1855 he was exalted

from engaging actively in Masonic pursuits, but while in South Africa he attended some of our lodge meetings, and we are glad to be in a position to announce that though the actual day has not been fixed, his lordship has accepted an invitation to dine with the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712. For fuller particulars we must refer our readers to the report which appears in another column, or to Bro. J. D. Langton, P. Dep. G.D.C., the Secretary.

Ireland.**THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERSHIP OF ANTRIM.****FORTHCOMING INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.**

A grand Masonic ceremonial of more than ordinary interest will take place in Belfast on the 15th instant, the occasion being that of the installation of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury as Prov. G. Master of the Province of Antrim. The last ceremonial of a similar kind in this city was the installation of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford as Prov. G. Master, in the month of October, 1889, on which occasion a grand banquet was given by the Masonic body in the Ulster Hall. Bro. the Marquis of Donegall, who was installed as Prov. G. Master of Antrim in the year 1864, was, on his death, succeeded by Bro. Sir Charles Lanyon, D.L., a most distinguished and deservedly popular member of the Masonic Fraternity, and the position of Prov. G. Master on his death was filled by the appointment, in the year 1889, of Bro. the Marquis of Hertford, who is now retiring from office, after a period of 11 years' zealous service in that exalted position. The gift of the dignity of Prov. G. Master is the especial prerogative of his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G. Master of Ireland, and the lot has fallen most worthily upon Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, who resides in their midst, and who promises to become exceedingly popular among his brethren of the important Masonic province of Antrim.

A special communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim will be convened on the 15th instant in the Exhibition Hall, Botanic Avenue, at 4 p.m. At this meeting the Duke of Abercorn will preside as M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, and he will be attended by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Sir James Creed Meredith, LL.D., and officers of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The newly-appointed Provincial Grand Master will then be formally installed with the customary ceremonial by the Duke of Abercorn, and having been duly saluted, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be closed.

Later in the evening a grand banquet will be given in the Ulster Hall, under the auspices of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. J. Hilton, J.P., and the officers and members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Antrim, in honour of the installation of the Earl of Shaftesbury, and at this banquet the Duke of Abercorn will preside. The hall will be gaily and handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the arrangement of the tables will be similar to that of the banquet recently given to General Sir George White. The balcony has been specially reserved for the use of ladies, who will be supplied with refreshments in the Ulster Minor Hall during the evening.

Arrangements have also been made for an orchestral band to be in attendance on the occasion, and a choice vocal musical programme has been prepared to enliven the intervals between the various toasts.

The members of the Order will appear at the banquet in full Masonic costume, representing the various Degrees of Freemasonry.

The Ulster Hall will, therefore, on this occasion present a spectacle more than usually gay and imposing; and there can be little doubt that the muster will be a large one, as such an opportunity rarely presents itself to the Fraternity in the northern province of Ireland. We understand that special arrangements are to be made with regard to late trains to suit the brethren attending the banquet.

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A QUARTERLY COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY, 1901, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution, and to consider the following Notice of Motion given at the Council Meeting of Friday, 28th December, 1900:—

By the V.W. Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G. Treasurer, Vice-Patron of Institution—

"That, on the recommendation of the Board of Management,

HARRY DOUGLAS LUCK and
THOMAS CECIL PERCY DAVIES,

being qualified boys, whose respective Fathers died whilst being actively engaged in time of war in the military service of their Queen and Country, be placed (without election) on the List of Boys maintained and educated out of the Institution under Law 68A, as adapted by the Quarterly Court of 12th January, 1900, and confirmed by the Quarterly Court of 20th April, 1900."

To receive a report from the Board of Management respecting the progress in the Building of the New School at Bushey, also as to the sale of the Wood Green Property.

To consider and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the Council as to the number of Boys to be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, 12th April, 1901, and to determine the List of Candidates.

The Chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

By order.

J. M. McLEOD,

Secretary.
 Offices—6, Freemasons' Hall,
 Great Queen-st., London, W.C.,
 3rd January, 1901.

The 103rd ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held on 26th June, 1901, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. W. W. BRANSTON BEACH, M.P., R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Trustee of the Institution.

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In accordance with a Resolution of the General Committee, a SPECIAL GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on the morning of THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1901, at Half-past Eleven o'clock precisely, to consider the following Motion by W. Bro. CHARLES PULMAN, P. Prov. G.D. Northumberland:—

"That the Laws relating to Election be and are hereby suspended for the purposes of the Election, with a view to her immediate admission to the Institution, of Audrey Rennett, a duly qualified Candidate, in consideration of the fact that her father died of Enteric Fever during active service in South Africa, and she is hereby elected accordingly, subject nevertheless to all the Laws and Regulations pertaining to Girls after Election."

Also a GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on the morning of THURSDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1901, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution; to consider Motion by W. Bro. A. C. SPAULL, P.G. Std. Br., Patron, on behalf of the House Committee as under; to approve and declare the List of Candidates for the Election on the 11th of April next; and to declare the number of Girls then to be elected.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"That the vacancies caused by the withdrawal of Beatrice Mitchell Williams and Nora Floyd, before the expiration of their term, be filled by the admission under Law 94 of Ada Emily Perry and Annie Lewell, the two highest unsuccessful Candidates at the October Election."

F. R. W. HEDGES,
Secretary.5, Freemasons' Hall,
Great Queen-street, W.C.,
3rd January, 1901.

The 113th Anniversary Festival will be held on Wednesday, 5th May next, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the EARL AMHERST, M.W. Pro Grand Master, R.W. Prov. G.M. Kent. Brethren willing to act as Stewards on this important occasion are earnestly solicited to send in their names to the Secretary as early as convenient.

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Masonic Notes.

In the list of those on whom her Majesty has been pleased to confer honour at the commencement of the New Year and, as it happens, of a New Century as well, will be found the names of three gentlemen who have won distinction in the ranks of the Craft. These

are Bro. Thos. F. Halsey, who has been a representative of the County of Hertford since 1874, and who as a Privy Councillor will henceforth be known officially as the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P.; and Bros. John Aird, M.P., and Wyndham S. Portal, who have been created Baronets of the United Kingdom, and the former of whom is a member of the great firm of contractors, Messrs. John Aird and Sons, has represented North Paddington in the House of Commons since 1887, and is the first Mayor of the newly-created Borough of Paddington; while the latter, who belongs to one of the best known families in Hampshire, has been connected for the last 39 years with the directorate of the London and South-Western Railway Company, of which he was Chairman from 1892 to 1899.

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In Masonry all these three gentlemen have, as we have said, greatly distinguished themselves. Bro. T. F. Halsey was initiated, while at Christ Church, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, early in 1861, is a P.M. of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and the Watford Lodge, No. 404, Watford, and a Past Prov. G. Warden of Hertfordshire. In 1873, on the resignation of the late Bro. William Stuart, he was appointed to succeed him as Prov. G. Master of Hertfordshire, and was installed in office in the county town of Hertford in April of the following year, one of his earliest official acts being the consecration of Lodge No. 1479, which meets in the City of St. Albans, and is named in his honour the Halsey Lodge. In 1875 he was appointed and installed Grand Superintendent of the Province, and in 1885, on the erection of Hertfordshire as a Province under the Mark Grand Lodge—of which he was at the time a Past G. Warden—he was appointed and installed Prov. Grand Mark Master. He is also a Past E.P. of the Stuart Preceptory, No. 28, Watford, and Past Dep. P.G.P. Herts in the Order of the Temple, and has done good service to our three Masonic Institutions, for each of which he has served more than once as Steward, while in addition he has qualified as Vice-President of the Girls' School, and Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

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Bro. John Aird—now Sir John Aird, Bart., M.P.—was initiated in the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, on the 25th November, 1868, served as Grand Steward in 1878, and had the honour of being in the chair of Deputy Master in 1890, in which year the lodge celebrated the centenary of its constitution, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G. Master, who is permanently its W. Master. In 1891 he was appointed S.G. Deacon of Grand Lodge and Asst. G. Sojourner in Supreme Grand Chapter. He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and has served as Festival Steward for all three.

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Bro. Wyndham S. Portal—now Sir Wyndham S. Portal, Bart.—was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1849, and having a few years later joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, as one of the brethren who helped to revive that distinguished lodge, was installed as W. Master in 1856, in which year also, being a member of Economy Lodge, No. 77, Winchester, he was appointed Prov. J.G. Warden of Hampshire. In 1858 he was honoured with the collar of J.G. Warden of Grand Lodge and of Asst. G. Sojourner of Supreme Grand Chapter, as well as with that of Junior G. Warden of the Mark Grand Lodge. He is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has served once as Steward for each of the Schools. We congratulate the new Privy Councillor and Baronets on the honours they have just had conferred upon them by her Majesty the Queen.

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In forwarding his statement of the Income of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Secretary has very kindly furnished us with some most interesting statistics from which it is possible to see how wonderfully the Institution has progressed during the last 17 years. It appears that the amounts received by the Institution year by year during this period reach the immense sum of £433,349 18s. 2d., of which £256,530 4s. was received during the 14 years from 1884 to 1897, both inclusive, and £176,810 14s. 2d. during the last three years. Of this latter sum, £124,308 8s. 6d. was received by the School in 1898—the year in which it celebrated the Centenary of its foundation.

As regards the sum of £256,530 4s. received during the 14 years from 1884 to 1897, both inclusive, the Secretary has divided it into two parts, of which one, amounting to £98,434 11s. 8d. represents the total of the sums received year by year during the first seven years, giving an average per year of £14,062 1s. 8d.; and the other amounting to £158,095 12s. 4d., and representing the total of the sums similarly received during the other seven years; the average per year in the latter case being £22,585 1s. 9d. It is not, perhaps, altogether just to institute such a comparison; the old *regime*, which was gradually falling into disfavour with the Craft, would necessarily show to a great disadvantage, while the new *regime* would as certainly appear at its very best. Still the comparison is by no means unnatural, and as there is such a marked difference between the two averages—amounting to more than £8500—not at all unreasonable.

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Nor must we omit to notice the immense increase which has taken place in the amount of the invested capital of the Institution since the present *regime* was inaugurated in 1890. In that year this stood at £17,500, now it stands at £150,116 11s. 11d., and as there is a further sum of £3500 on deposit with the bankers of the Institution, the available assets amount to £153,616 11s. 11d. Thus there has been an increase of capital during the last 10 years of £136,116 11s. 11d., and this, notwithstanding, as we are told, that about £59,500 has been thus far expended on the new School at Bushey. Such figures as these almost take one's breath away.

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We are glad to hear that the Board of Management have decided as to the form the Memorial shall take which it is proposed to raise in honour of our late Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treasurer, a Patron, and one of the Trustees of the Institution, and, above all, the Chairman from its formation of the Governing Body of the School. Two recommendations were made to the Board, one proposing the establishment of a fund to benefit deserving boys on leaving School, and the other the erection of a Stained Glass Window in the Assembly or Dining Hall of the new Schools at Bushey. It was shown, however, that the former scheme would, in the event of there being a permanent endowment for the purpose, give rise to legal difficulties, and the Board have, therefore, resolved on adopting the project for placing a Stained Glass Window in the Hall. But is there no other—no more adequate—plan for doing honour to the memory of Bro. Eve?

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The School Quarterly Courts will be held at Freemasons' Hall next week—that of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls being appointed for Thursday, the 10th instant, at the hour of 12 noon; and that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys on Friday, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m. The principal business at both meetings will be the approval of the Lists of Candidates and the declaration of the vacancies to be competed for by them at the April Elections. In the case of the Girls' School, a Special Court will be held half-an-hour earlier (at 11.30 a.m.), at which Bro. C. Pulman's motion will be considered for the immediate admission without ballot of the daughter of a brother who died of enteric fever while on active service in South Africa; or rather, we should say, for the suspension of the laws relating to election, in order to enable the child to be admitted.

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The friends of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are almost invariably fortunate in the matter of weather when their annual entertainments to the annuitants in residence at Croydon take place, and Wednesday, when the commencement of the New Year was celebrated with all the accustomed joviality, proved no exception. There was a large muster of visitors to do honour to the occasion, not the least kindly and genial amongst them being Bro. James Terry, the Secretary of the Institution, to whose initiative the "Old Folks at Home," at Croydon, are indebted for the establishment of these annual *fêtes*. It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere, that the meeting passed off successfully, the excellent after-dinner programme of music under the direction of Bro. Schartau being greatly appreciated, while the Secretary delivered a very effective address, in which he reviewed the present fortunes of the Institution and the prospects awaiting it in connection with the approaching Festival to be held next month under the presidency of the Earl of Warwick, Dep. G. Master, Prov. Grand Master of Essex.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Bro. Geo. R. T. Wilson, Secretary, has written a wee History of the "St. Andrew Lodge," No. 25, St. Andrews, Scotland. Unfortunately nearly all the old documents belonging or referring to the lodge are missing, so that the Historian has mainly to confine himself to modern records. Brother Wilson, however, is able to note one important fact, viz., that of the five lodges that subscribed to the "St. Clair Charter" of 1602 (circa), St. Andrew was one, and so also as respects the second Charter of 1628 (circa), when the Master and Wardens of the "sed Ludg of Saint Androis" subscribed to the document. In 1736, on the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, St. Andrew was a participant, and was subsequently placed as 27 on the roll, but altered to 25 further on, at which it still remains. Its date, however, in the latest Book of Constitutions is stated to be 1736, which assuredly is not correct, as there are earlier indications of its activity, such as a list of members from 1720, which is continued for about 100 years, and numbers over 700 names. Many distinguished Masons have seen the light under its banner. The Marquis of Breadalbane was initiated therein, 20th April, 1869; Sir Hugh Lyon Playfair was its R.W.M. in 1818; and the late M.W. Bro. John Whyte-Melville, P.G.M. of Scotland, was for many years its Proxy Master. Bro. Wilson gives many particulars about the members and their meetings during the last hundred years and more, and has compiled a register of the officers from 1790 to 1893.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Cheltenham. The meeting was originally appointed for the 6th ult., but it was postponed until the later date in consequence of the summoning of Parliament and the consequent inability of the Grand Superintendent, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, to attend. During the 13 years since Provincial Grand Chapter was founded the Chancellor of the Exchequer has not missed one of its annual meetings, and it was an evidence of his continued attachment to the Order that at his request arrangements for the postponement were made to enable him to preside over the Provincial Grand Chapter.

There was a large attendance of companions. The Grand Superintendent, as already intimated, presided, and amongst the Provincial Grand Officers supporting him were—Comps. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.A.G. Soj., Prov. G.H.; E. Lea, P.Z. 493, Prov. G.J.; J. B. Winterbotham, P.A.G. Soj., Prov. G.S.E.; E. Wittell, P.Z. 839 and 702, Prov. G.S.N.; Jas. Bruton, P.Z. 839 (High Sheriff of Gloucester), Prov. G. Treas.; E. W. Henley, P.Z. 839, Prov. G.P.S.; S. Millard, P.Z. 493, Prov. A.G.S.; A. F. Turner, 82, Prov. G.S.B.; H. A. Armitage, 839, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. Hobbs, 702, Prov. G.D.C.; M. L. Evans, Prov. A.G.S.E.; and J. A. Matthews, 82, Prov. G. Org.

The other companions present were

Comps. Bevir, Prov. Asst. G. Soj. Wilts; W. R. Porcher, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.J.; A. V. Hatton, P.Z. 493, P.P.G.J.; G. Norman (Mayor of Cheltenham), P.Z. 82, P.P.G.J.; R. P. Sumner, P.Z. 839, P.P.G.J.; Rev. P. Hattersley-Smith, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.J.; H. S. Crump, P.Z. 943, P.P.G.S.N.; G. C. Clark, Z. 493, P.P.G.S.N.; G. Pike, P.Z. 839, P.P.G.S.N.; J. L. Butler, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.R.; W. Warman, P.Z. 702, P.P.G.R.; E. L. Baylis, P.Z. 82, P.P.G.R.; R. W. Northcott, P.Z. 702, P.P.G. Soj.; J. C. Hill, P.Z. 839, P.P. Asst. G. Soj.; J. L. Tickell, P.Z. 82, P.P. Asst. G. Soj.; J. Waghorne, H. 82, P.P.G.D.C.; Conway Jones, 439, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Williams, S.E. 82; N. Philpott, 493; Canon M. W. F. St. John; W. Sparks, G. Embrey, F. J. Palmer, J. McFee, J. F. Bushnell, J. Bubb, J. Crofts, C. S. Atkins, and many others.

Prov. Grand Chapter having been opened in due form routine matters were disposed of.

The report of the Prov. G. Treasurer was of a most satisfactory character, a substantial balance standing to the credit of the Prov. Grand Chapter.

This report having been adopted, Comp. Jas. Bruton was again re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer, and thanked for his services.

The roll of the chapters was then called, and the proceedings closed with the appointment and investiture of the following as the Prov. Grand Officers for the year ensuing, viz:

Comp. R. V. Vassar-Smith, P.Z. 82 and 839	...	Prov. G.H.
" R. W. Northcott, P.Z. 702	...	Prov. G.J.
" James B. Winterbotham, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Col. Richard Rogers, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Jas. Bruton, P.Z. 839	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Millard, P.Z. 493	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. C. Hill, P.Z. 839	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. L. Tickell, P.Z. 82	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Waghorne, H. 82	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" Conway Jones, H. 493	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Edwards, J. 493	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" S. B. Darke, J. 702	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. A. Matthews, 82	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Llewellyn Evans, J. 82	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" M. Carroll	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined together, dinner being served in the banqueting room of the hall, the Grand Superintendent presiding.

The after-dinner speaking was brief, as is of necessity the case when trains have to be caught and guests have to leave early.

The toast of "The Grand Superintendent," proposed by Comp. NORMAN, was enthusiastically honoured.

Comp. Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH acknowledged the toast in genial terms, and took occasion to thank the companions for so readily accepting the postponement of the chapter which had enabled him to be present. It was always a pleasure and the most grateful form of relaxation to come amongst his Gloucestershire brethren and exchange fraternal greetings with them. Referring to an allusion made to the report of his approaching retirement from office, he said he need hardly say there was no truth in it. He hoped he was not the man to run away from a position because it was an anxious or difficult one.

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

PRESENTATION TO MISS NORRIS.

According to annual custom, a New Year's Entertainment was given to the annuitants in residence at the buildings of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, and it was of the same liberal character as on former occasions, thanks to the contributions of the brethren and Masonic bodies that provide the funds which supply it. It must be remembered that the expense is not borne by the Institution, and that the subscriptions which are contributed towards its support are not trespassed upon either for the New Year's or the Summer entertainment of the annuitants. Private individuals and lodges voluntarily bear the cost of both, and, as will be seen from the following report, a balance remains in hand. The annuitants, in addition to the entertainment, have also presents of tea and tobacco presented to them, and this custom was again followed on Wednesday.

The company arrived on the premises shortly before two o'clock in the afternoon. It consisted of

Bro. Dr. H. J. Strong, Bro. G. A. W. Griffiths, I.P.M. 174, and Mrs. Griffiths; Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C.; Bro. Thomas Hewson, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; Mrs. R. Atkinson, Miss Mary E. Raicker, Mrs. Lilian Skinner, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, Treas.; Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, Miss Olive Whadcoat, and Miss Jessie Whadcoat; Bro. Charles J. Macintosh, Bro. George F. Cook and Mrs. Cook; Bro. Walter Gladding and Mrs. Gladding; Bro. C. Kempton, P.M., Mrs. Kempton, and Mrs. A. Kempton; Bro. David Hills, Mrs. D. Hills, and Miss Elsie Hills; Bro. E. W. Nightingale, P.M. and Sec. 87; Mrs. Hills, Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. and Sec. 174; Mrs. E. A. Savage, Bro. W. A. Sterling, Mrs. W. A. Sterling, Bro. E. J. Anning, C.C., Mrs. Anning, and Miss Anning; Bro. H. J. Phillips, P.M. and Sec. 205, and Mrs. Phillips; Bro. H. Massey, P.M., and P.Z. 617 and 1928, Miss Massey, and Miss Eliza Massey; Bro. John Oldis, P.M. 1288; Bro. Charles Henry Stone, P.M. 507 and 1641, and Mrs. Stone; Bro. T. E. Ford, 1288; Bro. W. J. Crutch, Bro. S. H. Hickman, Bro. John Wayte, M.B. (Hon. Surgeon to the Institution; Mrs. Terry, Bro. John Mason, Bro. J. G. Stevens, Bro. Orton and Mrs. Orton, and others.

The company were received most cordially by Bro. Terry (Secretary to the Institution), and shortly afterwards sat down to a sumptuous repast, consisting of good old-fashioned Christmas fare. Dr. Strong presided, and Bros. Terry, Whadcoat, J. A. Farnfield, Kempton, and Anning presided at the sub-tables.

At the conclusion of the repast, the usual few toasts, including the toast of "The Queen," were honoured.

"The Founders of the Feast" was proposed by Dr. STRONG, who said that those visitors who were present for the first time might not know that no portion of the funds of the Institution were given for this dinner, but that the cost of it was provided by kind friends of the Institution voluntarily. It was, therefore, the more pleasant. Bros. Hastings Miller, G. F. Cook, and D. Hills were among the brethren who got the money together, and Bro. Hills's collection came to £22 10s. It was these brethren he called upon to respond.

Bros. T. HASTINGS MILLER and G. F. COOK having expressed the pleasure it always gave them to contribute to these entertainments,

Bro. D. HILLS said the thanks were not due so much to himself as to the kind friends who supported him. As ladies were present it might be as well to say that what the founders of the feast had done was a striking evidence of the good that Masonry could do, and they might, therefore, assume that there was some good in Masonry after all. The Christmas festival was a religious festival celebrated almost solely by the Christian Church, but the money he brought year by year to this entertainment was almost entirely contributed by Jewish brethren—brethren who did not take an interest in the Christian festival in a religious point of view. Still they put their hands in their pockets and helped to keep up this festival in the way that the supporters of the Benovolent Institution wished it to be kept up.

Dr. STRONG, in proposing the toast, "Prosperity to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," said he was very much pleased to see in the papers that morning that the Institution was again at the top of the list of the subscriptions to the three Masonic Institutions. His wife said to him "We are at the top of the list again." He said to her, "I like the word 'we,' but she said "I think I am entitled to say 'we' from the connection I have had with the Institution so long." He agreed with her, and said he was glad to see that "we are again at the top of the list." Now, £29,587 was a very large sum, but it was not more than their needs required, because there were still many candidates waiting to be elected. Those who were receiving the benefits of the Institution were exceedingly grateful; he hoped that shortly there would be others in the same position. There was a lady associated with the Institution (Miss Norris) for whose unabated interest in it the brethren ought to be thankful; and a gentleman (Bro. Terry), whose deeds were well known; and the £29,587 would not have been got together but for his earnest and active work. The toast must be a hearty one, more especially at the beginning of a new century.

Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD here stepped forward, and said the House Committee felt that they were much indebted to Miss Norris, who had foregone her annual holiday in order that she might look after the builders' workmen, who had been engaged in the summer in repairing the buildings of the Institution. The Committee thought they would like out of their own funds to give her some slight tribute of their respect and esteem. She had been the Matron of the Institution some 23 years. He was deputed on the part of the House Committee to hand to Miss Norris a diamond and sapphire ring, and they hoped she might be spared many years to minister to the comfort of the inmates of the Institution, and work out the wishes of the Committee as satisfactorily as she had done for so long a period hitherto.

Dr. STRONG expressed Miss Norris's thanks.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Sec., in responding for himself, after some playful allusions to Miss Norris's being wedded to the Institution by the gift of the ring, said it gave him great pleasure to respond for the Institution after 37 years' connection with it, and he hoped it would go on prospering, and to prosper. The Chairman had alluded to the fact of £29,587 having been paid into the coffers of the Institution during the past year, and to the Institution being at the top of the tree. It was not the first

time this had happened; he hoped it would not be the last by many. During the year 1900 the Craft had contributed more than £83,000 to the three Masonic Institutions. The Benevolent Institution had more than 400 annuitants on its books, mostly confined to England, but having some in Guernsey, Jersey, and the Channel Islands. He referred to the stained-glass windows in the room, which showed the initials of members of the House Committee who had done excellent work for the Institution. In the present year the Festival of the Institution would be presided over by the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master, and he hoped his lordship when he visited the Institution prior to the Festival would be accompanied by the Countess of Warwick, and that the annuitants would have the pleasure of greeting her ladyship. He should try to do in the future what he had done in the past—his best for the Institution; it was impossible for him to promise more than that; if it was not as much as he had done it would be the fault of growing years; but he hoped he should give satisfaction to the House Committee and maintain the confidence they had placed in him. He would ask those visitors who had not been to the Institution before to go and visit the annuitants in their houses and see how comfortable and happy the Committee had tried to make them. He was happy to say that the donations to the present entertainment enabled him to hand over a balance to the Samaritan Fund to enable Miss Norris to defray the cost of certain little extra comforts which the illness of any of the inmates might necessitate.

Bro. WHADCOAT proposed "The Health of the Chairman," which Dr. STRONG acknowledged.

The annuitants then returned to their residences where they were visited by the ladies.

A repast was then partaken of by the brethren, Bro. Whadcoat taking the chair.

Bro. TERRY, replying to the toast of "The Institution," said that from what had appeared in the papers that morning, not only had £83,000 been acquired by the three Masonic Institutions, but by means of the Board of Benevolence and the Mark Degree, the total sum contributed to benevolence by Masons in the past year was over £100,000. The Benevolent Institution he was proud to think had received over £29,000. When the Committee met next Wednesday there would be from 105 to 108 candidates seeking admission, but there would be only six vacancies for the men and two for the widows. Unless over £18,000 a year was got it was impossible for the Committee to extend the Institution's burdens. But it rested with the Committee, although there must be a limit. He trusted that under the presidency of Lord Warwick the next Festival would redound to the credit of the Craft and the Institution under the roof of which they were now met. Notwithstanding the trouble that had overtaken the country, he trusted they might look to doing better and better with the Institution. The calls on them were very, very urgent. Some of the candidates for the Benevolent Institution were 70 and 80 years of age, one was over 80. He hoped and trusted the year 1901 would be a prosperous one for all, and that he might be spared many years to enjoy the confidence of the Institution's Committee.

Bro. ANNING responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. WHADCOAT acknowledged the toast of "The Chairman," which was proposed by Bro. FARNFIELD.

Bro. Herbert Schartau's corps of artistes—Miss Edith Serpell, Miss Edith Bushell, Mr. Pearce, Mr. John Josey, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Berry—contributed singing and sketches during the evening to the great delight of the old people and visitors, and the party returned to town by train shortly after nine o'clock.

Craft Masonry.

Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. WESTLAKE MORGAN.

On Monday, the 17th ult., Bro. T. Westlake Morgan was by dispensation from Lord Harlech, Prov. G. Master of North Wales, installed into the chair of K.S. at the Masonic Hall, newly erected at Menai Bridge, Anglesea, this being the third occasion during the last year that that brother has been entrusted with the charge of our local lodges. Last March Bro. Col. Henry Platt installed Bro. Westlake Morgan into the chair of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, at Bangor; in November Gwynedd placed him in the East in the Snowdonia Lodge of Mark Masons at Bangor; and last month Bro. Lloyd-Griffith installed him into the Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113. Bro. Westlake Morgan thus has the very unusual distinction of being Master of three lodges at one and the same time.

At the gathering on the date above mentioned three Grand Officers were present—Bros. Col. Platt, C.B., Dep. Prov. G. Master of North Wales; Col. Hunter, P.G.D. Eng., P. Prov. G. Master of Aberdeenshire East; and J. Lloyd-Griffith, M.A., P. Asst. G.D.C. Eng. The Prov. G. Officers included Bros. Dr. Grey Edwards, W. A. Foster, R. G. Thomas, J. A. Hornby, W. Price Smith, Hugh C. Vincent, Captain T. Williams, and others; whilst the following visitors attended the proceedings: Bros. W. S. Milliard, Ramelton Lodge, Ireland; John Dillon, Ridley Lodge, Northumberland; J. A. Rodway, W. Douglas Jones, P.M.; Frank Bellis, W. Bulkeley Hughes-Hunter, P. Shearson Gregory, W.M. 380; Philip E. Jones, W. Jones, W. H. Wright, R. E. Pritchard, P.M.; Dr. Prytherch, S. Harris, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Col. Platt presented the W.M. elect to Bro. J. Lloyd-Griffith, who then ably installed him before a Board of some 15 Installed Masters. "Hearty good wishes" were offered to Bro. Westlake Morgan from the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the Grand Lodge of Greece, the Prov. G. Lodge of North Wales, St. David's, St. Cybi, St. Tudno, St. Eleth, Segontium, the Royal Leek, Ridley, and Quatuor Coronati Lodges; also from the "Old 407" Lodge, County Donegal (I.C.), and the very old Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Letters and telegrams of apology were put in from Bros. Lord Harlech, Prov. G. Master; the Lord Bishop of Bangor, P.G. Chap. of England; Canon Brownrigg, P.G. Chap. of England; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; Edward Roberts, Prov. G. Sec.; McKenzie Williams, James Porter, Owen Rowlands, Dr. Richard Jones, Dr. H. Jones Roberts, W. A. Dew, Rev. Lloyd Kyffin, E. Eustance, Dr. Eugene Clarke, Rev. D. Herbert, E. A. Neele, and others. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Walter R. Jones, and before the lodge was closed the following officers were appointed: Bros. Griffith Williams, S.W.; John Edwards, J.W.; Rev. David Herbert, B.A., Chap.; James A. Hornby, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Treas.; Walter R. Jones, Sec.; Henry A. Humphreys, S.D.; Edward Harry Cadwallader, J.D.; R. G. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, D.C.; John William Jones, Beaumaris, Org.; Joseph Bamford, I.G.; Owen W. Jones, Carnarvon, William Lovatt, and Edward Hughes, Stwds.; and Thomas Powis, Tyler.

The subsequent banquet was admirably catered for by Bro. R. G. Thomas, at the Victoria Hotel, music being kindly provided by the Cathedral quartette party (Bro. W. Jones, Messrs. Jevons, Roberts, and Morris), and the orchestra being under the able direction of Bandmaster W. P. McIlwee, of the Royal Anglesey Engineers.

During the evening the usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Colonel Hunter, of Plas Coch, responding for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Colonel Platt for "The Province."

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. P. Shearson Gregory, W.M. of the mother lodge of the province, said that at the coming bazaar, which was being organised to liquidate the heavy debt on the new Anglesea Lodge room, the St. David's Lodge would not forsake them; whilst Bro. Milliard, who hailed from the "old 407" Lodge of the Irish Constitution, said that much was to be learnt from visiting lodges. He had been initiated in Ireland in 1865, and had visited lodges in Gibraltar, Malta, Bombay, Calcutta, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the Cape of Good Hope, and had found something fresh to learn in each.

In replying for "The Charities," Bro. W. A. Foster, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., said he had realised a considerable sum that evening, and he thought that this year the Anglesea Lodge would stand well in the matter of benevolence.

Altogether the proceedings passed off with great *éclat*, and the new W.M., Bro. Westlake Morgan, has much reason to feel gratified.

Union Lodge, No. 310.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. J. H. C. COLTON.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Wednesday, the 26th ult. was celebrated in the customary manner by the above lodge, who held their annual installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Fisher-street, Carlisle. There was a very large attendance, including visiting brethren from Penrith, Dumfries, Annan, Wigton, and other towns. Bro. J. H. C. Colton was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bros. F. Ritson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. A. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; and J. M. Henderson, P.G.S. of W., I.P.M. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. M. Henderson, I.P.M.; D. J. White, S.W.; W. Clark, J.W.; J. Bewley, Treas.; W. Grahame, Sec.; T. Martindale, Asst. Sec.; J. Newman, S.D.; J. H. Minns, J.D.; F. Ritson, D.C.; J. H. C. Colton, Almoner; W. Meals, I.G.; E. Gray, Org.; F. E. S. Seed, Asst. Org.; A. W. Johnston, W. D. Todd, T. Sawyer, J. Tiffen, and T. H. Hodgkinson, Stewards; and J. Graham and J. Wilson, Tylers. The lodge was then closed.

The annual banquet was held at the Silver Grill.

The W.M. during the evening presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Henderson.

An extensive programme of song and toasts was gone through, the harmony of the evening being under the direction of Bro. J. H. Minns. Songs were given by Bros. W. Sharp, W. G. Moffet, J. Graham, W. Reid, John Gray, jun., F. W. Fassell, F. E. S. Seed, H. Bendle, J. H. Minns, W. H. Hoodless, T. Martindale, R. G. Parry, and E. Gray.

The programme was an elegant production of 16 pages, and contained photo-reproductions of the whole of the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year, from the W.M. to the Tylers, together with a list of all the W. Masters of the lodge from the year 1796.

The Worshipful Master, replying to the toast of "The Newly-Installed Worshipful Master of Union Lodge," proposed by Bro. J. M. Henderson, I.P.M., referred to the great age of the lodge, and said that 100 years ago Henry Nanson was Worshipful Master, and there were only 29 brethren in the lodge. Most of them were calico printers. An inventory of the goods and chattels showed that the lodge possessed at that time a set of blocks for printing aprons, and it was evident that some brethren employed their time by decorating aprons. There was also a copy of a book of songs by Robert Anderson, the Cumberland Bard, who was also a calico printer, though he probably was not a Mason. The meeting place was at the King's Head, in Fisher-street. The menu at that date consisted of a round of beef (boiled) and pork chops (roasted), for which the price was 3s. each. They had to thank these old Masons for keeping alive the spirit of Freemasonry, and handing down the charter and traditions of the lodge.

Bro. A. Taylor, P.M. 1532, P.P.G.S.W., who was W.M. of Union Lodge in 1872, was present, and replied, with others, for "The Visitors."

Beckie Lodge presented Bro. A. Taylor with his portrait on Wednesday night, the 2nd instant, in recognition of his services. He was one of the founders of the lodge 29 years ago.

Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712.

VISIT OF THE LOGIC CLUB.

The Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, is earning for itself a reputation such as its founders anticipated, and it is rapidly becoming a powerful and influential body. The promotion of excellence in the working of the ritual is always to the fore in its programme, and at the last meeting the members of the Logic Club were invited, and accepted an invitation, to be present and work a ceremony. It need scarcely be added that the brethren entrusted with the task fully maintained the reputation which the Logic Club has acquired as one of the foremost Institutions in the metropolis. A correct, dignified, and serious rendering of the beautiful ritual is taught by the excellent Preceptor, Bro. Manuel, P.M. The Third Degree was the ceremony selected, and the Preceptor must indeed have been proud of his pupils and the Logic Club, for the large number of brethren present will certainly never forget the impression made upon them. All the beautiful teachings were eloquently and most impressively rendered by the acting W.M., Bro. Albert G. Neville, whose elocution and dignity left nothing to be desired, whilst he received valuable assistance from all his officers, including Bro. R. G. Robinson, who performed the duties of S.D. in a manner that has probably never been excelled.

Lodge was opened by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., W.M., and several items of business transacted. These included the election of W.M., the choice falling upon Bro. E. R. Bartley Dennis, P.P.G.W. Middx., a distinguished and earnest Mason, who has already filled the chair on several previous occasions, and is the present W.M. of the Yorick Lodge. The members of the Logic Club then filled the various offices as follows: Bros. Albert G. Neville, W.M.; R. Manuel, Preceptor, as I.P.M.; J. P. Fitzgerald, S.W.; Milson Rees, F.R.C.S., J.W.; R. G. Robinson, S.D.; G. Paxton, J.D.; J. H. Barnes, I.G.; and Harry Nicholls, D. of C. Bro. Stanley Pringle acted as candidate during the rehearsal of the Third Degree, the performance of which gave intense delight to all present. The general opinion was summed up in the expression of several P.Ms. of some years standing that they had really heard the ceremony for the first time in their lives. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the workers, and in reply, Bro. R. Manuel, P.M., said that in the Logic Club they endeavoured to rehearse the ritual with as much earnestness as if they had a real candidate with them. He thanked the lodge for the invitation to their very interesting meeting. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Imre Kiralfy, W.M., and acknowledged, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, President of Board of General Purposes, acknowledged "The Grand Officers." That was a unique lodge, which was doing an immense deal of good. Some years ago a similar lodge was started in Hants, at a time when it was difficult to find a brother to work the installation, consecration, or other ceremonies. No one was to be elected unless he could do all the ceremonies. That night the work had been done by the Logic Club. He had heard of it before, and he was pleased indeed to have had the privilege of meeting them, because he had heard of their work and of some of their members. They one and all had had not only a charming evening, but as one who had seen a good many ceremonies—perhaps more than most—he could say he had never heard work done more perfectly or more beautifully than the work that evening. It was one thing to do the ritual well and to be word perfect, and he had heard many men go through without a falter or wrong word. But that was not everything. They wanted a man with elocution, able to put into that ritual the feeling they had heard that evening. They had only to listen to the ceremony to know that the son was a chip of the old block, his father—Bro. Henry Neville.

Bro. Hy. Neville, P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M., in graceful terms, proposed "The Worshipful Master." Referring to the remarks of Bro. Loveland, he said he was not in any way responsible for his son's work, which was all intuitive, and came from his own true heart. Whilst Bro. Kiralfy had been Master he had not only assisted to make the finances in a flourishing state, he had occupied the chair with his characteristic modesty, and had given way to others who worked the ritual in French and Italian.

Bro. Imre Kiralfy, W.M., in the course of his reply, said he had Masonry at heart, and having been a Mason for 32 years, the longer he was a Mason the more he loved the Craft. He retired from the chair, but not from the lodge, which he would continue to support in every possible way.

The W.M. next proposed "The Logic Club," and said that Bro. Loveland had already told them in more eloquent words than he could of the excellent work the Club

had done. They had tried to express their full admiration in the vote of thanks in the lodge. In all his Masonic experience he had never been so charmed as with the work that night. The lodge owed a great debt of gratitude for the work done. He hoped the lesson they had had would be the means of making many brethren join the Logic Club, and he would join on the following Sunday morning if the members would elect him.

Bro. R. Manuel, P.M., Preceptor, said that nearly 10 years ago when he was a young Mason, it was suggested to him that as he was getting into office in his mother lodge he could not do better than join the Logic Club and get some education in Masonic ritual. He was very glad that he accepted and acted upon that hint. He saw on that occasion his good friend Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, one of the founders, and also the Preceptor, Bro. John Maclean, who was not present now, but whose spirit was always with earnest Masons. Three years back he was voted into the chair of Preceptor. He knew at that date they had good material in the club, and that he should feel an interest in the work, and he put his back into the position. It had been the pride of his life during those three years to be assisted by earnest workers. He thought they might claim that although a rehearsal their gatherings rose to the dignity of a religious performance. That was the spirit he liked to see a rehearsal carried out in. He would suggest to their minds as earnest Masons to make the influence of Masonry felt and concentrate all their attention on the ritual so that those who came in should be impressed with the full significance of the beautiful ritual.

Bro. Albert G. Neville also responded, and Bro. Bartley Denniss replied to the toast of his health as W.M. elect.

Bro. Alderman Natl. Robinson answered for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" concluded a highly interesting and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

As announced in another column, Bro. Lord Roberts has accepted an invitation sent him by the Secretary, Bro. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., on behalf of the lodge, to attend a special meeting at which his lordship will be presented with an address of welcome and elected an honorary member. The date has not yet been fixed, but full particulars will be issued in due course by Bro. Langton.

All Souls' Lodge, No. 170.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. L. W. CHAVE.

The festival of "St. John in Winter" was observed on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Weymouth, in the usual way. The Audit Committee met at 2.30, and the accounts presented were most satisfactory, showing (notwithstanding specially heavy expenditure) a balance of £50 on income and expenditure account.

The lodge was opened at 3.30, a very large gathering of members and visitors attending. The usual formal business having been completed, two joining members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Treasurer, Bro. Sherren, P.M., was carried, this being his 22nd year of office. A vote of thanks to Bro. S. S. Milledge for making the inventory of the lodge another year was also passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. L. W. Chave, was then presented and installed in the presence of an unusually large Board of Installed Masters by his predecessor, Bro. N. Bowes, in a highly satisfactory manner, assisted by Bros. A. Rayner and Zillwood Milledge. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. Sidney S. Milledge, S.W.; E. H. Wiseman, J.W.; Zillwood Milledge, Chap.; F. Fahey, Sec.; E. Groves, S.D.; the Rev. J. A. Miller, B.D., J.D.; W. B. Morgan, D. of C.; W. Page, Org.; J. T. Lovell, I.G.; F. S. Graham and J. G. Wills, Stwds.; and Jos. Old, Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. N. Bowes, I.P.M., who was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

A large and representative number of brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where Bro. T. H. Vinnicombe had prepared a sumptuous dinner, which was much enjoyed, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The usual toast list was gone through, and some excellent music given.

The party broke up at 11 p.m.

Instruction.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

A usual weekly meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present: Bros. C. Humble, W.M.; Ridley, S.W.; Town, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; and C. E. Dowling acting Sec.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dowling acting as candidate. The ceremony was rehearsed by Bro. Williams, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when the W.M. worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, after which the lodge was closed.

Members of the lodge are particularly requested to attend next Thursday, that being the first meeting in the new century.

STAR CHAPTER, No. 1275.

The weekly convocation was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 28th ult. Present: Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., M.E.Z.; P. H. Garner, M.E.Z. elect 1275, H.; Frank Swinford Smith, H. elect 2272, J.; Thos. Grumman, P.Z., P. Prov. P.S. Essex, Preceptor; Chas. Hy. Stone, P.Z. 1275 and 1901, S.E.; Victor Turner, M.E.Z. 2182, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; H. C. Turner, M.E.Z. 1901; T. R. Cass, M.E.Z. 1622; and Wm. Dawson, P.Z. 1622.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. H. C. Turner personating the candidate. Comp. P. H. Garner, H., was elected M.E.Z. for to-day (Friday). Comp. T. Grumman, in some well-chosen remarks dilating upon the excellent work of the chapter for the last 12 years, proposed, and which was duly seconded, "That Comps. J. H. Cureton, P.Z., and Wm. Dawson, P.Z., be elected honorary members for able services rendered." Expressions of deep sympathy were tendered to Comp. Hy. Cornford, H. 1901, on the loss of his dear wife. "Hearty good wishes" for the coming century and year were expressed, and the health of the worthy Preceptor was drunk with enthusiasm. The chapter was then closed.

Obituary.

SCOTTISH RITE'S GRAND COMMANDER LAID TO REST.

Good night, good night, it is morning now;
Good night, good night, I am going home.

Beneath a covering of mingled green of acacia and red of rose the mortal remains of Thomas Hubbard Caswell were returned on November 18th, 1900, to earth by sorrowing brothers and companions with beautiful Masonic rites, following the most impressive funeral ceremonies ever witnessed in the State at San Francisco. In life possessed of highest honours that could be showered upon him by the Order, in death his obsequies were those of a sovereign—a sovereign, however, whose reign was established in love and peace. It was a sovereignty of mind, and the pageant that marked its close was one that would have honoured the greatest of the world's material rulers. Surrounded by floral tokens of love and tributes of respect, and shielded by the guard of honour from his bereaved companions, the body lay in state in King Solomon's Hall through the Masonic cycle beginning an hour after high 12 Saturday, and was then carried to the First Congregational Church, which edifice was crowded with those who went to render the last service of man to man. Nodding plume and gorgeous insignia of consistory and commandery were side by side with the lambskin apron, and the wearers of all joined in paying the grand honours of the Order to a departed brother. With solemn tread and bowed head, representatives of all the Degrees of Masonry accompanied the body as it was borne down the broad aisle of the church, while the deep-toned organ gave forth its "Miserere." The stricken widow, surrounded and supported by her sorrowing children, followed

the remains of the beloved one, and received slight solace in the knowledge that her grief found response in the hearts of the hundreds who had been glad to call her husband "friend." Following the simple and beautiful ceremony of the Blue Lodge came the pomp of the Consistory Degree of the Scottish Rite, fitting testimonial to the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Order. From the opening sentences of the invocation, through the antiphonal liturgy to the final pledge the impressive ritual found response in many hearts that gave audible evidence of emotion. To Reuben H. Lloyd, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of the United States and a 33° Mason, fell the honour of paying for his companions and brothers the last tribute to the memory of the dead. His address was brief but so strong in eulogy that full measure of justice was given to the memory of him who had gone before. He spoke briefly of the strivings, the envies, and the jealousies of life; of the unjust criticisms given to those who are successful in the strife of commerce; of the strong beating down the weak in order that they might continue a little longer; of the insidious demon envy, which often steals around and guides the hearts of those who are successful in life. All these, he said, must meet the inevitable judgment of those who know them. Continuing, Sir Knight Lloyd said: "We are here met in memory of one who never crossed the path of any man. He found more pleasure in turning a tear to a smile than in putting money into his purse. In the Masonic Order he found principles that held nothing of selfishness, and these principles being in harmony with his disposition, he joined the Order 50 years ago. Admitted to the Bar, he became a successful lawyer, but finally gave up his practice, and devoted his life to the good of his fellows and the work of the Order. When his lifelong friend, General Albert Pike, died, he was elected to the office of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. With this office went one of the magnificent houses in Washington, where he could have lived in luxury, amid the officials of the world, and surrounded by everything that goes to make life pleasant. The archives of the Order are there, and there he would have been in touch with the powers of earth. But here, in California, he had gotten gray with his friends. Here he saw his little family grow to manhood. Here he had seen every step of advancement of the State. Here he was with his friends. A life of luxury had no attraction to him. He was a plain simple man. His every thought—his every desire was to know how best to do good for his fellow man. Around his heart had woven the tendrils of love and friendship, and these held him firmly and fondly to his home. Duty called him to the luxurious house in Washington, but those tendrils held him fast here. The calls of duty became so imperative that he was preparing to go to Washington when One who rules all things called him to a better land. Of him it cannot be said, 'Speak only good of the dead.' Tell all you know of the dead. His whole life was an open book, and contains nothing that must be concealed. But few words are needed to tell of his life. He lived alone to do good to his fellow man." With the tender notes of "Good night, I am going home," floating from the choir loft, the body was borne from the church to the waiting hearse under escort of the pallbearers chosen from the various branches of the Order. The Consistory of the Scottish Rite was represented by T. H. Goodman and E. A. Sherman; the Grand Commandery by William Petrie and S. H. Wagener; Grand Chapter by J. H. Neff and E. R. Hedges; Grand Council by Thos. Kyle and Charles E. Gillette; Grand Lodge by E. C. Atkinson and N. W. Spaulding; Past Masters' Association by Peter T. Barclay and Hugh J. Owen. Long lines of uniformed consistories and commanderies, chapters, councils, and lodges in simpler attire and regalia, followed the musicians, whose dirge added to the solemnity of the occasion. Thus fittingly escorted, the body of him who had ruled the Order with gentle hand was borne to the Masonic cemetery, where it was laid to rest under the symbolic emblems of the Faith, Hope, and Charity that had filled and rounded his life. Again the ancient ceremonies of the Scottish Rite prevailed as the final words were spoken and the last farewell was given. Earth was given back to earth and dust to dust; the living left the dead and took up again their burdens with the example of him whom they had lost for their guide. While the direction of the obsequies was in charge of Carlifornia Lodge, No. 1, which acted for Nevada Lodge, No. 13, the home lodge of Sovereign G. Commander Caswell, every lodge and every Degree was represented at the funeral, and all over the world Masons joined in sorrowing for the loss to the Order. Floral tributes surrounded and covered the casket as the body lay in state, of symbolic design, covering every branch of Masonry. From the son was an inverted horseshoe with an Eastern star in red roses and the word "Rest." Frederick Webber, Secretary-General of the Scottish Rite at Washington, sent a sickle with the symbolic "Thirty-third Degree." A Maltese cross in violets, with "Papa" in the centre and "Thirty-third Degree" below came from the family. The Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite at Washington sent a black double eagle, with yellow at top and in centre and "Thirty-third Degree" on the front. The Supreme Council of Canada sent a bed of roses bound with white silk, on which was inscribed in golden letters "Loving remembrance, Supreme Council of Canada." A bunch of 33 roses, inscribed "With deepest regrets and heartfelt sympathy," came from Washington. The Knights Kadosh sent a Teutonic cross with a black and white eagle at the foot. Rose Croix chapter sent a white and red cross bound in white crepe. From Reuben Lloyd was the triple-cross sign of the dead in violets. Isaac Davis Lodge of Perfection of Sacramento sent a triangle and circle in yellow chrysanthemums. The Shriners sent a floral crescent and scimitar. At the foot of the casket rested an immense wreath composed of oak and laurel leaves and bound with white silk from Sovereign Supreme Treasurer and acting Inspector-General for California, Frank Pierce. In addition to these were numerous bunches of roses and violets from members of the family and numerous friends.

BRO. JAMES WHITE.

The mortal remains of Bro. James White, whose death occurred on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at his residence, Bradewell-street, Kirkdale, were cremated on Monday, the 24th ult., at Anfield Cemetery. Deceased was formerly a member of the Kirkdale Burial Board, and a prominent brother of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1956. Besides Messrs. Percy and James White (sons) and Arthur and Joseph Wright (nephews), there were present at the cemetery the following brethren of the Kirkdale Lodge: Bros. J. A. Gee, W.M.; J. D. Ollams, I.P.M.; C. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; J. Macaulay, P.M., C.R.; E. C. Gaskell, P.M.; T. Hillman, P.M.; W. A. Nelson, S.D.; George Dockrill and B. H. Williams, Stwds.; Captain Rowlands, J. Earl, J. Ovington, J. W. Thompson, F. Jones, R. Abrams, and T. O. Jagger, P.M. 1298. Representatives of other lodges were: Bros. E. Pritchard, P.M. 2215; Perry, W.M. 1473; N. Christensen, I.P.M. 1393; W. Rawsthorne, P.M. 2643; W. H. Parker, 249; M. White, 1299; J. Bateman, 1035; T. Orrell, 1035; C. Swift, 1086; T. Caveson, 1299; J. Hughes, 1086; E. R. Stainton, 241; C. Taylorson, Sec. 1086; J. Stewart, 252; T. Edwards, 1713; and J. Hughes, 1086. Deceased carried on business as an ale and porter bottler, which trade was represented by Messrs. R. Sidney Smith, C. H. Tipper, W. Penny, E. Flenby, T. Hayes, W. Parle, T. Connor, W. Hughes, A. Jagger, J. Dean Swift, G. Pitt, R. Johnson, A. Leslie, F. Wilde, E. Tipping, T. Smith, F. Meakin, W. T. Caig, W. Boil, G. Marshall, J. McDougall, A. Taylor, S. Topay, J. Lorrimer, W. Lorrimer, T. Rockcliff, J. Moorhouse, W. Caldwell, R. Davies, H. Mason, J. Raphael, J. Rice, T. P. Hamilton, A. Mallahew, J. Johnson, J. G. Magee, T. Tilston, J. Cliff, C. Hanlon, A. Scroggie, and E. Rowlandson. The service was impressively conducted by Bro. S. Gasking, Chaplain of the lodge; and the funeral arrangements by Bro. J. S. Dinwoodie.

Science, Art, and the Drama.

SOME POPULAR REMEDIES.

Remedies are popular from a variety of causes. Among the humbler classes of society a remedy becomes popular because it is economical, not difficult to procure, and easily applied. Such, for instance, is a cobweb put on a cut finger to stop bleeding. Though this, by the way, is a very uncleanly remedy—as the cobweb, generally from some neglected corner, is charged with dirt—it is, nevertheless, a somewhat effective one. In the *Midsummer Night's Dream* we find Bottom, the weaver, exclaiming to the fairy cobweb: "If I cut my finger, I shall make bold with you, Good Master Cobweb." Blood has a tendency, from the albumen contained in it, to clot more rapidly if a substance is brought in touch with it, presenting a multiplication of points of contact; thus the cobweb checks bleeding from small blood vessels. The leaf of the matico plant, which is used by dentists to stop bleeding after the extraction of a tooth, is generally supposed to have a similar mechanical action. When Frank Buckland, the naturalist, was out fishing he had the misfortune to cut one of his fingers, which bled profusely, so he took the down-like seed from the head of a bulrush and pressed it on the wound, when a clot soon formed around the seed, and the bleeding ceased. In the dark ages boiling tar was a common remedy to arrest the flow of blood from a bleeding artery; and, among some barbarous races, this very painful method is still adopted. During the American Civil War old tarred rope, carded, was used to dress the wounded. In our hospitals a finer picked oakum has been employed called "tenak" and "madine lint," which is tow impregnated with tar. Tar taken internally as "Tar water" was once a popular remedy. It is not a pleasant medicine to take unless its taste is artfully concealed by more agreeable flavours. Dickens makes little Pip, in "Great Expectations," say of his sister, Mrs. Joe Gargery, that she had "a belief in its virtues, correspondent to its nastiness," and "so much of this elixir was administered to me as a choice restorative, that I was conscious of going about smelling like a new fence." Bishop Berkeley—to whom Alexander Pope ascribed "every virtue under heaven"—pronounced a eulogy on tar water, similar to that he himself received from the poet. When he was accused of imagining that he had discovered a panacea in tar water, he acknowledged with perfect frankness that he suspected he had. Berkeley's tar was, of course, not coal tar, but tar from pine trees. Tar water has received some commendation of late as a remedy for bronchial affections. There is not so much domestic pharmacy as there was, science having plainly shown that many of the "herbes of virtue," which were credited by the old herbalists with possessing such wonderful powers to cure, are of little medicinal value. Still there exists among some rustic folk a predilection for old remedies, which can be freshly prepared by their own hands, from vegetables and herbs they are well acquainted with, and, therefore, free from the impurities that may come from long keeping and the adulterations of the market. Moreover, economy is another reason. Herb teas are very popular. A kettle and teapot are almost always ready to hand, and the process of preparation is a simple one. Again, medicine appears less objectionable to take when it is made in the form of a beverage, and called a tea. Saffron, camomile, and linseed are taken largely in this way, and indiscriminately administered for a great number of complaints, not only in the country, but by the working classes in towns—often when more potent and valuable remedies ought to be administered. Saffron is commonly accounted a sort of specific for measles—for no known reason. Children, therefore, suffering from this fever often receive no other treatment, and sink under it. Camomile has been held by country villagers from time immemorial to be a strong tonic, and the smell from beds of the flower is supposed to be, and perhaps correctly, very invigorating for invalids. Large quantities of the plant are grown at Mitcham, in Surrey. Linseed tea is made from the seeds of the common flax plant, and is pronounced to be "very healing." The testa, or envelope of the seed, yields a mucilaginous substance, which soothes and protects inflamed and irritable parts. Hence the discomforting sensation produced by a sore throat is alleviated by this simple old remedy. Other teas are made with sage, hyssop, and elder-flower. With the making of elder-flower tea Hans Andersen introduces to us one of his charming little fairy stories—"A Tale in the Tea-pot." A little boy takes a chill, and after having two tea-cupfuls of elder-flower tea, which "warms one so nicely," falls into a comfortable slumber, while a friendly old man is narrating a story. Taken thus, in large quantities, warm drinks doubtless produce an agreeable sense of warmth in the body at an early stage in colds, and increasing the action of the skin relieve the congestion of internal parts. The soporific effect of the elder-flower has been overrated.

(To be continued.)

MINOR PAINTERS IN THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH.

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There was one gentleman in this reign, who really attained the perfection of a master, Sir Nathl. Bacon, a younger son of the Keeper, and half brother of the great Sir Francis. He travelled into Italy, and studied painting there, but his manner and colouring is nearer the Flemish school. *Peacham on Limning*, says, "But none, in my opinion, deserveth more respect and admiration for his skill and practice in painting than master Nathaniel Bacon, of Broome, in Suffolk (younger son to most honourable and bountiful minded Sir Nicholas Bacon), not inferior, in my judgment, to our skillfullest masters." At Culford, where he lived, are preserved some of his works, and at Gorhambury, his father's seat, is a large picture in oil by him, of a cook maid with dead fowls, admirably painted with great nature, neatness and lustre of colouring. In the same house is a whole length of him, by himself, drawing on a paper, his sword and pallet hung up, and a half length of his mother by him. At the same period, was introduced the custom of publishing representations of magnificent funerals. There is a long roll, exhibiting the procession at the obsequies of Sir Philip Sidney. It was (as is said at the bottom of it) contrived and invented by Thomas Lant, gentleman servant to the said honourable knight, and graven in copper, by Derick, or Theodor de Brie, in the City of London, 1587. It contains about 34 plates. Prefixed is a small oval head of Mr. Lant, æt 32. The same person wrote a treatise of Heraldry. The eastern side of the college of Gonville and Caius, at Cambridge, in which, previous to the extensive alterations which took place some years ago, were the Portæ Virtutis, et

Sapientie, was built in the years 1566 and 1567. These were joined by two long walls, to the Porta Humilitatis, and in these are two little Doric frontispieces, all in appearance of the same date, and showing the Roman architecture, reviving with little columns and pilasters, well enough proportioned in themselves, and neatly executed, though, in no proportion to the building they were intended to adorn. On the entries of the College, under the year 1575, are these words: "Porta quæ honoris dicitur, et ad scholas publicas, aperit, a lapide quadrato duroque extruabatur, ad eam. sculicet formam et effigiem quam Doctor Caius, dum viveret, architecto præ scripserat elaborata." This gate cost £128 9s. Dr. Caius died July 29th, 1573. In the same year are these words: "Positum est Joh. Caio, ex alabastro monumentum, summi decoris, et artificii, eodem in sacelli loco, quo Corpus ejus antea sepeliebatur cui præter insculpta, illius insignia, et annotatum ætatis obitusque, diem et annum (uti viro executoribus ipse præceperat) duas tantummodo sententias has inscripsimus. *Vixit post funera, Virtus—Fui Fains.*" This monument—made to stand upon the ground, is a sarcophagus with ribbed work and mouldings, somewhat antique, placed on a basement, supporting pretty large Corinthian columns of alabaster, which uphold an entablature, and form a sort of canopy over it. The capitals are gilt, and painted with ugly scrolls and compartments in the taste of that reign.

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REMINISCENCES OF HENRY RUSSELL.

The late Henry Russell said that he once sat out a lecture by an American on his dead self and his works. "Hearing myself talked of as 'gone before,' at last got on my nerves, and I had to quit the hall." It is a curious fact that Russell had for years so dropped out of the world's ken that he was frequently spoken of, and written about, as no more. He may be said to have retired from the platform comparatively early. His audiences delighted in singing the choruses of his songs, and he invariably complimented them, saying somewhat in these words: "I thank you for the hearty way in which you have taken part in the choruses, and I am delighted to notice how much your voices have improved since my last visit." One of his stereotyped stories was in connection with his song of—

"Woodman, spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough;
In youth it sheltered me,
And I'll protect it now."

"In connection with which" he used to say, "I will tell you a little story. Recently in a great hall, after I had sung the song as I have to-night, a gentleman rose in the midst of the audience, and exclaimed, 'Mr. Russell, Mr. Russell! Did the woodman spare that tree?' " Mr. Russell was a fine pianist. His accompaniments seemed to speak the words of his dramatic songs. He had the trick of composing descriptive passages that imitated the motion of the waves, the wailing of the storm, and the ripple of peaceful waters. He had a comparatively poor singing voice, but he did wonders with it; his recitatives, with which several of his songs begun, were admirably delivered. He was a genius in his way. His "To the West" sent thousands of emigrants to the New World, and his rhythmic compositions were played by pretty well every military band. Our troops marched out of London for the Crimea to the most popular of Henry Russell's tunes.

PADEREWSKI OUTDONE.

Not long since, in Boston, a marvellous executant was announced, an imitator of Paderewski. He was widely advertised. There was a great audience. He appeared made up like the master; he sat down and played in the most extraordinary way. The variations of a simple melody which he achieved would have taxed the power of half-a-dozen hands; his fingers flew over the key-board. The applause was deafening. The performer, his hands still upon the keys, rose and bowed, and then gracefully withdrew, but the piano still went on with thrilling power. It was a piano which they wound up. It is told of a lady that when she was a girl, in the little village where she lived, they had in their church a barrel organ; one Sunday it went on playing the Old Hundred. Nobody could stop it; they carried it out into the churchyard, and piled the church matting upon it.

LYRIC THEATRE.

Mr. Robert Ganthony has contrived to give a new aspect, and a funny one, to bigamy, by making the justly-jealous wife of an intending bigamist impersonate her rival, and under this guise try to remarry her own husband. This diverting idea furnishes the rivulet of humour trickling through the farce of "The Ring Mistress," with which that lively comedian, Miss Kate Phillips, has started her first essay in management for a season of matinées, at the Lyric Theatre. The diversion was continued by the errant husband being turned aside from his felonious purpose on seeing the two ladies, identically appraised, seated together, and taking one for the ghost of the other. The impersonation of a circus rider, posing as a sham photographer, and his wife and erring mistress, was genially developed by Mr. Robb Harwood and Miss Phillips.

GENERAL NOTES.

Mr. Benson has secured the services of Miss Calhoun for the part of Portia in "The Merchant of Venice."

SONNET FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

A little child steps gladly forth to meet us,
With eager, stately, welcome in his stride;
He stretches out his chubby hands to greet us,
His eyes all fraught with smiles of love and pride.
God bless his gay and bonny, winsome face,
Whereon is seen no trace or thought of fear.
List his sweet voice, as with a winning grace,
He wishes us a bright and Happy Year.
O! would that he could be for ever young—
No cloud of care to dim his beaming eyes;
With nought to stop his merry, prattling tongue,
Or change his sunshine to an eve of sighs.
No anguish and no pain to wring his brow,
Which haply wears such joyous beauty now!

Bradford,

CHAS. F. FORSHAW, LL.D.

Masonic and General Tidings.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 9th instant, when the petitions received to the 31st ult. will be considered and dealt with according to their merits.

GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER has consented to succeed Lord Monkswell in the presidency of the Devonians in London for the coming year.

THE OFFICERS of the C.I.V. have, through Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, sent six boxes of stores from their mess in South Africa for the use of the patients in St. Thomas's Hospital.

PRINCESS LOUISE (Duchess of Argyll) has consented to visit the Battersea Polytechnic for the annual distribution of prizes and certificates on Tuesday, the 29th instant.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT and their family arrived at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. Their Royal Highnesses have been spending Christmas at Osborne.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th inst., Bro. the Lord Mayor will be the principal guest at a dinner to be given by the Mayor of Hampstead (Bro. Sir Henry Harben) at the Hampstead Town Hall.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, with the members of their family and several guests who were invited to Sandringham for the Christmas and New Year festivities, came to London by special train on Wednesday.

ACCORDING to ancient custom, the usual offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh will be made on behalf of her Majesty at the 12 o'clock service in the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Sunday, the 6th instant, being the Festival of the Epiphany.

BRO. LORD BRASSEY, as a thank-offering for his safe return after long absence in Australia, has promised to bear the expense of the erection of a handsome reading-room and institute, with a large hall, at the Sussex village of Catsfield, near which he resides.

BROS. ALDERMAN SIR JOSEPH DIMSDALE, M.P., Past G. Treas., and Sir Homewood Crawford, P.G.D., have celebrated the 21st anniversary of their initiation into Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, by presenting a very handsome gold rose-water dish to the lodge.

INCREASED POLICE PAY.—It is stated that the Home Secretary, on the recommendation of the Commissioner of Police, has authorised a rise of pay in all ranks of the Metropolitan Police, together with a grant of rent-aid allowance to meet the extra cost of living in congested districts.

THE SECRETARY of the Royal Temple Yacht Club has received a formal challenge for the Coupe de France from the Union des Yachts Français on behalf of the Duc Decazes; and the races will probably take place towards the end of the forthcoming racing season, the French challenger having a 20-tonner built specially for the contest.

THE HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—A financial statement just issued shows that the total receipts to the end of November were £13,609, against £12,924 in the corresponding period of last year. It is confidently hoped that this year, notwithstanding the great demands on the fund's supporters for other objects, the income enjoyed last year will be exceeded.

IN THE ROYAL RIDING SCHOOL at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, the Queen's annual gifts to the poor of the locality were distributed, under the superintendence of the officials of the Palace and the clergy of the neighbourhood. Seasonable joints of meat and other bounties were divided among the recipients furnished with tickets, and the thanks of the humble people to her Majesty were earnest and fervent. Gifts of coal were also made to those who were in need of them.

BRO. CANON SHUTTLEWORTH'S WILL.—In his will, dated April 3, 1886, Bro. Canon Henry Cary Shuttleworth, of The Rectory, Lambeth-hill, rector of St. Nicholas Cole Abbey, who died on September 24 in King's College Hospital, omitted to name any executors. Administration of the estate, valued at £1078 14s. 3d. gross, and £45 18s. 6d. net, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Symons Shuttleworth, to whom the testator left all his property absolutely.

A NOVELTY IN SUMMONS is that of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, the brethren of which "are requested to attend the duties of their lodge, on Wednesday, the 9th day of the Twentieth Century," on which occasion Captain E. V. Welby, Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade, lately in command of Machine Gun Battery C.I.V., South African Field Force, is to be initiated on the proposition of Bro. Henry Wright, P.M. and Sec., P.G.S.B., seconded by Bro. Vickers Dunfee, C.C., P.M., both of whom hold the rank of Major in the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade.

THE LEATHERSELLERS' COMPANY during 1900 made grants from their corporate funds amounting in all to £8694, of which £2289 was applied for education, £134 to leather trade societies, £4844 to hospitals and other charitable institutions and patriotic funds, and £1427 to almspeople and pensioners. The whole of the income of the trust property was applied to the specific charitable purposes prescribed by the various wills of founders, modified in most cases by schemes settled by the Court of Chancery or Charity Commissioners.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND EDINBURGH FREEMASONS.—In acknowledging receipt of a copy of the ter-centenary edition of the "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1," Sir Francis Knollys, on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, writes: "His Royal Highness desires me to say that he sincerely appreciates the kind feeling which prompted the members of your lodge to send him this volume, and he feels sure that the work is one which cannot fail to interest the Craft generally."

AT THE MONTHLY MEETING of the brethren of the Lodge of Economy, No. 76, held on the 27th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Winchester, Bro. C. Bunch, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. W. H. Jacob, Treasurer; and Bro. Sims, Tyler. The new Century will open auspiciously for the old "York Lodge," which many years ago celebrated its centenary. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., is "father" of the lodge as he is of the House of Commons. May he be so for yet more years.

THE LORD MAYOR (BRO. ALDERMAN GREEN), accompanied by the Sheriffs and the officials of the Corporation, attended in State a special service held at St. Paul's Cathedral on New Year's Day to welcome the Twentieth Century. An immense congregation included a number of City men who had left business for the occasion, and another noticeable feature of the gathering was the large number of children present with their parents. Bro. the Lord Mayor was met at the great west door by the Dean and Chapter and the choir, and their progress along the aisle was accompanied by the singing in unison of the hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten." The clergy present were the Dean (Dr. Gregory), the Dean of Windsor, Canon Scott Holland, Canon Newbolt, Prebendary Nash, and four minor Canons.

THANKS TO CORPORATE CHAIRMEN.

THE POLICE COMMITTEE.—To Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, M.P., the members return their warm acknowledgments on the completion of his second year of office. They add that he has with characteristic energy devoted himself to the important business of the committee. His colleagues heartily congratulate him upon the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens in electing him to the distinguished position of one of their representatives in the House of Commons.

THE IMPROVEMENTS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.—The members return their sincere thanks to Bro. Sir Robert H. Rogers for the judgment and ability he has displayed in the discharge of the onerous and important duties which have devolved upon him as Chairman during the past year, and offer their congratulations upon the termination of a successful year of office.

THE STREETS COMMITTEE.—The hearty thanks of the Committee are given to Bro. Arthur B. Hudson for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Committee, and for his unvarying kindness and courtesy.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT and family have returned to town from visiting the Queen at Osborne.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF ARGYLL arrived at Kensington Palace on Wednesday afternoon from Sandringham.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF FIFE have returned to Portman-square from visiting T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

AT THE installation ceremony of the Putney Lodge, No. 2766, Bro. J. C. Radford, W.M., was the recipient of a handsome jewel presented by the lodge.

BRO. F. J. HORNIMAN, M.P., continues in the current issue of the *Cornish Echo* his interesting series of articles descriptive of his recent tour in the Mediterranean.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES remain at Marlborough House till Saturday next. The Princess will return to Sandringham on Saturday afternoon.

BRO. HORACE BROOKS MARSHALL, C.C., J.P., will preside at the Queen's Hall on Monday, March 18th, at the annual meeting of the London Wesleyan Mission.

BRO. LORD LLANGATTOCK will preside at the Hotel Metropole on Wednesday, May 22nd, at the 62nd anniversary festival dinner of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Institution.

BRO. JOHN GRETTON, M.P., was installed Worshipful Master of the Abbey Lodge, No. 624, at Burton-on-Trent, on the 1st instant. A grand banquet followed the ceremony.

A NUMBER OF ALPINISTS celebrated the new century by climbing the Rochers de Naye, near Montreux, and having the first dinner of the century on the summit, 2000 metres high.

A VERY fine otter, weighing 25½ lb., and measuring from the tip of its nose to the extremity of its tail 3 ft. 10 in., was shot in the River Lark, near Bury St. Edmunds, on the 2nd inst.

THE DEATH is announced of Mr. Frederick G. Saunders, for many years secretary and chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, at his residence, Caversham Grove, near Reading.

BRO. JOHN THOMPSON retires from business, and in future the firm, as S. Maw, Son, and Sons, 7 to 12, Aldersgate-street, will be carried on by Mr. Charles Maw and his sons—Mr. C. T. Maw, Dr. H. T. Maw, and Mr. Mowbray T. Maw.

WE heartily congratulate Bro. George Briggs on his great success at the recent election of Common Councilmen for the Ward of Cripplegate Within. Bro. Briggs had the satisfaction of being returned at the head of the poll.

WHILE PREPARATIONS were in progress for undocking the battleship Resolution on the 3rd instant at Portsmouth, the ship heeled over to an alarming degree. Operations were immediately stopped. The ship remains in the dock apparently undamaged.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, the president of Christ's Hospital, has sent a contribution to the fund being raised for the purpose of placing a portrait of Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, the treasurer, in the court-room of the hospital.

WE REGRET to learn of the death of Bro. Arthur Cooper at his residence in Barnsbury-square on the 27th ult. Deceased was well known in parochial and business circles in Finsbury. He was a Past Master of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, and the Chairman of the City Boundary Building Society.

H.M. THE QUEEN has been pleased to confer the dignity of an Earldom (with special remainder) upon Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., K.P., and also to approve the appointment of Bro. Field-Marshal Lord Roberts, V.C., K.P., to be a Knight of the Order of the Garter.

AMONG THE SUMS received on the 3rd instant by the Lord Mayor in response to the Princess of Wales's appeal on behalf of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association were: Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., £500; Messrs. Walter, Walter and Co., £210; Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, £105; and Sir Harry Poland, Q.C., £105.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK, attended by Lady Mary Lygon and Sir Charles Cust, arrived on Wednesday at York House, St. James's Palace, from York Cottage, Sandringham. In the evening the Duke and Duchess of York and suite visited the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, and witnessed the performance of the pantomime "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast."

BRO. EARL COWPER, K.G., Chairman of the Herts County Council, has intimated that on account of his uncertain health he does not propose to again offer himself as a candidate at the next election. He has been chairman for 12 years, and it is, he says, with great reluctance that he gives it up, but his strength will not allow him to continue to perform the duties as he could wish. He is leaving England for a time, on his doctor's advice, to avoid the cold weather.

T.R.H. THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES, accompanied by Princess Victoria and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark, arrived at Marlborough House on Wednesday afternoon from Sandringham. Miss Knollys, Commander the Hon. Seymour Fortescue, and Bro. Sir F. Knollys were in attendance. In the evening the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria of Wales, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark were present at the performance of "The Noble Lord" at the Criterion Theatre.

SPECIAL SLEEPING CARS BETWEEN LONDON AND NEWCASTLE.—The Great Northern Railway Company have arranged to run special sleeping cars for the convenience of passengers to and from the Newcastle District on the 10.30 p.m. train ex London (King's Cross) to Newcastle, and 11.15 p.m. train ex Newcastle to London (King's Cross). Passengers on arrival at Newcastle or King's Cross respectively may remain undisturbed in the cars until eight a.m. An attendant will travel in each car. The first car to Newcastle will be run on the 7th instant, and from Newcastle on the 8th instant.

NEW RESTAURANT AT MADAME TUSSAUD'S.—To meet the convenience of the large number of visitors to Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, a well-equipped restaurant has been erected at the west-end of the building. The principal feature of the addition is a spacious dining room. The hall is classic renaissance of Georgian character, and has been built under the direction of Messrs. Gordon and Gunton, architects, Finsbury House, Blomfield-street. The management are continually adding new attractions to the exhibition, and consequently a visit is always interesting. The Old York Treadmill, which has just been completed, is one of the newest features of interest, and an opportunity will be given to visitors to have practical experience of the favourite form of punishment meted out to those in the old days who were "doing time." The whole exhibition has been re-arranged, and new figures and sets have been introduced, whilst the various tableaux added in recent months still remain a great attraction.

CHILDREN'S BANQUET AT THE GUILDHALL.—This, the seventh annual banquet and entertainment to poor and crippled children of the metropolis, under the care of the Ragged School Union, was again provided through the efforts of the Children's Alderman on Monday, the 31st ult. There are many hundreds of helpless waifs, crippled children, who could not be present at the Guildhall banquet; indeed, if they could, so numerous are they that the Guildhall would not hold them. The Lord Mayor was unable to greet these in person as he did the 1300 children in the evening, therefore he commissioned the carmen of 20 vans to represent him by deputy to the cripples, in conveying to them boxes of materials for a banquet of their own. Twenty new vans, with picked men and boys of the London Parcels Delivery Company, conveyed the presents to the children. At 6 o'clock the banquet took place in the Guildhall. The children numbered nearly 1300 in all, and were selected from all parts of London, including Whitechapel, Hoxton, St. Luke's, Bermondsey, Hackney, Kingsland, Clerkenwell, Limehouse, Islington, and Bethnal Green, with a representative party of cripple children. To all these children the glories of Guildhall was a fairy tale, and the ample meal a luxury. While the dinner was in progress, and during the subsequent entertainment, the band of the City Police, conducted by Mr. Alfred Stewart, played a selection of popular airs. At the conclusion, Alderman Sir William Treloar and the Chairman of the Ragged School Union (the Marquess of Northampton) thanked the Lord Mayor and Corporation for the use of the historic hall, and acknowledged the generous kindness of subscribers of money or in kind.