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THE Stewards' lists at our great Charity Festivals often present interesting features of fact and detail. This is especially so in respect of the returns of the recent Girls' School anniversary gathering. The result is a very remarkable one in itself, look at it as you like, scan as you may, and reflects very great credit, not only on the 343 Stewards, who laboured so successfully to produce such returns, but on those excellent members of our body who swelled the goodly amount by their liberal aid and kindly contributions. The whole amount announced was £13,232, of which the metropolis had collected £5624, and the provinces had sent up £7608. In the metropolis the return highest in amount is that of the Stewards unattached, £347 5s., and which is followed by Royal Leopold, No. 1669, Bro. THOS. EDMONSTON, S., with £149 14s. 6d.; then comes the House Committee of the Girls' School with £143 17s.—a very good idea; a proper manifestation of respect and interest. Mount Lebanon, No. 73, comes next, Bro. GEO. FREI, S., with £141 15s.; which is followed by Imperial George, No. 78, Bro. H. ROBERTS, S., with an exactly equal amount of £141 15s.; the Fitzroy, No. 569, (printed by error 567), Bro. STOHWASSER, S., next appears with £138 12s.; while very close at hand, almost "bumping," as they say among the boats, appears Montague Guest, 1900, Bro. W. H. DEAN, S., with £129 3s. 6d., though if Bro. FESTA'S £10 10s. is added, it will bring No. 1900 up to £139 13s. 6d., and so pass No. 1669. Peckham, No. 1475, Bro. T. JACKSON, S., now comes before us with £119 14s.; to be followed by four equal returns, namely, St. James's Chapter, No. 2, Comp. LETCHWORTH, S., £105; Duke of Connaught, No. 1524, Bros. W. H. BRAND and EDWARD DIGNAM, S.'s, £105; Paxton, No. 1686, Bro. J. M. KLENCK, £105; and Farringdon, No. 1745, Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, £105. No. 72, Royal Jubilee, Bro. AUG. DARCH, S., £101, closes the three figured lists. We observe that from Lodge 1600 twenty-seven lodges have sent up Stewards and subscriptions, among which, we note with pleasure, No. 1964, the lately consecrated Clerkenwell, Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, £52 10s.; while from No. 1 to No. 1600 no less than eighty-one lodges and chapters have contributed and are represented. We wish that we could believe that the new lodges are rivalling the old in their appreciation of the great cause of Masonic Charity, and their zeal and regard for our great Metropolitan Institutions. It is just possible, we wish to observe, that though we only mention returns with three figures, some of the lodges with contributions under £100 represent as great an amount of toil, care, interest, and sacrifice as more prosperous bodies or larger amounts. The amount of the provincial returns is the goodly sum total of £7608, and twenty-one provinces have returned three figures. Of these Warwickshire "heads the poll" by the capital contribution of £810 10s., followed at some distance by Gloucestershire with £677 11s., and West Yorkshire with £650. Sussex appears with £577 10s., and N. and E. Yorkshire (a very praiseworthy effort) with £500. Derbyshire succeeds with £449 16s.; and Middlesex is at its back with £408 6s. 6d. Kent now comes to the front with £356 13s. 6d., proceeded by North Wales and Shropshire with £352 10s.; Hertfordshire, £325 11s.; and Devonshire, £318. Staffordshire heads another division with £289 16s., immediately followed by Cheshire with £288 15s.; by Hants and Isle of Wight with £278 5s.; by Surrey with £242 6s.; by Nottinghamshire with £236 4s. 6d.; and by South Wales with £200. Berks and Bucks now appears with £198 13s. 6d.; Northumberland comes from the "dark north" with £183 15s.; Oxfordshire sends £149 2s.; and Norfolk remits £102 7s. 6d. The other provinces do not reach three figures. We

note that from No. 1600 to 1700 three lodges have contributed; from No. 1700 to 1800 six; from 1800 to 1900 seven; while 105 lodges have remitted from No. 1 to 1600. The returns deserve consideration, as they point unmistakably to great zeal and diffused interest evinced for our Charities generally, and the Girls' School in particular, amid metropolitan and provincial lodges, though most notably, we feel bound to add, as we said before, among our older lodges in town and country.

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WE understand that the election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will have taken place before we again have the privilege of addressing our readers, will be one of the most closely contested ever known in the annals of this excellent charity. Indeed, these elections are becoming very serious affairs, and we almost think the time is coming when we shall have to endeavour to have half yearly meetings, in one and the same week, for all the three charities. We cannot help believing ourselves, that if half yearly Thursday, Friday and Saturday were given up to the elections, in one week, it would be a great convenience to all in the provinces and in the metropolis, and a great advantage to the charities. Then it would be known before hand that in such a week in April and October the elections would take place, and committees and representatives could make their arrangements accordingly. It has been objected, and the objection deserves careful consideration, that if you have a double election for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it being an Annuity Society, you do away with its character and affect the very principles on which it is based. We are not quite convinced of the cogency of this argument, however, and for this reason: Admitted that the association is an Annuity Society, contemplating and granting an annual pension, that does not preclude the members from seeking to fill up vacancies during the year, or endeavouring to render the undoubted benefits of the Society more extensively and generally useful. All that could be said would redound to the credit of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and its supporters, in that they were so liberal and large-hearted that they voted annuities twice a year instead of once. And even now, by a makeshift after all, we have to make provision for some vacancies by electing three conditionally. But supposing instead of three there are unfortunately seven vacancies, why are the poor Masons and their widows to wait until next May? If this Society, or some other society, granted intermediate relief, the question would not arise at all; but with the overwhelming list of applicants, and the large margin of disappointed candidates, such considerations must force themselves upon the attention of the thoughtful, and above all, the warmest friends of this admirably managed and most useful Association. The real objections, in truth, to such a great change may be considered, we think, to be three, (1), a great additional charge on the funds of the Association; (2), increased working expenses, and, (3), the fear that by conceding so much we may be doing too much, and rather augmenting, instead of keeping back, the tendency so prevalent just now to consider Freemasonry a great system of premium, subsidy, and pecuniary grants. Its material benefits are so marked, so much in excess of those of any other similar organization, that we cannot be too much on our guard against the possibility of Freemasonry degenerating into a great benefit order.

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AT no period in its history has more of popular applause and material prestige fallen upon Freemasonry than at the present hour. Its meetings are chronicled, (we think too much), in non-Masonic papers, and its gifts and its gatherings are paraded, (we often think unnecessarily), before the world. Society, once incredulous, or scoffing, or satirical, or uninterested by turns, professes now to take cognizance of Freemasonry. Its Charities are mentioned with respect; its principles are lauded, and its general work and outcome seem to commend themselves to many who once laughed at it openly or secretly opposed it; and it will be well for Freemasonry if this "susurrus" of the "popularis aura" does not affect its progress, or control its movements. Freemasonry, in truth, wants neither non-Masons praise nor favour, just as it does not dread or heed frown or disapproval. Freemasonry can, and will, do of itself and by itself; and it leaves its fruits to tell both of its principles and its practice, its professions in the abstract, and its outcome in the concrete, relying, as it can safely do, on the just judgment of the discriminating, on the fair award of the impartial and tolerant. Let Freemasons, then, not seek too much of popularity, but, at the same time, let them manfully persevere in disseminating their vital principles, and demonstrating their active work, to the honour of T.G.A.O.T.U., and the welfare of their brotherhood and of mankind.

CONSECRATION OF THE LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE, No. 1962.

The ceremonies of consecrating this lodge and installing the first W.M. were performed on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, by Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, assisted by the R.W. Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.W., Prov. Grand Master Surrey, as S.W.; V.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; V.W. Bro. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. W. Hollingsworth, P.M. 63, as I.G. The Grand Secretary was also supported by R.W. Bro. the Rt. Hon. John Whittaker Ellis, Grand Junior Warden, Lord Mayor of London; R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Past Grand Warden; and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson.

The petitioners were Bros. A. Green, A. McDowall, G. C. Matthams, Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Capt. Geo. E. Holland, Walter C. Claridge, R. Southgate, J. D. McAlpin, Chas. Brown, L. M. Williams, M. L. Levey, L. V. Walker, A. H. Sandle, Jackson Gawith, W. J. Tasman, W. McDougall, A. H. Brown, H. F. Bing, W. Tyrrell, F. Bell, and C. G. Brown.

Besides the members of the lodge there were also the following visitors present:

Bros. W. Hollingsworth, P.M. 63, W.M. 1924; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; J. Chubb, 709; G. Mickley, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D. Herts; C. Quint, 749; John Shepherd, 140; Ino. Harper, W.M. 22; Thos. Blake, W.M. 945; J. F. Busbridge, 505, P.P.G.A.S. Kent; H. John, W.M. 1679; R. J. Tyrrell, 474; H. Baldwin, Sec. 1777; J. Kemp Coleman, P.M. 1716; J. A. Burton, 1924; W. Rowley, 1924; F. Fox, 1260; E. F. Storr, P.M. and Sec. 22; Fred. H. Cozens, Org. 907; W. Cooke, 1924; H. Ashton, 1929; Capt. J. Sculley, S.D. 413; G. Laker, P.M. 1599; J. Brown, P.M. 1607; T. O. Harding, J.W. 859; S. C. Haslip, W.M. 813; H. J. Newberry, 218; A. F. Bianchi, P.M. 1598; A. McMillan, P.M. 1365; A. Cumner, 1426; G. Britton, P.M. 22; H. Povey, J.W. 22; W. F. Smithson, P.S.G.D. West Yorks.; H. Percy Barraud, 1640; H. H. Nuding, 1924; F. McDougall, P.M. 788; John Gaywood, 206; G. P. Gillard, 657; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; P. Balme, 1804; Col. Addison Potter, P.G.S.W. Northumberland; General A. Sage, 322 I.C.; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees,

The GRAND SECRETARY, as Consecrating Officer, addressed the brethren as follows: Brethren, we are met to-day for a purpose which must be very interesting to all brethren connected with the City of London. We are about to-day to add one more name to the long and distinguished roll of lodges which are under the control of the Grand Lodge of England. We have about three hundred lodges in London, and the general feeling is that we have already enough, and there is consequently considerable difficulty in obtaining a warrant for a new London Lodge. Exceptions are occasionally made in cases where the Grand Master sees that such a course would be desirable, and the petitioners for a warrant for this lodge find themselves in the happy position of being one of these exceptions. It has been proposed by certain brethren of the Order who are attached to one of the oldest of Volunteer Rifle Corps—the London Rifle Brigade—that they should form a lodge that shall be identified with this corps, and it is proposed practically to limit the membership in this lodge to the officers and men of that regiment. The Grand Master has carefully considered this application, and has ruled that the exception might be made to the rule not to grant more warrants for lodges in the centre of London, and we are to-day to inaugurate the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. The first Master is an old Past Master and an experienced Mason, and we are sure that we may safely leave to him that in the appointment of officers he will select good men to assist him, and that the membership of this lodge will be confined as far as possible to the members of the Rifle Corps. I will not detain you further, but will call upon the acting Chaplain, the V.W. Bro. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain, for the benefit of prayer.

The Chaplain having delivered the first prayer, the acting Secretary addressed the presiding officer, who instructed the D.C. to range the brethren of the new lodge in order. This having been done, the acting Secretary read the petition and warrant, whereupon the Presiding Officer inquired of the brethren before him whether they approved of the officers named in the petition and warrant, and receiving an answer in the affirmative, called upon the Chaplain to address the brethren, and

The CHAPLAIN delivered the following oration: Very Worshipful Sir and Brethren—The consecration of every new lodge is evidence to us that Freemasonry is becoming more and more a real power in this country. I hope a power for good; and I hope it is a very significant fact that there is an increasing number of lodges that are associated with particular objects; that no important organisation, whether it be our universities, our garrison towns, our legal circuits, or our volunteer regiments, is satisfied to be without its Masonic lodge. I am sure that such lodges—lodges formed in connection with some particular body of men—are of the greatest advantage, both to the Craft and to the body to which they belong. It is natural that this should be so; it is only natural that men who are bound together by some external tie of business, or who are banded together in the pursuit of some matter of common interest, should desire to strengthen these ties by the ennobling influence of a Masonic lodge. It is only wise that they should avail themselves of our obligations to brotherly love as a safeguard against the want of charity, the selfishness and the jealousies which, alas! too often creep into all human organisations. I am confident that there is in a society which possesses within itself a Masonic lodge a better chance of facing the worries, the irritations, and the misunderstandings of our daily life than there is in a society which ignores our Craft. But, brethren, to descend from generalities, let us ask ourselves this question. What are the special virtues which more than any others form a link between the Craft and our Volunteer Army? I answer, without fear of contradiction, loyalty and discipline. It was loyalty which more than twenty-one years called suddenly into existence the regiment to which you belong. There was thought to be a possibility of a foreign invasion, and all over England loyalty to our Queen and our country prompted the simultaneous movement all over the country, from which there sprang into sudden existence (so sudden that old soldiers marvelled) a series of Rifle Corps. Every Englishman, worthy of the name, who had strength to hold a rifle, determined to die behind the last ditch rather than allow a foreign power to be master of this country. It was the same spirit of loyalty, when the danger and excitement had passed away; it was still loyalty which enabled the force steadily to persevere. There were not wanting those who sneered at it, and ridiculed it; but I have to say, as an old volunteer officer, who have lived all my life among regular soldiers, that I never heard soldiers of reputation either laugh or sneer at the volunteer force; still, though no soldier of reputation ever joined in these

sneers and ridicule, they were sometimes hard to bear. It was I say loyalty which enabled you, after the first excitement, to persevere and to make the volunteer force what it is; respected alike by friend and foe. And is it not the same principle which has made our Craft what it is? Why is it that the English Grand Lodge takes the first place amongst the lodges of the world? It is because English Freemasons are loyal. We have avoided the rock of disaffection which has made many foreign jurisdictions untrue to the first principles of our Order. Let us guard well this great treasure of loyalty. Especially at the present time, when more than ever there is wanting that old-fashioned love and attachment to our constitution, let us, as Freemasons, be true to our Queen and to our country. Whatever our political opinions may be, let our loyalty be something more than a mere outward profession; something more than a graceful adjunct to an after-dinner speech. In our professions, in our daily life, let us be on the watch for disloyalty. Unfortunately, it is more common nowadays than it used to be. Men say things and do things, unchecked, which fifty years ago would have excluded them from the society of men of honour and virtue. Let us, when we meet such, show judiciously and firmly that we do not want their friendship—that we cannot trust the honour of disloyal men. At the present terrible crisis let it be evident to all men that that gracious lady, the Queen of this realm, who is facing this, as she has faced every other trial, with the courage of a man and the gentleness of a woman, has in the very fullest sense the sympathy of her Masonic subjects. But to turn to my second point. Loyalty without discipline is of little use. It is discipline added to loyalty which has made the volunteer force practically useful. It is, I think, a most praiseworthy fact that independent men have, out of loyalty to their Queen and their country voluntarily placed themselves under the strictest discipline. It is no uncommon thing to find in a volunteer regiment the ordinary positions of life reversed—the master in the ranks, the servant holding Her Majesty's commission. And yet the whole system works perfectly; on parade the subordinate and the superior perform their respective duties of command and obedience, and as soon as parade is over the social status of each is perfectly naturally resumed. And this simply because English common sense has learned that discipline is a grand and noble virtue. And so in our Masonic lodges. No lodge can be efficient without discipline. The W.M. for the time being is invested by our Constitutions with almost despotic power. Within the limit of our Constitutions he is absolute. And again, this state of things is possible, because men recognise the value of discipline. The lessons, then, you learn on parade you learn also within the walls of this lodge; and may the G.A.O.T.U. daily so increase in you these two great virtues that, loyal to your Queen, your country, and your God, you may discipline and correct all that is evil within you, and become worthy of His acceptance; that as the stones formed for the earthly temple were adjusted silently without the sound of axe or hammer, so may you be fitted as spiritual stones worthy to become part of the eternal mansion not made with hands, for ever in the heavens.

Bros. Cozens, Lawler, and Ashton then sang the anthem "Behold, how good and beautiful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," at the conclusion of which the Chaplain offered up the first portion of the Dedication Prayer, the Presiding Officer gave the Invocation, and the Chaplain read the portion of Scriptures appointed for this ceremony.

The Lodge Board was then uncovered and consecrated in due form, and the Presiding Officer formally consecrated the lodge.

The anthem, "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness," was then sung, and the second portion of the Dedication Prayer was offered up by the Chaplain. The lodge was constituted; the anthem, "Oh, Lord, how manifold are thy works," was sung, and the final benediction concluded the ceremony.

The Presiding Officer then resumed the lodge in the Second Degree and installed Bro. Neville Green the first W.M. of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge; and having done so, called on him to invest the Senior and Junior Wardens named in the warrant, and to appoint and invest his remaining officers.

The following is the list of officers for the year: Bros. A. McDowall, S.W.; George C. Matthams, J.W.; Walter McDougall, Treas.; W. C.; Claridge (P.M. 1685), Sec.; C. Brown, S.D.; A. H. Brown, J.D.; A. H. Sandle, I.G.; W. J. Tasman, M.C.; L. V. Walker and L. M. Williams, Stewards; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

The GRAND SECRETARY then delivered the usual charges to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and thus brought a most impressive ceremony to a conclusion.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer and the distinguished brethren who had assisted him, and moved that they should be elected honorary members of the lodge.

This vote was seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Col. CLERKE, in acknowledging the compliment for himself and coadjutors, accepted the honorary membership with pleasure, as he should wish to come occasionally and see how the lodge was progressing.

A considerable number of nominations, as candidates for initiation and joining, were announced by the Secretary, and the lodge was then closed in the customary form.

The brethren then adjourned to a splendid banquet, after which, grace having been sung by the musical brethren, the following toasts were drunk with the usual honours.

The CHAIRMAN said that the first toast he had to propose was the toast of "The Queen," coupled with the Craft. He was sure that, as Masons, they would all drink that toast very heartily indeed, for Masons were noted for their loyalty; and when he reminded them that they were military men, he thought that this must be acknowledged to be a very loyal assemblage indeed. They all remembered the dastardly attempt upon Her Majesty's life, on which occasion the Masonic Fraternity displayed the loyalty of Freemasons as well as of Englishmen, and a special Grand Lodge was called by the Prince of Wales, and an address of congratulation had been voted unanimously. That address had yesterday been presented, and those who were fortunate enough to be present on that occasion could not have failed to have been deeply impressed.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Master," the CHAIRMAN referred to the fact that merely to have the Prince of Wales for a Grand Master was a great benefit to the Craft, and reminded the company that this benefit was enhanced by the further fact that H.R.H. took a genuine interest in Freemasonry, though the multiplicity of his engagements would not admit of his attending Grand Lodge personally on every occasion.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the CHAIRMAN said that he had had the privilege for eight or nine years of attending Grand Lodge, and could bear personal testimony to the admirable manner in which the Grand Officers performed their duty. On this occasion they

were honoured with the presence of a number of Grand Officers, an honour which he was sure the brethren would appreciate very highly. They were especially honoured by the presence of the R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. John Whittaker Ellis, Grand Junior Warden of England, the Lord Mayor of London; the R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Past Grand Warden; the R.W. Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, Past Grand Warden; the V.W. Bro. the Rev. John Studholme Brownrigg, Past Grand Chaplain; the V.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; the W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; the V.W. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson. They were particularly honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, as he was not only Lord Mayor but Patron of the London Rifle Brigade, which had to thank him for the great interest he took in the regiment; they had to thank him for his presence on several occasions when members of the corps received prizes at the hands of the Lady Mayoress, and for several other occasions when he had been present. He felt sure the Lord Mayor was pleased at the strong muster the corps made the previous Saturday when it formed a guard of honour to the Queen. The Chairmaa also referred to the fact that the Lord Mayor was going to preside at the ensuing festival of the Boys' School, and suggested that the lodge should do its utmost by sending up a large list of subscriptions to support his lordship on that occasion. For his own part, he (the Chairman) had some time since sent in his name as one of the Stewards for that festival. He would conclude by asking them to drink to "The Health of the Grand Officers," and he would couple with the toast the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor.

The LORD MAYOR, in reply, said: Worshipful Master and brethren—I certainly have had many occasions upon which I have had the opportunity of addressing my fellow citizens, but generally I have stood up alone, and however inefficient I may have felt myself, at least I was not brought into that peculiar position of making comparisons; and we know upon irrefragable testimony that "comparisons are odorous." Now, I must confess that I, being surrounded on either side by Past Grand Officers of such supreme and superb brilliance, comparisons, even with myself, are not of that charming character which, appearing before you this evening, I should desire them to be. At all events, I am in very good company, and that is more than I can say on all occasions. The Worshipful Master has made some observations respecting the Grand Officers which I was about to make, and they were stated in a manner that bodes well for the future of this lodge. Brethren, I was not here so soon as I could wish to have been; I should have liked to be here at the very commencement, for I have heard far and wide of the most admirable manner in which he speaks. I did see some part of the ceremony, and it only made me regret that I had not seen or heard the whole. But of this I think the Past Grand Officers may feel satisfied that we have had added to the roll to-night a lodge which will reflect honour on Freemasonry; and especially, I think, it must be gratifying to us that this lodge is to be composed of military—of men practised in the use of arms—of the first regiment this city can boast of. And it is not to be forgotten that these Rifles Brigades of the City represent the ancient troops which the City raised, and which formed the first standing army which this nation knew. Well, this occasion is the first on which I have had an opportunity of speaking since I was appointed Junior Grand Warden of England. I must confess it is an honour which I prize beyond measure; and I prize it, as all good Freemasons would prize it, because it is conferred by the condescension of His Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. But I also prize it because I am placed in association with Freemasons—a select few of Freemasons—who have won their position by the work they have performed at their various lodges. I believe that Freemasonry in England is one of the institutions that form the basis upon which the prosperity of the nation rests. I recollect that it was in the presence of one of the Royal princes I said that unless there was some bond of union, we were but as the pebbles on the seashore, and the Royal prince responded, "Let me be the concrete that will make you a perfect whole," make us a rock upon which the waves may dash, but which they can never disturb. I so think of the Worshipful Grand Master. Brethren, I feel that there are many that I am indebted to, and not the least to my most worthy predecessor, Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott; he is thoroughly a good Freemason. He has prejudices, but those prejudices are always founded on the true instincts of a thorough Englishman, and while these await the final decision of that Great Master who made heaven and earth, I may say that Bro. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott is a man upon whom we may always rely as a man and a brother Mason of the highest order. Of the Grand Secretary nothing I can say will express the gratitude I owe to him. The high position in which he stands in Masonry, and the high position in which he stands in society, is one of the proofs of the wisdom and discretion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; and I can only now regret that I am not so intimate with Bro. General Brownrigg as I should like to have been, because I know by report that he is one of those men who have done a great deal of good to the Craft; and for the reverend Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Brownrigg, I am sure that we all feel the greatest possible respect and admiration. One of the greatest pleasures which I am sure that Freemasons always feel is when we show charity to each other. Our W.M., when he said grace before dinner, had not the slightest idea that the reverend Chaplain stood on his right hand. If I had been the reverend Chaplain I should have said, "Confound you, what do you mean?" But he took it generously; and when we asked him why he did not say grace, he said he supposed the W.M. was such a martinet in military matters that he would not allow anyone to do that which he could do himself. Nothing could give me greater pleasure than appearing here this evening. There is but one drawback; among the great variety of clothing that I must admit I have to use, I have a difficulty to night to appear in the right one. When I received the appointment to the honourable position of Junior Grand Warden, I said to myself, "Now I have arrived at something which actually entitles me to appear in gorgeous and beautiful clothing," and I at once told my secretary to write to the Tyler of my lodge to provide me with everything necessary, and I then forgot all about it. I am sorry to say that my secretary forgot all about it too (but I mean to have him made a Mason at once), and that is how it comes that I appear before you to-night in the wrong colour (the Lord Mayor wore the red clothing of a Past Grand Steward); but at least, believe me, that if the colour is wrong the heart is in the right place. (Applause.)

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., said that it was his pleasant prerogative to propose the next toast, which he must consider to be the toast of the evening, as it was "The Health of the first Worshipful Master" of the lodge that had just been consecrated. The Grand Secretary remarked that he had taken very great interest in this new lodge for many reasons,

one of which was that he had the pleasure of knowing the W.M. very well; that he was a thorough good fellow and a capital Mason. When he heard of the petition for a warrant for this lodge he knew that the warrant would be in perfectly safe keeping. The W.M., did not come new to the work; he was already P.M. of another lodge, and might be said to know the whole box of tricks. This lodge had a good sound Masonic basis, and it was therefore with unusual pleasure that he asked the company to drink to the health and prosperity of the W.M. of this new lodge, congratulate him upon having attained to his present proud position (because this lodge would hold a very high position among the lodges of London), and wish him a very successful and prosperous year of office.

The W.M. having briefly returned thanks, said that he would at once proceed to the next toast, which was that of "The Consecrating Officers." They were all deeply indebted to Col. Clerke and the other Grand Officers who had stood by him in organising this lodge, and he was sure that all must be as pleased as he was at the admirable manner in which the ceremony was performed. He had heard several eminent brethren perform that ceremony, but he had never heard it to such advantage as he had heard it that evening. They had had an excellent oration from the Chaplain, and he was very glad to know that he was an old volunteer; it was plain by the way in which he entered upon that task, that it gave the Chaplain very great pleasure to give that oration about the volunteers. Genl. Brownrigg had also come to assist at that august ceremony; also the Junior Grand Warden, the Lord Mayor; the Past Grand Warden, Sir Francis Truscott; Sir John Monckton, the President of the Board of General Purposes; and Bros. Alderman Hadley and Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacons. To all of these eminent brethren they were under deep obligations, and he asked the brethren present to give this toast a most cordial reception.

Bro. Col. CLERKE said he really did not like to appear before them like a Masonic jack-in-the-box, always popping up and down, and he could only repeat what he had already said. It was a sincere pleasure to himself and all who had come with him to take part in the consecration, because they felt that this was an unusually good lodge, and fully deserving of support.

The Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, in returning thanks, referred to the fact that he was associated with the Volunteer movement twenty years ago. He was proud to join this lodge, and trusted that he should often have the pleasure of coming back to it, and hoped next July to hear of one of its members winning the Queen's prize at Wimbledon.

Bro. GENERAL BROWNRIGG said that he had been flattering himself that he had escaped being called upon to make a speech. He had grown old and grey in Masonry. It was twenty-six years ago that he was a Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and he had hoped that they would spare him. He had an English sense of pride in the volunteer movement. As they had heard already, many ridiculed the idea at first, but should any foreign nation have the daring and the pluck to invade England, we should be perfectly able to resist him. He was glad to see a Masonic lodge associated with one of the oldest volunteer corps, and it had given him great pleasure to assist in the consecration of it.

The other toasts included "The Visitors," for which Bro. G. F. BUSBRIDGE, P.P.G.A.S. Kent, responded; "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Fred. H. Cozens, assisted by Bros. Lawler and Ashton; and the assistance of these brethren, both during the ceremony of consecration, and afterwards at the banquet table, contributed to the success of the evening.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY LODGE, No. 1963.

This new lodge, an offshoot of the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, was consecrated on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, on the Shaftesbury Park Estate, Lavender Hill. It will be remembered, perhaps, by some of our readers that this hall was built for the purposes of Freemasonry, under the superintendence of the late Grand Secretary, John Hervey, and a warrant, since cancelled, was granted to hold a lodge therein. Most of the lodges which may be considered as belonging to the parish have removed to more convenient quarters, and but for the Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, which is more or less a parochial lodge, Battersea has been for some time devoid of active Freemasonry. This consideration, among others, influenced the M.W.G.M. to grant a warrant of constitution for a new lodge to some brethren, chiefly members of the Crichton, a lodge which, though only founded in 1876, has taken a foremost place in South London for the unbroken harmony of its brotherhood and the purity and correctness of its work. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, graciously consented that his title should be used as the Masonic name of the lodge, and the founders started on their task with the kind support and best wishes of their mother lodge, the Crichton, and their sister lodge and nearest neighbour, the Earl Spencer.

The ceremony was performed by the V.W. the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and he was very ably assisted by the R.W. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, Past District Grand Master of Bengal, as S.W.; W. Bro. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., as J.W.; Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, P.M., P.G.C., as Chaplain; and the W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as Director of Ceremonies; Bro. David Rose, the well known and esteemed Preceptor of the Peckham and Rose Lodges of Instruction kindly acting as I.G.

It would be impossible to over-estimate the Grand Secretary's correct and impressive rendering of the ceremony, and the excellent management of the various details of the ritual reflects the highest credit on Bro. Frank Richardson, the acting Director of the Ceremonies. The music was exceedingly well performed by Bros. J. H. Maunder, Org. 1641; H. R. Baker, 1641; and Voisey, 1329, P.M. 1641. Bro. Baker's solo in the anthem excited universal admiration.

A most eloquent and learned oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, full of Masonic lore, and teeming with stirring exhortations to the proper fulfilment and propagation of the true teachings and grand principles of our noble Craft. His fervid utterances were received with rapt attention, and could scarcely fail to make a lasting impression on the minds of all who had the privilege of hearing them.

The lodge having been consecrated, dedicated and constituted, the Grand Secretary then installed Bro. Robert James Voisey, P.M. 1641, as the first W.M. Bro. Voisey is well known in South London Masonic circles as an excellent worker, both in Craft and Royal Arch Masonry, and under his

rule the Crichton, of which he was the originator and first founder, rose rapidly and firmly in reputation and numbers. It, therefore, augurs well for the new lodge that its founders have been able to secure the services of so popular and successful a Master, and there is every prospect that the Duke of Albany Lodge, now in a strong and vigorous infancy, will speedily take rank with our best lodges. Ten candidates are already proposed for initiation. It may be thought worthy of notice that the W.M. is a Life Governor and Steward of all our Charities, and that the S.W. will stand as Steward for the Boys' School at the forthcoming festival in June.

The Consecrating Officers were unanimously and heartily thanked for their valuable services, and consented to become honorary members of the lodge.

A vote of thanks was also given to His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and the brethren sent their humble and heartfelt congratulations on his marriage, and their earnest wishes that every blessing may be showered upon the Royal pair by the all-bounteous hand of T.G.A.O.T.U.

The officers invested were: Bros. R. J. Vincent, S.W.; C. Wilson, J.W.; F. Kerry, Treas.; John White, Sec.; R. Stokoe, S.D.; V. T. Murché, J.D.; T. Harrap, I.G.; G. Gill, D.C.; W. T. Pink, Steward; H. Maidment, A.S.; and Walkley, P.M., P.P.G.D. (Somerset), Tyler. The banquet was excellently served by Mr. Stanley, of Lavendar-hill. Fifty guests attended the ample board, and did justice to the bounteous hospitality of the founders. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with great enthusiasm.

The following visitors were present: Bros. S. H. Goldschmidt, W.M. 1641; T. Gardiner, P.M. 1641; T. E. Heller, S.W. 1641; T. H. Maunder, Org. 1641; W. Cooper, 1641; C. Bird, 1641; O. L. Finch, 1641; G. Girdling, 1641; H. R. Baker, 1641; J. Dallison, 1641; J. Nicholl, 1641; T. Nettleship, 1641; T. Weeks, Sec. 1641, 1421; Dr. Kempster, P.M. 1420; J. J. Hiscox, 1420; J. T. Filditch, P.M. 1420; J. W. Hiscox, P.M. 1420; A. Southam, P.M. 1420; Young, S.W. 1420; Radford, J.W. 1420; Cooch, 1420; Taylor, 1420; Sinclair, W.M. 1420; F. Pink, 1420; J. Noble, 13; D. Rose, P.M. 73; Grummart, 1559; Steele, 172; Hall, 259; Stevens, 1657; Chapman, 1257; Mellish, 1853; Wishart, 1789; Dr. Bayfield, 392; Moody, 1853; H. Vickerey, P.M. 1475; Witts, P.M. 144; James, W.M. 957; Dr. Oakman, J.W. 1853; Runacres, W.M. 1922; and H. Sadler, P.M., Grand Tyler.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE EASTES LODGE, No. 1965.

An important consecration meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, when the Eastes Lodge was inaugurated. The meeting was summoned for two o'clock p.m., when the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by Viscount Holmesdale, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Kent, by whom the consecration of the new lodge was performed. He was assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers for the current year in the performance of the ceremony; the S.W.'s chair being occupied by the V.W. Prov. G. Senior Warden, Bro. J. L. Worship, and the other principal chair by the V.W. Prov. G. Junior Warden, Bro. W. Wood. Bro. the Rev. R. Jamblin, Vicar of Willington, who holds the position of Prov. Grand Chaplain also, attended in his official capacity. The only officer engaged in the ceremony who does not belong to the province was Bro. Horatio Wood, P. Provincial Grand Warden of the Province of Wilts, who acted as Director of Ceremonies; and we are bound to say that the choice of this brother to act in that capacity, reflects the utmost credit upon those upon whom the arrangements fell, for his duties could not have been performed in a more able manner. Bro. Alfred Avery, P. Prov. Grand Registrar, acted as Sword Bearer at the entry of the Provincial Grand Master into the lodge.

The Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, who has allowed the lodge to be called by his name, and who installed the Worshipful Master, occupied a seat on the right of the Consecrating Officer while his lordship was performing the ceremony.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Cosby, who was assisted by Bros. John Hodges, Charles Beckett, and R. de Lacy, members of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Among the visitors present were the following:

Bros. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Thos. Styles, P.P.G.D.; Jules Bué, P.P.G.O. Oxon; Peter Harvey, P.M. 299, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. Avery, P.P.G.R. Kent; E. Tate, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Spence, Prov. G. Sec. Kent; Rev. H. Cummings, P.P.G. Chap. Cornwall; John Brothers, P.M. 709; Eugène Montennis, W.M. 14; E. Monckton, W.M. 1678; Thos. Will, P.M. 299; Joseph Langton, P.M. 1673; C. S. A. Atkinson, P.M. 709; J. O. Langton, W.M. 1673; W. Roots, 1273; J. Brignall, 1586; Philip Phelps, 709; J. F. Huggins, P.M. 18; W. J. Light, P.M. 299; W. G. Kentish, W.M. 1293; W. C. Banks, P.M. 1223; A. Fyson, 1768; G. T. Saunders, 551; B. H. Thorpe, P.M. 709; G. A. Rowbotham, W.M. 66; H. C. Frances, P.P.G.D.; and E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297 (*Freemason*).

The lodge having been opened in Three Degrees as already mentioned, Lord HOLMESDALE addressing the brethren assembled, said that they were aware that the purpose of that meeting was to add another name to the band of lodges belonging to the Province of Kent. Certain brethren considering that for good reasons it was desirable to have a second lodge at Bromley, had petitioned the proper authorities for the necessary warrant, and it had given him considerable pleasure to support the petition. The increase of Freemasonry in the county and the district was, he thought, sufficient reason why this additional lodge should be inaugurated. His Lordship added that he did not consider it necessary for him to address any further remarks to them at present on the subject, as they would hear from the Chaplain an oration on the principles and practice of Freemasonry.

The CHAPLAIN then offered up the first portion of the prayers for the occasion; and the Director of Ceremonies having arranged the founders of the lodge in order, and presented the Worshipful Master designated in the warrant to the Presiding Officer, the Acting Secretary (Bro. W. Alfred Dawson), read the petition and warrant, and the Presiding Officer having upon inquiry ascertained that the founders approved of the officers named in the warrant, called upon the Chaplain to address them upon the principles of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. R. JAMBLIN said that this was to him a very congenial task, though it was difficult to perform adequately to its importance; but it was congenial to his feelings, both in his clerical position and as a member of the grand old Order to which all present belonged. The religious aspect of Freemasonry should never be lost sight of; the ceremonies all had a religious character; and though the ceremonies were in themselves most impressive, the justification of the existence of the Order lay in the religious aspect of those ceremonies. In former times there was a strong feeling

against Freemasonry. It was charged against Freemasons that, if their ceremonies were not improper, they were, at the best, trivial. But all serious objections had now disappeared. There still were some objectors, who asserted that Freemasonry was impracticable, and that its principles were quite elementary. As to the first, if the practice of Freemasonry was found to be impracticable, it was the fault of the men who lived under it, and not in the principles of the institution. He wished to remind them solemnly that if they entered Freemasonry they were bound to live up to its principles; it was not a mere flimsy decorative organization; it was a real bond of deep set principles. In answer to the charge that the principles were elementary, he asserted that as far as they went they were both precise and definite. To take only the principles of the Craft with regard to morality—what could be more definite. It was necessary that there should be in these principles that which is elementary, for the reason that they wish to attract men and not to repel them. If, again, the principles were elementary, they had the advantage that they put a minimum standard, not a maximum. It was full of comprehensive morality, and life in society depended upon this for its happiness and for its success: take away the principles of morality and the whole thing crumbled to pieces. They were very precise on this point; required strict morality, just dealing, and obedience to the laws. With regard to science there was sufficient of detail in reference to the seven liberal arts and sciences. He believed that all the world might learn something from Freemasonry. And the ultimate end of this branch of Freemasonry was the throne of God, a principle which the speaker thought was too often forgotten in these days among those who cultivated the sciences. On the subject of religion the principles were perhaps more elementary than in the other branches; but there was a wonderful amount of definite belief, and Freemasons bound themselves to observe these definite principles, which were the very foundation of all religion. After referring to these principles in a detailed manner, which it would not be Masonic to publish, the reverend brother concluded by pointing out that Masonry is a vast and increasing body, capable of large influence, and that that influence was day by day increasing; and that if Masons conducted themselves humbly in the sight of God, and did their duty honestly in the world, every taint of reproach would be removed if they would show forth its true character by the purity and holiness of their lives.

The singing of the first anthem followed the Chaplain's address, which in its turn was succeeded by the first portion of the dedication prayer.

The Consecrating Officer then delivered the invocation, and the Chaplain read the portion of scripture appointed for this ceremony. After the hymn, which was then sung by the whole assembly, the lodge-board was uncovered, and the lodge solemnly consecrated. During the ceremony the second hymn was sung (to music which had been specially composed for the occasion), and when the Chaplain had offered up the second portion of the dedication prayer, the R.W.P.G.M. duly dedicated and constituted the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close by the musical brethren singing the anthem "I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in."

Lord Holmesdale then left the chair, and the V.W. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, assuming it, proceeded to install Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, W.M. designate; a ceremony which he performed with great care, and then called upon Bro. Sudlow to invest the two principal officers named in the warrant, and to appoint and invest the remainder of his staff, which Bro. Sudlow did very ably, pointing out to each the signification of the various implements, and giving a few kind words of congratulation to each of them. The full list of officers is as follows: Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, W.M.; S. W. Shaw, S.W.; G. Henri Bué, J.W.; A. W. Duret, Treasurer; W. Alfred Dawson, Secretary; T. Truman Tanqueray, S.D.; Alfred Pocock, J.D.; W. Hunter, Johnston, I.G.; E. M. Morriss, M.C.; and A. C. Wickens, Steward.

The W.M. then rose, and said he desired at once to exercise the first privilege that his office entitled him to, and that was to propose a vote of thanks for the very admirable manner in which the Consecrating and Installing Officers had performed their duties. No one who knew the ritual could fail to appreciate the excellence of the work. They had also to express their thanks in the same way to the Prov. Grand Chaplain for the impressive words of his oration. The W.M. concluded by proposing "That these votes of thanks should be recorded on the minutes."

The motion having been seconded by the J.W., was put to the meeting by the S.W., and carried unanimously, and Lord HOLMESDALE, Bro. EASTES, and the Rev. Bro. JAMBLIN, returned their acknowledgments for the compliment.

The W.M. then proposed that the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Eastes; the Prov. G.S.W., Bro. Worship; the Prov. G.J.W., Bro. Wood; the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. Jamblin; the Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. Spence; and Bro. Ward, P.P.G.W. Wilts, should be elected honorary members of the lodge. This motion was seconded by the SECRETARY, and this also was carried unanimously.

The compliment was acknowledged by Bro. EASTES, who requested, however, as far as he personally was concerned, that his name might be inscribed in the lodge books as a subscribing member.

A large number of initiates and joining members were then proposed, and the SECRETARY, in reporting communications, said he had had a considerable number of letters of regret that previous engagements prevented the presence of writers. Among these he was sorry to find the names of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke; Bros. T. Fenn, A. A. Richards, Manly, Ranking, Pickering, and others.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the greater part of the brethren afterwards dined together, the W.M. presiding, and having on his right Lord Holmesdale and Bro. Eastes, the Grand Officers and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers being ranged right and left of the chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed the dinner, as a matter of course.

In proposing "The Health of the Grand Officers," the CHAIRMAN said that he believed that the Grand Officers were selected year after year with the greatest care and discrimination, and that the purple was bestowed as a well merited reward for long and faithful service to the Craft. They had that evening been disappointed of several Grand Officers, but Grand Lodge was still well represented, as they had Bro. Murton, a Past Grand Deacon, with them, and also their old friend, Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary.

This toast was responded to by Bro. MURTON, who saw with pleasure that a number of the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement formed a constituent part of this lodge, and he believed they would do honour to the lodge, and by and by to the Craft.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Mas-

ter," a most important toast, which he was sure would always be received in that lodge with the utmost enthusiasm, because the brethren would always remember with grateful appreciation his lordship's kindness in coming among them that day, and taking upon himself the arduous duties of Consecrating Officer; and at the same time he ventured to hope it had been pleasant to his lordship to inaugurate a new lodge in his province.

Lord HOLMESDALE, in acknowledging the toast, remarked that he did not agree with those who held that there were too many lodges. He also expressed himself as being pleased at the addition of this new lodge to his already large province; and he thought they were indebted to the brethren of the lodge already held at Bromley for the kindness with which they had given their hearty assistance to the founders of this lodge, and for the cordial manner in which they welcomed this new sister.

"The Health of the Deputy Grand Master" was next proposed by the Chairman, who said that from the very first moment that the lodge was proposed, Bro. Eastes had taken the greatest interest in its formation; he had kindly shown his confidence in the founders by allowing their lodge to be called after his name; and now, at its consecration, he had done them the honour of becoming a subscribing member. The Chairman included in this toast the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers present, acknowledging the debt of gratitude they owed them for their presence and the support they had given to them.

Bro. EASTES acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Lord HOLMESDALE proposed "The Health of the Master," after which several other toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

THE MASONIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

BY BRO. T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

What is the history of this Society, which appears to have been established about the year 1800, and to have received at the time the highest sanction? In a small book published in 1801, and called "Illustrations of Masonry, selected by Bro. John Cole, P.M. of Lodges No. 466, 249, 113, and 195," I find an account of it. It was under the patronage of the then Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and amongst the Trustees were the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master; Lord Petre, Past Grand Master; Sir P. Parker, Bart., Deputy Grand Master; and a number of other eminent brethren, and it seems to have been intended to form provision for members of the Craft who, through unforeseen circumstances, were plunged into poverty and distress, and the statement of its objects concludes by saying that "this infant institution is likely to become a corner-stone in the Masonic Building, and a chamber where the good Craftsman will never fail to receive wages due to his labours."

The Abstract of the Rules and Orders of the Society states that:

Any brother of fair character and in good health, being a subscriber of a regular lodge under the Constitution of England, and recommended by the Master of a lodge, is capable of admission.

The subscription is six shillings and sixpence quarterly, or one guinea per annum, paid in advance; and at the end of twelve months the subscriber becomes a free member, and entitled to all the benefits of the Society.

Members when sick, lame, or blind, will be entitled to fourteen shillings per week. Members in reduced circumstances, and imprisoned for debt, will be allowed a sum not exceeding four shillings per week, if found not unworthy of aid.

Members who through old age become incapable of earning their living, to be allowed six shillings per week till the first General Court, and afterwards such a pension for life as their situation may require.

The widows of members will, if the circumstances require it, be allowed the sum of four shillings per week, and two shillings per week for every lawful child under twelve years of age.

The widows of members whose circumstances require it, to be allowed a sum not exceeding five pounds towards the funeral expenses.

The orphans of members, not otherwise provided for, to be entitled to the sum of four shillings per week for their maintenance, and a further sum at a proper age as an apprentice fee.

A General Court of all the subscribers to be held once a year, who shall fill up any vacancy which may have happened amongst the Trustees, choose Committee men, make bye-laws, &c. The other affairs of the Society to be managed by a quarterly and monthly Committee, a Committee of Auditors, and an Actuary.

A book is kept at the Society's office for any member to enter his name when out of employment, which may be examined during office hours.

A list of bankers is given who will receive subscriptions, and the office was at No. 50, Frith-street, Soho-square.

The approval of the Grand Lodge was had to the scheme, for the following minute is quoted as having been passed by Grand Lodge on the 2nd April, 1800.

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge being desirous of rendering the advantages to be derived from the Masonic Benefit Society as extensive as possible, that it be recommended to the Provincial Grand Masters to give every aid and assistance in their power to promote the object and intentions of this benevolent Institution.

It would be interesting to know what became of this organisation, how long it existed, and why it disappeared.

THE LEGEND OF FREEMASONRY.—Legend, which comes from the Latin "legenda," seems to take its actual meaning from the old "Legenda Sanctorum," and the like, which, preserved in MS., were read sometimes at meals in the monasteries. But a "legend" may also be oral—a story preserved traditionally; and there is also a meaning, formerly apparently, and latterly certainly, attached to "legend," which would seem to imply a narrative, whether true or false, or even what has been termed a "fiction, with a pretension to truth," as Mackey properly reminds us. One common use of the word seems to be a national chronicle or a religious tale which professes to be true, but is not actually so; hence our frequent use of the word "legendary" in this sense. "Legenda" is clearly of monastic and mediæval, not classic, use. Some, like Mackey, have divided legends into mythical, philosophical, and historical, but we do not think that such a division of the subject can be accepted, as we thereby exclude alike the mystical, the religious, and the romantic. In old days, most of the "Mysteries" or "Crafts" had some favourite Saint whose legend was bound up with its history and rules; and the operative Freemasons had, undoubtedly, that Legend of Freemasonry which may be called the "Legend of the Guilds," which is found in what we term the "Constitution of Masons," or, as in the Masonic Poem, the "Constitution of Geometry." We need not dilate upon it here, as it is now well known to us, thanks mainly to the publications of Bro. W. J. Hughan. We shall hope that some day a "Magnum Opus" may appear of all the existing Constitutions and Legends.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

ENGLISH MASONRY IN 1881.

The "Masonic Record of Western India" publishes the following:

"ENGLAND.—OUR ANNUAL LETTER.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—Though late when this reaches you for 'good wishes,' they are none the less sincere, and I trust that great prosperity is in store for the 'Record' for 1882.

"The last year has witnessed a continuation of the extraordinary prosperity so long attendant on the Craft, and though in England our 'great Charities' have not received quite equal to one or two years, still on the whole, the totals have been most cheering. The brethren have done their part nobly to succour the widows and orphans who are destitute, as well as to aid necessitous brethren, and at the present time we have in the Royal Masonic Institutions for Girls and Boys a total of 450 being fed, clothed, and educated, on our own buildings, all paid for, and the pride of the Fraternity. Then, again, we have over 300 annuitants, aged Masons and widows, in receipt of annuities of £40 and £32 for life respectively, and those who desired it have also the comfort of a 'Home from Home' in the Building of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. The three Secretaries of these grand Institutions work with a will, and I have always found them model examples of what officers should be, as respects love for their work, courtesy to the subscribers, and a never failing attention to the wants and wishes of all concerned. In our provinces we have also Benevolent funds, annuities, educational grants, &c., some being of almost metropolitan character in their extent and importance. In West Lancashire nearly 100 children receive a capital education from the Provincial Funds, and in Cheshire about half that number, and many other Provinces are engaged in similar work, making a total exceeding in number those in London—only, of course, the Board is not included; and several Provinces grant annuities to destitute brethren, as also do lodges, some of the latter being very wealthy, even to having £16,000, in a single instance, funded! Last year the Grand Lodge, through its Fund of Benevolence, dispensed over £9000, and none but those who are in the habit of attending the Committees can appreciate the care and patience exercised in the distribution in fair proportions of this large sum of money. The lodges are still increasing in number, and soon the 2000 will be reached, there being about 1700 active lodges under the Grand Lodge of England; the great business of such a vast community, scattered over the four quarters of the globe, being managed most smoothly and well by the obliging Grand Secretary, Colonel Clerke, and his excellent staff. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter also flourishes, and has on its rolls now over 600 chapters! The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, in consequence of this increase, have added slightly to their Officers, and Prov. G. Lodges numbering over 40 lodges are now permitted to have four Deacons in lieu of two, and a Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies. This regulation, however, will not affect India, but it does such Provinces as East Lancashire with ninety-one lodges, West Lancashire with eighty-one lodges, West Yorkshire with sixty-six lodges, Devonshire with fifty lodges, and Kent with forty-six lodges, according to the most accurate calendar of the Grand Lodge of England. Many of these provinces are larger than some Grand Lodges abroad, and their meetings are held with all the dignity that the influence and position of their exalted Provincial Grand Masters are sure always of commanding. The Province of New South Wales, or rather District Grand Lodge, as also that of Victoria, will benefit by the same law, the former having forty-seven lodges and the latter seventy lodges. We do not believe in the so called Grand Lodge of New South Wales, for to be worthy of such a title, or to have any right to such a name, it should have the support of the great majority of the lodges and members, whereas it has but the adhesion of, an insignificant minority.* It is preposterous to suppose that any three lodges or so, in a large province or district, has the right to form a Grand Lodge, and all the rest no matter how many, say forty or more lodges, must, forsooth, join the Body, and leave their allegiance to the parent Grand Body! I fully admit that the lodges together may Masonically decide to inaugurate a Grand Lodge, as did Nova Scotia, Quebec, &c.; but then it was the great majority that did so, and for my part I am astonished to find some American Grand Lodges supporting such a clearly un-masonic Body as the 'G.L. of South Wales' (?)

"The 'Calendar' for the last two years has afforded extra particulars of value and interest to the Craft, and as it indicates those lodges which formerly belonged 'to the Ancients' or 'Atholl' Grand Lodge, it is still more useful than formerly. For what is termed the 'Higher Degrees,' we have the 'Cosmopolitan Calendar,' published by Bro. Kenning, and in that again the prosperity of the Craft is exemplified as respects the Mark Grand Lodge with its 300 lodges, and its galaxy of Past Grand Masters, including H.R.H. Prince Leopold. The 'Ancient and Accepted Rite' has now nearly 100 chapters of Rose Croix, and lately received the adhesion of the 'Baldwin' Bristol, which has worked the degree from about 1780, and is now appropriately placed at the head of the roll, without a number. The Order includes the 'élete' of the Fraternity, and is managed by the 'Supreme Council,' 33°, which numbers amongst its members some of the most active, zealous, and able Craftsmen of the country, the present Grand Commander being the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, who is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon being a Past Grand Commander, and the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is the Grand Patron, having his two Masonic brothers as honorary members. Their library is one of the finest in the world, and is particularly strong in unives. Neither the Great Priory of the Knights Templars, nor the Grand Conclave of the Red Cross have done so well of late years, though if success could be achieved at all by any officials, the indefatigable Vice Chancellor, Bro. Tinkler, for the Templars, and Dr. Woodman, for the 'Red Cross,' would obtain all that could possibly be desired."

KILWINNING MANUSCRIPT.—This is a copy of the "Constitutions," which belongs to the Mother Kilwinning Lodge, and is transcribed, as Bro. D. Murray Lyon points out in his History of the Lodge of "Mary Chapel," Edinburgh, by the same scribe who wrote the minutes of that lodge from 1675 to 1678. Hence the date of the transcription is about that time probably. The MS. is clearly not an indigenous Scottish MS., but is a copy of an English form, and, as Bro. W. J. Hughan has previously pointed out in "The Old Charges," an "indifferent copy" of the Grand Lodge MS. F. It was first published by Bro. W. J. Hughan, from a copy by Bro. D. Murray Lyon in "Masonic Sketches and Reprints," and subsequently by Bro. D. Murray Lyon himself in his history of the lodge "Mary Chapel," Edinburgh.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

* I speak now of the general question.

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BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Jewish Chronicle," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Allen's
Indian Mail," "The Philanthropist," "A New Year's
Gift to the Pope; or the Freemasons Vindicated," "The
Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Theatrical World," "The
Broad Arrow," "The Citizen," "Die Bauhutte," "The
Court Circular," "The Hebrew Leader," "Keystone,"
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SATURDAY, MAY 20, 1882.

Original Correspondence.

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

VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You will perhaps allow me, with much deference
to, and respect for your unquestionably great authority, to
dispute altogether your *dictum* regarding the admission
to our lodges of brethren unknown to, and unvouched for
by, any member of the Craft who may be present. Your
observations are made, I presume, with the laudable object
of inculcating upon Masters and officers the duty of ob-
serving strict care and caution in the admission to Masonic
lodges of strangers claiming to be Masons, but personally
unknown to any of the brethren assembled. I admit the
imperative necessity of all due precautions in such cases.
I recognise the truth of your statement, that too much
laxity is allowed in the examination of *soi-disant*
Masons. I deplore the fact, only too well known to me,
that unauthorised persons have been admitted to our
lodges of instruction, and from thence to regular lodges, be-
cause of the want of care in the initial step. But I cannot
give my assent to the general rule of prohibition which you
lay down.

As an English Mason I claim the right of entrance to
any lodge holding under our Constitution, or to any lodge
recognising the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge recognised
by our own, providing that I can indisputably prove my
right and title to membership of the Masonic Fraternity.
Let the test be as severe and the examination as exhaustive
as the inventive ingenuity of the Masonic mind can con-

ceive; still, if I can meet that test, and satisfy that exami-
nation, I have a right to demand admission to the lodge
which I may seek to enter. If not, our Masonic signs and
symbols, our tests, sections, and entire ritual are simply
worthless and unmeaning verbiage, of no practical utility,
and of less actual value than the registered "secrets" of
the Odd Fellows, Buffaloes, Foresters, or other *quasi*
secret societies with which we may happen to be acquainted.
I venture to affirm that no Mason of rank and expe-
rience will give his assent to any such opinion.

The production of a Grand Lodge certificate, which you
seem to regard as a *sine qua non* of admission, is, to
my mind, the most worthless of tests which can be applied.
What more easy than to steal, or buy, or borrow a Masonic
certificate? I have seen them by dozens framed and for
sale in the windows of pawnbrokers' shops. How easy it
would be for any scoundrel to acquire such a document,
and by impudent fraud to personate successfully the possibly
defunct owner! What check have we against such
imposture? None that I can imagine; and yet I have
always heard it said, and my own experience tends to con-
firm the truth of the aphorism, that a defective check is
worse than no check at all. To put the production of a
Grand Lodge certificate in the forefront of the tests to be
applied in a Masonic examination is simply to affirm that
our other means of investigation are worthless, and to such
a proposition I enter my respectful, but most unqualified,
dissent. I defy any Mason living, speaking any language
with which I am acquainted, to bar my entrance to any
lodge to which I may seek admission, by any Masonic test
which he may elect to apply to me; and, on the other
hand, I challenge any man, not being a Mason, to satisfy
such tests as I will put to him, I being the examiner.
Herein lies the whole gist of my contention. I believe,
and I will maintain against all opponents, that in Masonry
we have a system, which, if properly applied, will effectually
close the doors of Masonic lodges against all attempts at
imposture; but, if we rely in any appreciable measure upon
such fallible tests as certificates of membership, we open
the doors of the Craft to the most vulgar forms of imposi-
tion and fraud. It is better that a ship should carry no
anchor at all than that her safety on a lee-shore should be
entrusted to a cable known to be rotten.

I am very far from asserting that a Grand Lodge certi-
ficate is without its proper value. All I maintain is that it
is, *per se*, useless as a Masonic test. I will cite a case
in my own experience, where a certificate was of much
importance to its owner. A stranger came to a lodge with
which I am connected, asking to be allowed to enter. I was
requested to examine him; and, on doing so, I found he could
not satisfy my, possibly rigorous, requirements. He pro-
duced a certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and
the usual test upon that document was perfectly satisfac-
tory. I told him that he was deficient in the necessary
information requisite in cases of strangers seeking admis-
sion to a lodge, but if he could give me proof of his iden-
tity, I would accept his certificate as evidence of his claims.
He mentioned the names of several persons with whom he
was acquainted, among others that of a personal friend of
my own. This gentleman was not a Mason; but on sub-
sequent reference to him I ascertained beyond doubt that
the man in question was actually the person he represented
himself to be; and, after further inquiry, addressed to the
lodge in Scotland from which our brother hailed, I had no
hesitation whatever in vouching for him as a member of
our Order. Here the certificate was of value as a means of
identification; but it is only right to add that the brother
referred to, although not a "bright" Mason, was able to
satisfy all the tests which are usually employed in the exami-
nation of strangers. He did not know enough for me, and
hence my reference to his "documentary evidence." Had
he fairly met my Masonic tests his certificate would not
have been asked for by me.

It is the custom in some lodges to require production of
a Grand Lodge certificate before asking the intending
visitor a single question; and, if the parchment be not
forthcoming, the brother's plea for admission is summarily
rejected. It cannot be too emphatically stated that such
procedure is totally opposed to all Masonic teaching, and
also to the spirit of Freemasonry. When travelling in the
United States some years ago, my room in a New York
hotel was entered by thieves, and all my portable articles
of value, including several important documents, were
carried clear off. Among the plunder was my Masonic
"clothing" and Grand Lodge certificate. Ought I, after
this loss of my goods, to have been forbidden to enter an
American lodge because a thief had stolen my certificate?
I think not. On the contrary, it seems to me that my
claim upon Masonry was never greater than in that hour.
I was a stranger in a strange land, and I had fallen among
thieves! Luckily a cable message brought me a speedy
relief from my sufferings in the form of a remittance by
wire; but that accident does not affect the general principle
for which I contend. My Grand Lodge certificate could
not be replaced until after my return to this country, but
the want of it proved no bar to my entrance to American
lodges, where the examinations are far more strict
than with us.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

THOS. EDMONDSTON, P.M.

[The Grand Lodge certificate is ordered to be produced
and asked for by a Grand Lodge circular, sent to all the
lodges of the English jurisdiction some years back.—
ED. F.M.]

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With many in the Masonic body there prevails an idea that a member of a lodge is not at liberty to invite a brother to such lodge to witness its working, and to partake of its hospitality, without a special invite from the W.M. Possibly the opinion may be ventilated through your valuable columns.

I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally.

M.M.

PROVINCE OF N. AND E. YORKS, GIRLS' FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly favour me by inserting in your next issue a more complete list of the contributions from this province to the above Festival than the one published in your paper on Saturday last.

I ask this favour as I am most anxious that every brother who served as Steward, and contributed his mite, and also the lodges, &c., contributing, to render the result so satisfactory, shall have every credit to which they are entitled for their generous exertions.

Yours very fraternally, J. S. CUMBERLAND,
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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It has been suggested that, with a view to obtain proper accommodation for the lodges meeting in Twickenham and the neighbourhood, a Masonic Hall, to cost about £1000, and to be called the "Burdett Masonic Hall," should be erected in Twickenham.

The rooms at the hotels are utterly inadequate and unsuitable; the ceremonies are spoilt by incongruous surroundings, and much money is spent in hotel bills.

I shall be glad to learn the views of your correspondents, and if any should write, not necessarily for publication, you will, I am sure, forward their letters, and so assist in the work.

Yours fraternally, MIDDLESEX.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

It is certainly strange that 306 lodges in the London district should be outside the "purple," and the idea of Bro. Stevens is a good one. Fancy Cambridge, with four lodges, and a complete set of Prov. Grand Officers.

I do not approve of the arrangement suggested by Bro. Stevens; the divisions would be unequal and the titles long; so I suggest that six District Grand Lodges be formed, each containing as near fifty lodges as practicable, and the designations to be similar to District Grand Lodge of "Westminster," "Lambeth," "Southwark," "London," or "North London," "West London," and so on; with the City, called "London and the District of Central London," to contain the Lodges meeting at Freemasons' Hall.

Yours, &c. A P.P. GRAND OFFICER.

THE GIRLS' FESTIVAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

The festival was a great success, but as usual the "Ladies Stewards" were a failure. Some few brethren accept the office as a kind of Masonic "Chiltern Hundred;" others, that they may be free to attend to their wives and friends. Ladies who attend, and are strangers to the Ladies' Stewards, get on very badly, their limited supply of food and drink being obtained only by asking the waiters. It is not very creditable to the Stewards that one lady got a glass of champagne, (having failed to get any hock) after three times asking; while another, after incessantly asking for some water, obtained it just as the iced pudding arrived. If brethren profess to attend to the ladies, they should attend equally to all; but every year the same thing occurs.

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REVIEWS

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT TO THE POPE, &c., &c. Translated from the French, by Bro. the Rev. W. C. LUKIS. Yorkshire Gazette Office, High Ousegate, York.

Bro. Lukis, who is an active member of the York Rosicrucian Society and the Yorkshire Craft, is well-known by several valuable Masonic archaeological contributions. The little work now before us is a translation from a French work, really called "Etenne Au Pape," and published at the Hague, in 1752. Would Bro. Lukis kindly accept a friendly hint from an old book collector, which is this, always give the actual name of the book in the language in which it is written, as while a book collector might for special reasons know at once all about "Etenne Au Pape," he might not recollect that "A New Year's Gift to the Pope" was the same work. This work is generally believed to have been written or edited by the well-known Baron Theodor Heinrich Von Tschudy, who also had the pseudonym of Chevalier de Lussy or Luzy. He also wrote the "Le Vatican, Venge, Van Cleef a La Haye," 1753, which is another treatise on the Bull of Pope Benedict. The "Etenne," or "New Year's Gift," was published, it is recorded, by Saur, at the Hague, in 1752, though I note that Bro. Lukis prints it Stephen Lewis Laurel Buienhof, 1752. Laurel, therefore, may be the right name. There was an earlier "Etenne Au Pape," printed at Berlin in 1740, called also "L'Orateur Franc Macon." The Bull of Benedict, 1753, which was a confirmation of the Bull of Clement, 1738, no doubt is a confession that the first Bull had done the Freemasons more good than harm, and had fallen upon them and society without the slightest effect, and was completely powerless and innocuous. Indeed, its provisions are so savage, and the basis on which they rest so weak and so unworthy, that it was paying but a poor compliment to the common sense of mankind, be they Roman Catholics or non-Roman Catholics, to suppose that its orders would be obeyed, or its provisions carried out. Because Roman Catholics and Protestants habitually met together, and thereby set up a sort of mutual religion, the "sequitur" is purely that of the Papal scribe, the members of the lodges were to be handed over to the Inquisition and the secular arm; were, "ipso facto," by a deliberate decree, without enquiry, hearing, or judgment, (contrary to the express stipulations of the Roman Catholic Canon Law itself), declared excommunicate, and unable to receive religious ministrations. The owners of the houses where the lodges met were to be taken up by the Inquisition and heavily fined and severely punished, and the houses themselves, thus contaminated, to be pulled down. Such was the first deliverance of the Roman Catholic body, in 1738, and, speaking by its infallible head, was repeated by Benedict, in 1751, by Leo, by Pope Pius VII., by Pope Pius XI., and at the present time all Freemasons are absolutely excommunicate by the Papal Bulls, under an interdict. It is true that the Roman Catholic clergy do not always carry out the law fully, many of them, we know, overlook it. Some treat the Bulls as "non usitate," and unless the matter comes officially before them, or is forced upon their notice, take no cognizance of the fact itself. But it is, nevertheless true, that in defiance of the provisions of the Canon law, requiring citation, inquiry, full hearing and judgment, these Papal Bulls, by a definitive and an infallible decree, have condemned all Freemasons en masse, though their leading Canonists only gave the Pontifical authority a supreme decision as a final court of appeal and revision. It is to this patent absurdity and injustice, repeated by many inferior imitators and persecutors of lower rank, and without confessedly the slightest authority, that the writer of this work addresses himself with great clearness and power. And though perhaps it may be true, that the controversies of 1751 have but little interest for us in 1882; though many of us may be weary or unwilling as old Time runs on to give our attention to the stale and unprofitable ask of controversy, yet such researches into the past, and such republication of other days, have an interest for Masonic Bookworms and Students who wish to illustrate the history of their common Order, and seek to dig up and open out long forgotten records of things, persons and events. We are much obliged to Bro. Whythead for calling our attention to Bro. Lukis's interesting little work.

BIBLIOTHECA SUNDERLANDIANA. Sale Catalogue. Puttick and Simpson, 47, Leicester-square, W.C. Bernard Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly, W.

This is the catalogue of the third part of the sale of the famous Sunderland Library, beginning July 17th next. The second part has not fulfilled expectations, or rewarded the anticipations of the vendors. Many of the books turned out to be not the best editions, and it was impossible, in the present position of book taste and book buying, to obtain a large sum for books which were neither, rare nor very valuable in themselves. No doubt a good collection; but nothing, with very few exceptions, to justify heavy biddings, or unheard of prices. But with the third portion it probably will be very different, and we may add that it seems there are to be five sales in all, and two other portions of eight days each, to be subsequently announced. This catalogue commences with No. 5508, "Germon," and ends with 8156, "Marcellus." Among the books for sale, and for which the competition and prices will probably run high, may be observed the "Editiones Principes of the Decretals," (Gregory IX.—Louis XIII. copy), Heliodorus, Herodotus, Herodotus, Heyschius, Hierocles, St. Jerome, Hippocrates, Uruus, Horace, Joannes Damascenus, John of Salisbury, Josephus, Isidorus, (of Seville), Livius, Longinus, Lucan, Lucian, Lucretius, Manobius, Machal, and many more. Among the books printed on vellum may be noted the "Customs of Orleans," by A. De Harlay, printed at Orleans, 1583, and many more of much rarity and interest. There are ten volumes of portraits, which are very scarce and valuable.

Among those on whom the honour of baronetcy has been conferred by Her Majesty the Queen is Bro. M.A. Bass, M.P. Staffordshire East, and son to Bro. M.T. Bass, M.P.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

ALBANUS OR ST. ALBAN.

As Mr. Elton and others seem to dispute the personality and historical reality of the pro-martyr, it seems not inadvisable to try and find out what is the actual evidence respecting him. And the enquiry divides itself naturally into two heads: (1) What is known really of his martyrdom? (2) What is proveable of his Masonic legend? (1) So far, the earliest evidence in reference to Albanus or St. Alban is, as far as I know, that of Fortunatus, of Poitiers, priest, and some say bishop; and a Latin poet, who wrote between 550 and 600, and who says in a well-known line, "Albanus egregium fecunda Britannia profert." But it is very possible that much earlier testimonies may be found. His martyrdom is said to have taken place at St. Albans, June 22, 303 or 305; some writers put it earlier. The "Anglo-Saxon Chronicle" says 286. We know that on May 16, 794, Offa had the body of Albanus "translated" from its burial place to the great church he had built in his honour, with the "Monde Macones." The date of the martyrdom is not quite certain, though the fact is mentioned by Gildas, Bede, Godfrey of Monmouth, Matthew of Paris, Lidgate, and the "Anglo-Saxon Chronicle." Gerard Leigh also dilates upon it "more suo." Perhaps some student can tell us of an early hagiology in which mention is made of it. (2) As regards the Masonic legend, the earliest mention of it is in the Lansdowne MS. (if it be really the earliest), since it is not mentioned in the Masonic Poem, nor in the Additional Prose Constitutions, both of which evidences date from about 1415, and are before the Lansdowne MS. But where did the transcriber obtain his authority, as it is impossible to hold that the Lansdowne MS. is an original MS.? We must, I think, come to this, that either there is an intermediate MS. between 1415 and 1560, or that there was some printed authority in the latter part of the fifteenth century which has hitherto evaded discovery.

MASONIC STUDENT.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Second Meeting of the Board of Stewards of the forthcoming Festival was held at Freemasons' Hall on Monday last. Present: Bros. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., (in the chair) J. H. Dates, J. L. Mather, Carter, Millbourn, D. P. Holness, Edgar Bowyer, R. F. Spice, Robert Berridge, Edward C. Davies, J. Harper, W. Topp, C. Aldridge, T. W. Bush, Surgeon General, T. Ringer, A. C. Haslip, E. M. Money, William March, Joseph Clever, William Vance, W. H. Hooper, S. Smout, E. Walter Rushworth.

The minutes of the first meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Capt. Wordsworth signified his acceptance of the Presidency of the Board of Stewards. The report of the Sub-Committee on music was received and adopted. The next meeting was announced to be held on the 19th June.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following is the Report of the Committee presented to the Subscribers at the Annual Meeting on Friday, May 19th:—

The Committee have much pleasure in bringing to the notice of the Governors and Subscribers the satisfactory progress which the Institution has made during the past year.

The Annual Festival was held on the 22nd of February last, under the presidency of Colonel J. A. Lloyd-Phillips, R.W. Prov. G.M. for South Wales (West Division), who was supported by 255 Stewards. The amount raised by their exertions was £12,600, and the Committee desire to record their thanks to the Chairman and Board of Stewards for their very able and zealous services upon the occasion.

During the year the laws of the Institution have been materially altered—the effect being not only to give greater advantages to the Governors and those acting as Stewards, but also enabling a larger number of annuitants, both male and female, to participate in the benefits of the Institution, and it is hoped that it may have a tendency to further increase its usefulness and augment its funds.

There were upon the funds after the last election 155 men and 160 widows, an increase of ten upon the previous year. To-day there is the very large list of 110 candidates awaiting election, whilst thirty-one can be elected, and of this number twenty-five only become immediate annuitants, the remaining six being admitted as vacancies occur.

The Committee would therefore again urge upon the members of the Craft the claims of the large number of candidates seeking the aid of the Institution, and most earnestly solicit their liberal support on behalf of our less fortunate brethren and widows.

In addition to the 305 Annuitants there are also fourteen Widows who are in receipt of half their late husbands' annuity, which amount is allowed them for three years, unless they are elected to the full annuity prior to the expiration of that time. It is believed that this institution stands alone in making such a provision for a widow immediately upon the death of her husband.

The payments to the Annuitants now amount to £11,600 excluding the necessary incidental expenses attendant upon the working of the institution during the year, whilst the permanent income is only £2700 per annum.

The thanks of the Committee are again tendered to Grand Lodge for renewing its grant of £70 for providing coals during the winter months to the residents of the institution, a gift much appreciated by them.

The alterations at the Asylum are now completed, and the different houses are in a thorough state of repair; thereby adding much to the comfort and enjoyment of the residents.

To the Honorary Surgeons, Henry John Strong, Esq., M.D., of Croydon, and R. Percy Middlemist, Esq., of London, the Committee tenders its thanks for their voluntary and unremitting kindness and attention to those who need their valuable help and advice, which upon all occasions are cheerfully given.

Subjoined is a statement of the receipts and expenditure during the year ending the 31st March, 1882, together with the particulars of the permanent income of the Institution.

MALE FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance 31st March, 1881	£	s. d.
Donation from Grand Lodge	500	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0 0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5360	10 3
Annual Subscriptions	970	3 3
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	1076	17 11
Rent of Field	9	0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call	1500	0 0
Interest on Cash at Call	16	18 9
Total	9533	10 2
	£14268	5 2

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	5890	0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	362	10 0
Collector—Commission	215	19 6
Messenger	5	0 0
Provincial Expenses	65	3 8
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12	10 0
Warden	20	0 0
Pension to late Gardener, and dener's Salary	48	2 0
Rates and Taxes	44	4 1
Enlargement of Hall, Repair of Building and Furniture for same	937	11 7
Stationery, Printing, &c.	133	4 3
Advertisements	20	7 11
Postages, &c., including Expenses of Election	181	17 6
Petty Expenses	16	14 7
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	42	7 3
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	28	3 9
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	12 6
Rent, &c., of Office	31	10 0
Rent of Meadow at Croydon	16	18 9
Placed at Call	1500	0 0
Purchase of Stock	1494	7 6
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector	3	15 0
Bankers' Charges	0	0 3
Gratuities	77	10 0
Architect's Commission	39	19 0
Total	11,190	9 1

Balance on this Fund, £3077 16 1

WIDOWS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance 31st March, 1881	£	s. d.
Donation from Grand Lodge	300	0 0
" " Chapter	50	0 0
" " Lodges, Chapters, and Individuals	5208	8 6
Annual Subscriptions	971	12 3
Dividends on Stock in the Government Funds	684	8 3
Rent of Field	9	0 0
Cash withdrawn from Call	1500	0 0
Interest on Cash at Call	9	19 9
Total	8823	8 9
	£12,166	14 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants	5230	0 0
Salary of Secretary and Clerk	362	10 0
Collector—Commission	194	2 3
Messenger	5	0 0
Provincial Expenses	65	3 7
Medicine for Residents at Institution	12	10 0
Matron	53	0 0
Pension to Late Gardener and Gardener's Salary	35	2 0
Rates and Taxes	44	4 1
Enlargement of Hall, repair of Building, and Furniture for same	937	11 6
Stationery, Printing, &c.	131	9 3
Advertisements	20	7 10
Postages, &c., including expenses of election	169	19 0
Petty expenses	16	14 3
Entertainment of Stewards and Annuitants	42	7 4
Votes of Thanks to Stewards	28	3 9
Hire of Hall on day of Election	2	13 6
Rent, &c., of Office	31	10 0
Do. of Meadow at Croydon	16	18 9
Placed at call	1500	0 0
Purchase of Stock	1494	7 6
Premium on Guarantee Policy for Collector	3	15 0
Gratuities	77	10 0
Architect's Commission	39	19 0
Total	10,514	17 7

Balance on this Fund, £1651 17 3

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Balance, 31st March, 1881	34	16 4
Dividends on Stock in Government Funds	29	7 6
Total	64	3 10

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs	4	10 3
Total	4	10 3
Balance on this Fund	£59	13 7

Total Balance, as per Auditor's Report ... £4789 6 11

The Permanent Income of the Institution is as follows:

MALE FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	500	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	100	0 0
Dividends on £37,450 Stock in Government Funds	1076	17 11
Total	1676	17 11

WIDOWS' FUND.

Annual Grant from Grand Lodge	300	0 0
" " Grand Chapter	50	0 0
Dividends on £24,075 Stock in Government Funds	684	8 3
Total	1034	8 3

SUSTENTATION OF BUILDING.

Dividends on £1000 Stock in Government Funds	30	0 0
Total	30	0 0

Total ... **£2741 6 2**

J. CREATON, Chairman.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W. C.,
19th May, 1882.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SURREY.

A meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Saturday last, the 13th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, where there was a very good attendance of the companions of the province. The chapter was opened at 12.30, by the M.E. Comp. General Studholme Brownrigg, C.B., Grand Superintendent, who was supported by Comps. the Rev. Charles W. Arnold, Prov. Grand H.; Dr. Strong, Prov. Grand J.; Charles Greenwood, G.D. of C., Prov. Grand S.E.; Magnus Ohren, P.Z.; C. H. Woodward, P.Z.; Frost, M.E.Z., East Surrey Chapter of Concord; F. A. Manning, A. T. Jeffery, Tyler; Capt. Wood, Boucher, H. E. Frances, Prov. G.D. of C.; Leigh Bennett, Ridge, Charles Greenwood, jun., and others. Visitors: Comps. Major Williams, P.Z. 140, 1275, 1538; W. W. Morgan, William H. Saunders, and others.

After Prov. Grand Chapter had been opened by the Principals, those companions who have not yet reached the chair were admitted. The roll of chapters in the province was then called over, when it appeared the summons had been loyally responded to; with one exception all the chapters being represented.

The minutes of last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Croydon in May last year, were then read, submitted for confirmation, and unanimously approved. A Committee had been appointed to report to Prov. Grand Chapter as to the advisability of altering the scale of charges in respect to fees of honour, which many members considered had been fixed at a very low rate, and might with advantage be increased. This Committee now delivered their report, and in it recommended that an advance be made.

The Prov. Grand Superintendent advocated the adoption of this report; at the same time he assured the companions he had not the slightest wish to bias them in any way as to the conclusion they should arrive at. On the question being put to the meeting, it was carried "nem. con."

The bye-laws for the government of Prov. Grand Chapter were then read by G.S.E., and the Treasurer's accounts were read and adopted.

The next business was the election of Prov. Grand Treasurer. Comp. Gen. Brownrigg regretted the absence that day, through illness, of Comp. Price, who had fulfilled the duties of Treasurer for many years.

Comp. Greenwood stated that he had just received a letter from their worthy Treasurer, explaining the nature of his illness, and bewailing his inability to be present.

Comp. Dr. Strong trusted that Comp. Greenwood, in acknowledging the receipt of this letter, would express the feelings of regret with which Grand Chapter had heard of Comp. Price's illness; at the same time assured him of the appreciation they felt for the zeal he at all times displayed for the welfare of the province, and for his constant attendance to his duties. These sentiments were fully endorsed by the Grand Superintendent, and on proposition duly made and seconded, Comp. Price was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The appointment officers was then made, as follows:

Comp. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C. ... Prov. G.H.
" Magnus Ohren ... Prov. G.J.
" Charles Greenwood, G.D. of C. ... Prov. G.S.E.
" Tyler ... Prov. G.S.N.
" Capt. Wood ... Prov. G.P. Soj.
" Leigh Bennett ... Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" H. E. Frances ... Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Frost ... Prov. G. Reg.
" Ridge ... Prov. G. Swd.Br.
" Jeffrey ... Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Manning ... Prov. G. D. of C.
" Boucher ... Prov. G. Org.
" Speight ... Prov. G. Janitor.

In addressing the companions, Bro. Gen. Brownrigg expressed the pleasure he experienced in having the opportunity of retaining the services, in their respective offices, of the Prov. G.H. and Scribe E. Both Comps. Arnold and Greenwood had rendered him immense assistance, and he confidently anticipated they would still exhibit the zeal they had hitherto displayed. He expressed his deep regret at the death of Comp. Spencer Compton, who was the first Grand Organist he appointed, and who had always proved himself a valuable and worthy Mason. There were many present, however, who knew Comp. Compton as well, or better than he did, and they could endorse all he had said. General Brownrigg referred to the progress the Royal Arch was making in Surrey; it was gratifying to meet so many companions as were present, but at the same time he thought the day had come when they might reasonably look for an extension of the Provincial Grand Chapter roll. There were several enterprising Masons in the province, who doubtless would like to see Royal Arch chapters attached to the lodges with which they were connected. He thanked the companions heartily for their attendance that day.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form. The companions adjourned to luncheon, which was presided over by General Brownrigg. The usual toasts were given. In the course of the proceedings, intimation was made that the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Craft Lodge would take place at Woking, on Friday, the 14th July proximo.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF CHESHIRE.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHESTER.

Mark Masonry has long held a prominent place in the Province of Cheshire, and the numerous worthy brethren who have supported the Order have been prominent in their support of the Craft and other Degrees. By command of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cheshire was held on Friday, the 12th inst, at the Masonic Rooms, Eastgate, Chester. The Provincial Grand Lodge met under the warrant of the Earl of Chester Lodge, No. 196 on the roll of Grand Lodge.

There was a large and influential gathering of this and the adjoining Provinces of North Wales and the county palatine. The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. Sylvester Mattison, Past G.D. Eng., P.G. Treas. W. Lanc.; J. Salmon, Past G.I.G. Eng.; H. Ellis, P.P.G.O.; R. B. Ferguson, P.P.G.A.D.C.; A. Stevenson, P.G.M.O.; C. K. Benson, M.O.; J. Williams, S.O.; P. Rabb, Sec.; J. Edwards, P.G.I.G.; D. Baynes, P.G.T.; J. Marsh, 11; E. Evans, 11; T. Gill; M. Jones, P.G.R.; A. J. Brereton, P.S.D.; J. Pemberton, P.M. 11, P.P.G. J.D.; W. Robertson, S.O. 11; J. H. Bradshaw, J.W.; H. Williams, P.P.G.J.D.; T. Webster, J.D. 14; W. Warren, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. J. Lloyd, H.; W. Parker, 11; W. Matthews, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. W. C. Cornwall; W. Gorst; C. S. Dean, P.P.J.D.; H. Jones, S.W. 165; A. H. Corelli, P.G.S.; W. Roberts, 165; J. R. Ross, W.M. 165; F. K. Stevenson; T. H. Kirk, P.G.O.; and A. H. Gilbody.

A Mark Master Lodge was opened shortly after one o'clock, and subsequently the Prov. Grand M.M. (Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P.), and his officers entered, and were received with the usual honours. After the rolls of the P.G. Officers and lodges had been called over, and letters of apology read from the chiefs who were unable to attend, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Rock Ferry, were read and confirmed.

The report of the Audit Committee appointed to examine the P.G. Treasurer's accounts was submitted, and the routine business of the province was transacted.

The R.W.P.G.M. nominated and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year:

Bros. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope ... Prov. D.G.M.
" J. Pemberton ... Prov. G.S.W.
" Capt. Gilbody ... Prov. G.J.W.
" J. Ross Ross ... Prov. G.M.O.
" R. B. Ferguson ... Prov. G.S.O.
" H. Jones ... Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. J. W. Newell Tanner ... Prov. G.C.
" F. Stevenson ... Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M. Jones ... Prov. G.R.
" R. Newhouse ... Prov. G. Sec.
" C. S. Dean ... Prov. G.S.D.
" J. H. Bradshaw ... Prov. G.J.D.
" Dr. W. C. Cornwall ... Prov. G.I. of W.
" J. Dutton ... Prov. G.D. of C.
" N. Robertson ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
" J. Williamson ... Prov. G.S.B.
" J. B. Murless ... Prov. G. Std. B.
" T. H. Kirk ... Prov. G.O.
" J. Marsh ... Prov. G.P.
" T. Giles ... Prov. G.S.
" E. Evans ... Prov. G.S.
" Timothy Webster ... Prov. G.S.
" D. Baynes ... Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Worthington ... Prov. G. Tyler.

On the motion of the Prov. G. MASTER the sum of two guineas was voted from the Prov. Grand Lodge fund to the subscription being raised, called the "Wedding Present Fund," to be presented to Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, on the occasion of his marriage.

The P.G.M., seconded by the P.G.S.W., next moved as follows: "That an address be respectfully presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, which shall express the horror and indignation felt by all the members of this Grand Mark Lodge at the atrocious attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sense of deep gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe at Her Majesty's happy escape."

The motion was carried by acclamation. The address, beautifully engrossed and mounted, was in these terms:

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.
"May it please your Majesty, we, your Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Cheshire, beg humbly to approach your Majesty with an expression of the deep horror and indignation felt by all the members of this Grand Mark Lodge at the atrocious attempt lately made on your Majesty's life; and to record our sense of deep gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. at your Majesty's happy escape.—Signed on behalf of the P.G. Lodge of Mark Master Masons, this 12th day of May, 1882."

The address was signed by the P.G. Master and the principal officers.

Before closing the lodge, the R.W.P.G.M. thanked the brethren for their attendance, and congratulated them on the increasing prosperity of Mark Masonry.

After business, the brethren dined at the Green Dragon Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton. The usual loyal toasts were given, and amongst others were "The M.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom, G.M. M.M.," "The V.W. Bro. the Earl of Leitrim, Dep. G.M. M.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers;" "The R.W. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., P.G.M.M.M. of Cheshire;" "The R.W. Bro. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, Dep. P.G.M.M.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers;" "The W.M. of the Earl of Chester Lodge;" "The Visiting Brethren;" and "The Masonic Charities."

No Toilet Soap ever introduced to the public has met with such deserved success as "WRIGHT'S COAL-TAR SOAP." It cleanses the skin, frees it from impurities, promotes its healthy action, and ensures immunity from infectious disease, and last, and not least, washing with it is a luxury. Purchasers, to avoid disappointment, should refuse all imitations, which are not only useless, but are positively dangerous.—[ADVT.]



Craft Masonry.

UNION WATERLOO LODGE (No. 13).—

The usual monthly meeting of the above grand old lodge took place on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich; Bro. H. S. Syer, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers and others: Bros. R. Hodgkinson, P.M.; T. Hutton, P.M.; N. Brown, I.P.M.; R. Smith, S.W.; G. B. Davies, P.M. and Treas.; W. Bidgood, Org.; J. H. Masters, S.D.; W. Akers, J.D.; J. G. Milbourne, M.C.; G. Beaver, S.W. 706; J. Purnell, J.D. 1536; C. J. Carty, 706; J. Pinkney, 913; W. Lacey, 706; R. Hucknell, 1472; J. Bush, 706; J. Anderson, 1536; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

The only business before the lodge was the balloting for Mr. W. Hill, a candidate for initiation, and this was successfully accomplished. He was then initiated by the W.M. in rare style, and became a brother amongst us.

The lodge having been closed, and the W.M. having occasion to leave, placed the gavel in the hands of the I.P.M., Bro. Brown, who, during the course of the evening, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. He paid a high tribute to Bro. Syer for the magnificent style of working he had during his year of office carried out. His own health was cordially toasted, and he responded eloquently, thanking the brethren for their kind reception of his name.

The other toasts were "The Initiate," "Visitors," "Officers," and Tyler's toast; and they having been duly honoured, the brethren separated, after a pleasant and memorable evening.

PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).—

The installation meeting of this old and distinguished lodge—now within three years of its centenary—was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. John Andrews, W.M.; Frederick Foxley, S.W., W.M. elect; J. D. Vine, J.W.; John Finch, P.M., Treas.; H. W. Davie, Hon. Sec.; G. Güterbock, S.D.; J. O. Wood, J.D.; E. Bending, Org.; J. Millier, Stwd.; W. Holcombe, I.G.; E. W. Allen, P.M.; Geo. Wilson, P.M.; C. J. J. Salmon, P.M.; Stephen S. Phillips, P.M.; F. R. Vine, P.M.; T. Rawlins, W. H. Herbert, Neve R. Hart, G. B. Hart, A. T. Kinninmont, D. Ferguson, G. Carr, E. Kennedy, C. Hurter, J. Houghton, J. H. B. Riding, G. Kerry, G. H. Humphreys, C. Broad, John T. Bolding, W. Williams, John Baptist Baum, W. Gregory, J. Gardner, W. A. Mott, L. Langley, E. Gilbert, Henry Marlow, J. Russell, Edward F. New, Joseph Perry, R. Shepherd, W. H. Brown, John Holden, Z. King, J. W. Smith, R. Challoner, W. Williams, W. Longridge, Robert Meggill, W. Hamlyn, M. Duffield, S. H. Humphress, and William Dance.

The visitors were: Bros. Geo. Cooper, J. W. Baldwin, Geo. Kenning, E. Pittman, Orlando Latrielle, E. G. Coleman, R. H. Pearson, J. Williams, J. Millier, J. J. Cattle, F. G. Baker, H. G. W. Drinkwater, J. W. Dixon, Harry Price, R. L. Ward, Thos. G. Smith, T. B. Linscote, J. Terry, W. Carrington, Vernon Heath, Charles Best, Joseph Andrews, W. T. Graves, Richard Baker, W. F. Walton, J. Johnston, jun., Henry Taylor, J. Drake, James Wyatt, Wm. Woodward, A. March, W. H. Gastrell, J. F. Paddon, J. Pearson, E. Bateman, T. H. Hill, J. Richards, W. H. Platt, J. B. Barkart, James Flood, Muray Crick, Henry Mower, John Ginn, F. Curre, Robert F. Whurr, A. Bilycaed, and Thos. Durrans.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted; the result of the year's working being most satisfactory. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. Jean Baptist Baum, Bro. Andrews performing the ceremony in a very able manner. The chair having been vacated by the W.M., Bro. E. W. Allen, P.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Frederick Foxley into the chair of King Solomon, in the presence of twenty-five Past Masters, the duty being performed in a masterly manner, eliciting the encomiums of all present. The proceedings commenced by the brethren singing the ode "Hail Eternal! by whose aid," and concluded by the ode "Now the evening shadows close," accompanied by Bro. E. Bending on the organ.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Foxley, then installed his officers as follows: Bros. F. D. Vine, S.W.; G. Güterbock, J.W.; John Andrews, I.P.M.; John Finch, Treas.; H. W. Davie, Hon. Sec.; J. O. Wood, S.D.; W. Holcombe, J.D.; J. Miller, I.G.; E. Bending, Org.; G. G. Stanham, Steward; A. Kinninmont, D.C.; and J. T. Speight, Tyler. Bro. Foxley then proceeded to initiate Mr. W. Gregory, which ceremony was performed in a faultless manner.

Bro. Finch, P.M., then proposed that a summer banquet be held in which ladies should participate. The proposition was duly seconded and carried unanimously, a committee being appointed to carry out the arrangements.

The brethren, 109 in number, then adjourned to the large Hall in Freemasons Tavern to dine. A selection of instrumental music was played during dinner, under the direction of Bro. Edwin Bending. The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," also that of "The Grand Officers Present and Past" having been proposed in suitable terms and duly honoured.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the W.M., Bro. Fred. Foxley, said the gavel was once again placed in his hand, for a purpose of which they were all aware, viz., to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M." Their W.M. was so well known to most of those present, and he was so unanimously beloved by the whole of the lodge, that it would be superfluous for him to attempt to enumerate his many good qualities. The lodge might certainly look forward with confidence for some excellent examples of working during his year of office, and he had shown even that night that he was both willing and thoroughly capable to initiate any number of candidates that might be presented before him. He should not trespass further on their time, but simply ask them to do the

toast the honour it so thoroughly deserved; he, therefore, gave the health of the W.M.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind manner he had proposed his health, and also the brethren for the cordial way in which they had received it. He assured them that he had looked forward to being placed in that proud position, and trusted that the lodge would continue to flourish under his direction. He would leave nothing undone on his part to promote the welfare of the Phoenix Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said that he now called on the brethren to drink a toast he was sure every member of this lodge would do with hearty good will. He was pleased to say that during the I.P.M.'s year of office he had performed a considerable amount of work, having initiated no less than eight brethren into the Craft, which very few W.M.'s have the good fortune to do, and the work had been done with great credit to himself and the Phoenix Lodge. I am sure he may congratulate himself, and will always look back upon his year of office with pride and pleasure. He then said he had the pleasure of placing the jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge, on his breast, and in so doing wished him every health and happiness, in which he was confident the brethren all joined.

The I.P.M., in response, said it was impossible for him to express the pleasure he felt, nor could he thank the W.M. sufficiently for the kind expressions he had used in proposing his (the I.P.M.'s) health, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner in which they had received it. He could assure them that he felt some diffidence in accepting the important post of W.M., fearing that he might fail to acquit himself to the satisfaction of the lodge. This fact incited him to use his utmost endeavours to make himself efficient in the working, and he considered he had to congratulate himself on the opportunities that had been afforded him during his year of office, by the introduction of no less than eight candidates which he had had the honour and pleasure of initiating, and he believed the brethren had not been disappointed in the manner the ceremonies had been performed. He also thanked the lodge for having presented to him the jewel which the W.M. had placed on his breast. It would, he could assure them, always be highly prized by him. He could not resume his seat without thanking the officers who have so ably assisted him during his year of office, and also the P.M.'s for their kind help and advice. He again thanked them all.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. P.M. Allen," and said, the brethren now had a toast which he was sure would be received with a great deal of pleasure. All the brethren who had the opportunity of hearing Bro. P.M. Allen deliver the installation ceremony, would endorse his opinion that it was rendered most eloquently, and with an amount of feeling which none but a good Mason could express. He personally had a great regard for P.M. Allen. He always met them with that brotherly love which should predominate amongst the brethren. He hoped that they all would drink his health with the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Allen, P.M., replied, and said he thanked the W.M. most sincerely for the grateful and kind manner in which he had introduced his name as the Installing Master. He also thanked the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. This was the third occasion he had had the honour of performing that impressive and beautiful ceremony in his mother lodge. He could assure them it was to him a labour of love, and afforded him great pleasure. He could not resume his seat without acknowledging the compliment they had paid him in the selection of the quotation from the immortal Bard, viz.—"A braver place in our hearts' core hath no man." He earnestly hoped it might be verified, and that he might be long spared to enjoy their affection and esteem.

The W.M. then proposed "The Initiates." He said he hoped this would be one of the proudest moments of their lives in joining the old and honoured Craft, and particularly the old Phoenix Lodge, which in a year or two would reach its centenary; and he trusted they would leave the banquet hall to-night with grateful hearts to T.G.A.O.T.U. for placing them in such a position.

The Initiates replied in suitable terms, expressing their great pleasure in being admitted into Freemasonry.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M. said that he wished the toast was in abler hands; he felt he could not do justice to it. There were that night amongst them many visitors who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and were now resting on their laurels; and they have done the Phoenix Lodge the honour of paying it a visit. He could say most heartily for himself, and he felt sure he could answer for the brethren, that they gave the visitors a very hearty welcome. He thanked Bro. P.M. Maybrick for singing one of his most pleasing songs, and he would ask his old friend Bro. Tom Smith, W.M. of Hornsey Lodge, Bro. P.M. Pearson, of the Urban Lodge, also Bro. Harry Price, to return thanks, which these brethren did, in the warmest manner, expressing their gratification at the reception the visitors had met with.

The toast of "The P.M.s" was then proposed by the W.M., who said it gave much gratification to see such a goodly number of the P.M.s present, and hoped that they would be spared for many years to come. He was delighted their oldest P.M., Bro. Wilson, was with them that evening, whom he would call upon to return thanks for the P.M.s.

Bro. P.M. Wilson replied on behalf of the P.M.s, stating that he remembered the lodge when it consisted only of a very few members. He was pleased to see it increasing both in numbers and prosperity.

The W.M. then said the next toast he had to propose was one which he wished of all others to do justice to. It was that of "The Treasurer, Bro. Finch, P.M.," and "The Secretary, Bro. Davie." Their Treasurer had worked to make that evening a success far beyond what any Master has a right to expect. He wished to tender him his very best thanks for the kind assistance he had rendered to him, and on behalf of the lodge for the efficient manner in which he had performed his offices. They all knew how willing and courteous their Secretary was, and with what amount of care and assiduity he carried out his various duties.

The Treasurer and Secretary replied, thanking the brethren for having placed them in the position they held.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the Officers," which was acknowledged by them in suitable terms, and an enjoyable evening was concluded with the Tyler's toast.

The music after dinner was rendered by Miss Agnes

Larkcom, Mdme. Mudie Bolingbroke, Bro. F. Crowes, and Bro. Henry Peyat.

PANMURE LODGE (No. 720).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on Monday, the 15th inst., and was well attended, there being present, amongst others, Bros. Wm. Gunner, W.M.; G. Allen, as S.W. (the S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Lambert, being present, but greatly indisposed); J. Laird, as J.W.; Everest, S.D.; Barton, J.D.; Ash, D.C.; James Stevens, P.M.; D. Trusler, P.M.; C. Pulman, P.M.; Thomas Poore, P.M., Sec.; Payne, P.M.; McKay, P.M.; Mitchell, P.M.; Collier, Mulley, Treves, Jones, Hall, Lilley, Leonard, Smith, Marsh, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Barham, W.M. 144; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; R. Williamson, 1257; J. Archer, 1426; W. Medwin, 1613; and Thomas, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, and minutes read, the installation of Bro. G. Lambert was at once proceeded with, that worthy brother having attended at considerable sacrifice of comfort consequent on severe illness, and being unable to remain in lodge for any length of time. Bro. Thomas Poore, P.M., officiated as Installing Master, and placed Bro. Lambert in the chair of K.S.

The newly-installed Master was then compelled to retire, and left the lodge after salutes by the brethren and sincere expressions of their sympathy. Bro. Gunner, I.P.M., then invested the officers who had been appointed by the W.M., viz., Bros. Everest, S.W.; Barton, J.W.; Trusler, P.M., Treas.; J. Poore, P.M., Sec.; Laird, S.D.; Treves, J.D.; Ash, I.G.; Leonard, M.C.; Hall, W.S.; and Thomas, Tyler.

In the absence of the W.M., the usual addresses were dispensed with. Bro. McKay, P.M., by the courtesy of the I.P.M., then presided, and raised Bro. Marsh to the Degree of Master Mason. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received and adopted; the financial position of the lodge being very satisfactory. A distressed American brother, having perfectly satisfied the requirements, in respect of proof of two of the Past Masters, was relieved by a small money vote, and the lodge was then closed.

The usual installation banquet was postponed for the next meeting, but a modest repast had been prepared by Bro. Lilley, which gave opportunity for refreshment and the due carrying out of the customary toasts, and social greeting of the visitors and others. The illness of the W.M. was referred to in terms of general regret, and earnest hopes were expressed for his speedy convalescence. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by Bro. Poore, P.M., who presided, to the I.P.M., Bro. G. Gunner. The evening passed agreeably, and was enlivened by song and recitation until the hour for separation, when the Tyler's toast brought the harmonious proceedings to a close.

LILY OF RICHMOND LODGE (No. 820).—

The annual festival and installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was celebrated on the 10th inst., and was attended with a large measure of success. The weather was remarkably fine, and those brethren who journeyed from town to Richmond had ample opportunity of experiencing the luxury of belonging to a suburban lodge. Owing to a delay in the arrival of many of the brethren, the lodge being called very early, the interval was pleasantly occupied in inspecting some of the principal archaeological and other points of interest in the vicinity, under the experienced ciceronship of Bro. W. Forster Reynolds, W.M. elect, whose local knowledge enabled him to afford a large amount of information to the brethren under his care.

Upon the return of the party to the Greyhound Hotel, the lodge was opened by Bro. Cleveland Phillips, W.M., supported by his officers and brethren. The brethren present were Bros. Wm. Forster Reynolds, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Page Deane, J.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M., Hon. Sec.; H. Johnson, S.D.; R. Pye, J.D.; R. Staymaker, I.G.; C. Hammond, Steward; J. Gilbert, Tyler; G. C. Young, I.P.M.; W. Weaver, P.M.; C. Hubbard, P.M.; F. W. Koch, P.M.; W. C. Wrightson, A. E. H. Greenhow, T. McDonald, and others.

Visitors: Bros. G. S. Graham, 1777, P.G. Org. Middx.; R. Meggett, W.M. 860; J. S. Smith, 890; W. Drewett, 1638; G. Wade, 880; G. T. Richmond, 890; G. T. Salmon, J.W. 1260; G. T. Thorne, P.M. 1632; J. Wicks, 813; B. E. Blasby, P.M. 780; C. Downs, W.M. 788; C. A. White, 1777; W. R. Phillips, P.M. 975; F. Johnson, 95; and G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623 (*Freemason*).

The Secretary having been called upon, submitted the minutes of the last regular and also of an emergency meeting to the brethren, and the same were unanimously confirmed. A gentleman, who had already been balloted for as a candidate for initiation, not being in attendance, Bro. Myers, P.M., next submitted the accounts of the lodge for the financial year, duly audited. These were evidently most ably prepared; and Bro. C. Hammond bore testimony to the excellent condition of the accounts, which, as Chairman to the Audit Committee, have given them very great satisfaction. It is very gratifying to find the financial position of the lodge so satisfactory at the outset of another year's career. An important recommendation of the Audit Committee had considerable time spent upon it, and was finally reserved for discussion at the next regular meeting. The next business was the installation of the S.W. into the position to which the unanimous votes of the lodge had elected him. This ceremony fell into the able and experienced hands of Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M., who was ably assisted by Bro. C. Hubbard, P.M., as the Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Wm. Forster Reynolds was in due form presented to Bro. Myers, and having pledged himself to a fulfilment of those excellent charges and regulations as read by Bro. Young, P.M., the obligation of W.M. elect was administered. Bro. Reynolds was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. in ancient form, proclaimed W.M. of the Lily of Richmond Lodge, and saluted by the brethren according to degree.

The newly-appointed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren to assist him in the various offices throughout the year: Bros. C. Page Deane, S.W.; H. Johnson, J.W.; Giles, P.M., Treas. (re-appointed in absence); W. H. Myers, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); A. E. H. Greenhow, S.D.; Fenwick (by proxy), J.D.; W. C. Wrightson, I.G.; G. C. Young, P.M., Org. (re-appointed); C. Hubbard, P.M., M.C. (re-appointed); C. Hammond, Steward (re-appointed); and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

The several appointments were heartily received, and the

several duties were tersely pointed out to each recipient of a collar in appropriate terms. Having previously explained the uses of the working tools at length, Bro. Myers concluded his arduous duties as Installing Master by a masterly rendering of the three excellent charges, which were listened to with deep attention. On resuming his seat at the Secretary's table, Bro. Myers received the well-earned plaudits of the brethren. The five members constituting the Benevolent Committee were next re-elected. Letters were read announcing the regrettable illness of the respected Treasurer, Bro. P. M. Giles, and the inability of R. W. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, P. G. M. Middx., and other distinguished brethren to attend. "Hearty good wishes" were exchanged, and lodge was closed in ancient form.

The brethren at once sat down to a well-prepared banquet, tastefully laid in an adjoining room. After grace had been sung, the W. M. gave, in brief and appropriate terms, the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were heartily honoured, the usual musical portions being artistically rendered under the able direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, 1777, Prov. G. Org. Middx., assisted by Miss Alma Hallowell and Miss Amy Graham, Messrs. R. Allen, Tom Adams (solo flute), Mrs. T. Adams (pianiste), Bros. G. S. Graham, and C. A. White, R. A. M. These ladies and gentlemen furnished a choice selection of music during the evening, and thereby added greatly to the success of the occasion.

Bro. C. Phillips, I. P. M., gave "The Health of the W. M." All the brethren knew Bro. Reynolds well. He felt it a difficult task to propose the health of such a brother, who had been a member of the lodge longer than himself, and was Secretary when he (Bro. Phillips) joined it. There was no doubt Bro. Reynolds should have preceded him, but with his usual kindness he had given way for himself, and he hoped the W. M. should go through his year of office successfully, and that the Past Masters would not be wanting in anything they could do to render it one. For himself, he promised, not to be absent, and would endeavour to make it a successful year.

The W. M. returned thanks for the cordial reception the toast had met with, and hoped he should fulfil what had been so kindly wished for his year of office.

"The Masonic Institutions" were next honoured, followed by "The Visitors."

The W. M. said the more visitors the Lily of Richmond Lodge had the more pleasant were its meetings. He had no wish to make them blush by anything he could say of them, and as the brethren would like to hear the excellent music provided instead of long speeches, he would briefly couple the names of two distinguished Past Masters, Bros. Thorne and Blasby with the visitor's toast.

Bro. Thorne, after returning thanks, said it gave him peculiar pleasure to be present there that evening. As many of the brethren knew, the Lily of Richmond was his mother lodge. He had, however, left it to carve out his fortunes in a younger lodge. It was an old saying that we should remember our mother, and he had peculiar pleasure in witnessing Bro. Reynolds installed into the chair of the lodge.

Bro. Blasby also thanked the brethren for the heartiness of the reception which the visitors had received, and especially praised the excellent working of Bro. Myers as Installing Master. It was indeed a treat to see such working, and he felt highly pleased at being present.

Bro. Drewett also replied. He had been impressed with an idea, shared by many London brethren, that the working of country lodges, and the social element, were not quite equal to what is to be met with in London. After what he had witnessed, he could only say he should like to join the Lily of Richmond Lodge, from the high recommendations its working and social proceedings had given to it. (Cheers.)

"The Past Masters" were next toasted, and replied to by the I. P. M., who said it devolved upon him, as I. P. M., to respond to the toast. He need scarcely tell the brethren he found it most difficult, having only just vacated the chair, to find himself working round to the left. Bro. Phillips concluded by thanking the lodge for the jewel they had been pleased to present to him. Since he had been a member of the Lily of Richmond Lodge he had been on the best of terms with all its members, and he trusted the same happy state of affairs would continue for many years.

Bro. F. W. Koch, Senior P. M., also replied. The W. M. next gave "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," in whom, he said, the brethren had a combination of all good qualities.

This toast was cordially received, and was responded to by Bro. W. H. Myers, on behalf of himself and Bro. Giles.

"The Officers" were also honoured, and duly replied to, and the Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close, the brethren wending their way to town in good time.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING LODGE (No. 1306).—The regular and final meeting of the season of this lodge was held at its usual quarters, the Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, Bro. Kingston proprietor, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., when the following brethren assembled: Bros. Wooding, W. M.; Horsley, S. W.; Tyler, J. W.; Beck, P. M.; Treas.; Clements, Sec.; Coature, S. D.; Holdom, J. D.; Sommers, D. C.; Twinn, I. G.; Magrath, I. P. M.; Veal, P. M.; Dawson, P. M.; Carrociero, Oxley, Wise, Hansmann, Oppenheim, Morris, Green, and McDougall. Visitor: Bro. Sherwin, 1076.

Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot for Mr. Marker was then proceeded with, and proved unanimous in his favour. The candidate not being present, the initiation ceremony was deferred. Bros. Green and Oppenheim being present, and candidates for passing, were passed to the Degree of F. C.

It was proposed and seconded that the usual summer banquet of this lodge should take place at a time to be fixed hereafter. A committee was accordingly formed for the purpose of carrying out the necessary preliminaries, and it was decided to hold a meeting in connection with this in the lodge-room, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at 7.30. Any brother not being present at the regular meeting on 10th inst., will please accept this as an invite to attend. It was further proposed and seconded that an entry be recorded on the minutes of the lodge, expressive of its horror at the late atrocious assassinations in Ireland, and especially its sympathy with the relatives of our late Bro. Lord Frederick Cavendish. A candidate having been proposed the lodge was closed.

SIR CHARLES BRIGHT LODGE (No. 1793).—This lodge met on the 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Teddington. Among those present were Bros. J. Piller, W. M.; T. C. Walls, P. P. G. S. B. Middx., S. W.; Goodchild, J. W.; Forge, P. M., Sec.; Beauchamp, Treas.; Finch, acting S. D.; Collier, I. G.; and John Hurst, P. P. G. P. Middx., P. M. The visitors were Bros. Fuhr, P. M. 1298, P. P. D. C. Kent; Assey, 534; and Chandler, 1656.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. C. Worry, J. Burley, and A. H. Gomme were passed to the degree of F. C. by the I. P. M. Several communications having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Clarence Hotel, where an excellent repast awaited.

The customary toasts followed, Bro. Walls responding upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." "The Health of the W. M." was given by the I. P. M., and duly acknowledged by Bro. Piller. The toast of "The Visitors" drew a complimentary reply from Bro. Fuhr.

"The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Goodchild. The brethren then separated.

GALLERY LODGE (No. 1928).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. H. Massey, P. M., W. M.; J. Allen, I. P. M.; H. F. Bussey, S. W.; Thos. Minstrel, I. W.; Dr. Griffiths, Chap.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treas.; C. Basil Cooke, Sec.; Jas. Macintyre, S. D.; W. A. Burn, J. D.; R. J. Albery, I. G.; R. Redman, W. S.; J. C. Duckworth, W. S.; W. S. Seabrook, H. Wright, H. Dymond, John Bune, George Tarran, J. H. Thomas, P. M.; W. Macdonald, Thos. Burnside, J. Moore, H. Baines, J. Turner; W. T. Perkins, T. B. Whitefoot, and R. A. Hancock.

Visitors: Bros. J. F. McCallum, 405; J. Johnson, 1541; J. Read, P. M. 720; A. E. Woodward, 1820; H. W. Scharton, 1549, Org.; J. H. Casson; Orpheus, 1706, P. M.; P. P. G. O. Derbyshire; E. J. Williams, P. M. 202; and H. J. Reynolds, P. M. 91, P. G. Steward.

The lodge being opened, Mr. George Welsh was unanimously elected, and afterwards initiated. Bros. Seabrook, Burnside, and Bune were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, and Bros. Macdonald and Baines were passed to the Second Degree.

The W. M., alluding to the fearful murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish, whom most of the members of the lodge had become acquainted with in the course of their Parliamentary duties, said he should move that a letter of condolence from the lodge be sent to the Marquess of Hartington, who was the R. W. Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire. Such a letter would be sent purely as an act of Masonic sympathy and courtesy, and considering the Press connection which had existed between many members of the lodge and the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, he believed the motion he now proposed would be cordially agreed to.

Bro. Harry Bussey, the S. W., in seconding the motion, said he thought the lodge were much obliged to the W. M. for bringing the matter forward. It was in his opinion a most appropriate and fitting course to take.

Bro. Dr. Casson asked permission to say a few words as a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which the Marquess of Hartington was Grand Master. He was proud to say that he had known the Cavendish families for some years, and he was sure no man and no Mason would receive such a letter as now proposed in a more cordial spirit than the noble Marquess. The motion was agreed to, and the Secretary was instructed to draw up the letter in appropriate terms, and forward it to the noble Marquis, the V. W. Prov. G. M. of Derbyshire.

The remaining business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

In the course of the evening the W. M. proposed the health of the initiates Bros. Baines and Welsh, and in so doing, expressed his pleasure at finding that the gentlemen joining the lodge as initiates were such as would do credit to Freemasonry and the lodge.

Bro. BAINES in reply, said he could not too much thank first, Bro. Dymond, for proposing him, and next the lodge for electing him. He was also obliged to the W. M. for the flattering terms in which he had spoke of him.

Bro. WELSH thanked the W. M. and the brethren for so cordially drinking his health. At present he knew but little about Freemasonry, but he was sure that he never would be ashamed of being a member of the Craft.

Bros. John Read, and Woodward, and some friends, kindly entertained the brethren with music during the evening.

COLCHESTER.—United Lodge (No. 697).—The annual festival of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., and additional interest was given to the proceedings from the fact that it was the "silver" anniversary, the lodge having been constituted in March, 1837. Lodge was opened at two o'clock, and the out-going Master, W. Bro. A. Gosling, having given proof of his proficiency by initiating a candidate, W. Bro. the Rev. E. H. Crate, P. M. 697, P. P. G. C., proceeded to instal the W. M. Elect, Bro. T. G. Mills, and performed the ceremony in a manner that elicited the warm plaudits of the brethren assembled. At its close, a cordial vote of thanks to W. Bro. Crate was heartily passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers for the year were invested as under: W. Bro. Alfred Gosling, I. P. M.; Bros. G. A. Eustace, S. W.; C. D. Marshall, J. W.; W. Bros. the Rev. E. H. Crate, P. M., P. P. G. C., Chap.; Thomas Eustace, P. M., P. P. G. S. B., Treas.; Thomas Rix, P. M., P. P. G. S. B., Sec.; Bros. Robt. Smith, S. D.; Samuel H. Ellis, J. D.; R. Clowes, D. C.; J. B. Lugar, Org.; A. S. B. Sparling, I. G.; S. Munson, Tyler; J. T. Bailey, D. Page, J. Alliston, and A. L. Langford, Stewards.

Before the lodge was closed, W. Bro. Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P. M. 697, P. G. D., who was one of the founders of the lodge, congratulated the brethren on the auspicious occasion they celebrated that day, viz., the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge. He had, the day previous, examined the records of 697 at the Grand Secretary's office, and he found that since its foundation there had been 270 initiations and 114 joining members; and as no less than 140 of those who had been shown the light of Masonry in that lodge were military brethren, and who had consequently carried the tenets of the Order to all parts of the world, he thought they might fairly say that there were few lodges that had done so much for the spread of the Order. It gave him extreme pleasure to be present

that day, and to see that the lodge was in so flourishing a condition, and he trusted that it would continue to prosper. Col. Burney concluded by stating that he had seen the R. W. P. G. M., Lord Tenterden, K. C. B., a few days before, and his lordship had desired him to say how much he regretted his inability to be present, and sent his hearty greetings to the brethren.

Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined together at the George Hotel, a most "recherché" banquet being served "à la Russe" by the Hostess, Mrs. Guiver. In the course of the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W. M., in responding for his health, expressed the gratification he felt at being called upon to preside over the lodge at such an interesting period of its history. He read a letter he had received that evening from W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O. C., P. G. D., the D. P. G. M., to the effect that he very much regretted he had been compelled to forego the pleasure of being present on this occasion, but that he hoped to visit the lodge during the summer.

During the evening Bros. Osmond, Turner, Sowman, Clowes, Sparling, F. Wiseman, and Snelgar, added greatly to the pleasure of the brethren by their vocal renderings; and altogether the gathering was one of the most successful remembered by any member of the lodge.

Among those present either in lodge or at the festive board were W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville-Burney, P. M. 697, P. G. D.; Ed. B. Grabham, P. M. 19; Philip Montagu, P. M. 863; Thos. J. Ralling, P. M. and Sec. 51, P. G. Sec.; John J. C. Turner, P. M. 51, P. P. G. O.; Fred. Wiseman, P. M. 1734, P. G. J. W.; T. H. Jennings, W. M. 650, P. G. J. D.; R. D. Poppleton, W. M. 433; J. E. Wiseman, P. M. and Sec. 433, P. P. G. A. D. C.; John Dean, P. M. 433; H. York, P. M. 433; Bros. W. Sowman, S. W. 51; G. Mercer, 51; A. Pertwee, 433; J. Wheeler, 433; J. French, 433; A. Smith, 433; T. Wilson, 433; E. F. Canler, 1799; and the following members of No. 697, in addition to those already mentioned: W. Bro. G. Harvey, P. M.; Bros. J. H. Boulton, H. Stevens, R. Ford, W. G. Siggers, H. Brown, D. F. Smith, J. Vinson, J. H. Johnson, S. S. Parsons, J. Sheppard, W. Strutt, W. Jelley, W. Foreman, C. Frost, R. J. Godfrey, and others.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).—One of the most pleasant and successful meetings ever held in connection with this lodge took place on Monday evening, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. The occasion was the presentation of a portrait of the late Rev. Joseph Rowley, M. A., a Past Master of the Craft, and for many years Chaplain of the Castle, and in memory of whom the lodge was named. The portrait, which is the gift of his daughter, Miss Rowley, of Springfield-terrace, is a three-quarter length, in oil, representing the rev. brother dressed in canonicals, just emerging from the Castle Gateway, and which forms an appropriate background. It is surrounded by a handsome gilt frame, and those who had the pleasure of knowing the deceased gentleman describe it as being an excellent likeness; and it is undoubtedly a very valuable painting.

No official invitations were issued, but there was nevertheless a good attendance, amongst those present being Bros. J. E. Hannah, W. M.; Capt. Garnett, P. P. G. S. W.; H. Longman, P. P. G. S. of W.; E. Simpson, P. P. G. P.; J. Fenton, P. M.; Dr. Hall, P. M.; W. Hall, P. M.; N. W. Helme, P. M.; J. Aldous, I. P. M.; John Cutts, S. W.; H. Moore, S. D.; Capt. Turner, I. G.; J. R. B. Pilkington, W. M. 281; R. Stanton, I. Stanley, A. McRait, and R. Bond.

The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, Bro. Dr. Hall, as the oldest living initiate of the lodge, was entrusted with the presentation of the portrait on behalf of Miss Rowley. In doing so he reviewed at length the career of the late reverend gentleman, both as Chaplain of the Castle and as a Mason, speaking in the warmest terms of his blameless life, and of the high respect in which he was held by the inhabitants of the town. He knew the deceased intimately, and could speak from his own personal knowledge of the esteem in which he was held by all classes of society. Dr. Hall gave several very interesting particulars relating to Bro. Rowley, and concluded by formally handing over the portrait to the Worshipful Master of the lodge.

Bro. Hannah, in receiving the same, expressed the pleasure it gave him in being the recipient of it on behalf of the lodge, and heartily thanked Miss Rowley for her kind and appropriate gift.

Bro. Capt. Garnett, in proposing that a vote of thanks be forwarded to Miss Rowley, said the members could not fail to highly appreciate the gift; they would, he felt sure, value and prize it very much, and it would form a handsome addition to the many distinguished Masons whose portraits now adorned the walls of their lodge room. He would suggest that the vote of thanks should be illuminated on vellum, and in that form presented to the lady who had so kindly given them the portrait.

Bro. Helme, in heartily seconding the motion, remarked that the portrait would be heartily prized, not only by the members of the Rowley Lodge, but also by the members of the Craft in Lancaster, whose meetings were held in that lodge-room.

Bro. Fenton, in wishing success to the Rowley Lodge, of which he had been a hearty supporter from the time it was first founded, spoke at some length, and in the course of an excellent speech, excellent alike for its tone and the sentiment it conveyed, gave some interesting details of the early history of the lodge, which were much appreciated by his hearers.

Bro. Simpson also gave a few particulars of the early days of the lodge, and was followed by Bro. Bond, who gave some interesting reminiscences of the late Mr. Rowley; speaking of him in terms of the highest eulogium both as a man and a Mason.

Bro. Hannah wished good will to the Sister Lodges in Lancaster, which was acknowledged by Bro. Pilkington, who spoke of the pleasure which it afforded him in being present on such an interesting occasion. In the course of the evening the Worshipful Master alluded to the horrible crime which had recently been perpetrated in Ireland, a crime which he felt sure would meet with the detestation and abhorrence not only of those present, but of every Freemason throughout England. They could scarcely find language forcible enough to express their feelings of horror at the perpetration of such a cruel and uncalled for outrage, by which two gentlemen had met with a violent death. Of one thing, however, they could feel certain, namely, that the expressions of sympathy with the family

of the deceased in their affliction was well nigh universal. The brethren separated shortly after nine o'clock, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

BYKER.—Walker Lodge (No. 1342).—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held in the lodge rooms, Hope and Anchor Inn, Catterick Buildings, on Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., the Worshipful Master, Bro. William Smith in the chair. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Robert Younger, 481, and he was declared elected. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. Henry Birkett, James Huntly and John Hobson, and they were all duly declared elected. Messrs. Birkett and Hobson being in attendance and properly prepared, were duly initiated E.A. Masons by the W.M.; Bro. Dixon Cowie explained the working tools. Bros. Davis, Harris and Skillings were passed into the Fellow Craft Degree by the W.M. Bro. Arthur Munro, S.W., explaining the working tools. The W.M. informed the brethren that he had received, signed, and would forward to the proper quarters the voting papers of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. "Heartly Good Wishes" having been tendered from many visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in love and harmony.

The brethren then adjourned to the refreshment board, the W.M. in the chair and the S.W. in the vice-chair. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured and received.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and in a brief, but hearty speech, welcomed and thanked them for their kindly attendance.

Bro. Jno. P. Aman, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M."

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. J. D. Annan, I.P.M., who ably responded, complimenting the W.M. on his working.

Several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Amongst the brethren and visitors present were Bros. W. Smith, W.M.; John D. Annan, I.P.M.; Arthur Munro, S.W.; Dixon Cowie, J.W.; Alderson Barker, P.M., Treas.; William Swan Armstrong, Sec.; John Bywell, S.D.; Joseph Purvis, J.D.; William Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; T. P. Bennett, S.S., acting I.G.; G. S. Sim, Tyler; William Varty, Joseph Cook, P.M., P.P.G. S.W.; Henry Harman, Edward Harris, T. Richardson, T. Weatherall, Joseph Davis, George Skillings, Adam Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Henry Metcalfe, John Wood, I.P.M. 48; John Bell, 991; William F. Carman, S.S. 481; Thos. Dinning, J.D. 481; Councillor George I. Dean, P.M. 541, P.P.G.A.D. of C.; Thomas Todd, 541; Edward Marston, J.W. 1676; R. W. Cummins, S.W., W.M. elect 1676; J. Wilson, 1676; William Gray, W.M. 1334; T. Birtley, 1676; John Hall Amers, 1427; A. Simpson, 406; Thomas Lewens, 393; M. H. Dodds, P.M. 1119; James Montgomery, P.M. 991 and 1119, P.P.G. Purst. Northumberland; H. S. Bird, S.W. 1664; J. Braithwaite, I.P.M. 1427; P.P.G.S.D.; George Senior, and John Meimell, 1611.

NORWICH.—Walpole Lodge (No. 1500).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at No. 23, St. Giles'-street, on the 4th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the very pleasing ceremony of the presentation of a gold chronograph watch to Bro. R. H. Gissing, the indefatigable Secretary of the lodge. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. John Harper, who was assisted by his officers as follows: Bros. A. Bullard, I.P.M., P.A.G.D. of C.; G. B. Jay, S.W.; S. D. Carman, J.W.; M. J. Bailey, S.D.; Charles E. Stevens, J.D.; J. J. Hosken, I.G.; Thomas Lord, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., D. of C.; R. A. Madge, 807, acting Org.; R. H. Gissing, Sec.; J. Weyer, C. W. Bacon, P.G. Stwd., and W. W. Warner, Stewards; and E. Hollidge, Tyler.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Thomas Isley, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; T. J. Mackley, P.M., P.P.A.G. D. of C.; Quartermaster F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; D. Mannings, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Standingford, G. E. Smith, F. Crowe, James Hobrough, J. H. H. Cooper, Edward Ellis, W. R. Tidnam, John Cox, A. N. Mann, Isaac Churchyard, W. H. Keen, H. C. Ninham, and Snelling.

Among the visitors were Bros. G. Bagge, 57 (American Constitution); John Henderson, 100; Chas. E. Sexton, 213; B. Ryan, 295; W. Fieldson, W.M. 548; M. Seaward, 730; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. W. Browne, P.G. Stwd.; F. A. Lloyd, G. Hammond, W. F. Stratford, T. Winter, A. King, W. N. Cooper, 807; C. Payne, 807; Captain Clements, 943; W. Shorten, 943; W. S. Wilson, 1084; J. P. Batch, 1273; J. A. Atkinson, 1331; T. C. Freeman, 1767; J. C. Firman, 1808; E. Towison, 1808; J. R. Wellington (Doric), and others.

The business to be transacted included the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, and to the satisfaction of the brethren, Bro. G. B. Jay received the honour.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to the banquetting hall, which they found adorned by a handsome banner over the W.M.'s chair, kindly presented by Bro. C. W. Bacon, and bearing the honoured name of "Walpole" and the arms and motto of the family. A "recherche" supper was provided by the Steward of the lodge, Bro. Wilkin, at the close of which the brethren adjourned from refreshment to labour, and the W.M. performed the pleasing ceremony of initiating a new brother.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled in the banquetting-room, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been drunk, Bro. Gissing was conducted to the head of the table, amid applause, and the W.M. addressing him, said during the time he had occupied the chair of that lodge, it had been his lot to perform many pleasing duties, but none were so pleasant as that which was imposed upon him that evening, namely, the presentation to Bro. Gissing, on behalf of the Walpole Lodge and the brethren of other lodges, of a handsome testimonial in token of their appreciation of the zeal and assiduity with which he had carried out his duties as secretary, and not only so, but as an acknowledgment of the kindness and Masonic feeling he had extended to every brother, from the highest to the lowest. He begged to hand to Bro. Gissing a gold chronograph watch, and trusted he would be spared for many years to wear it. Bro. Isley then rose and said it was his proud duty to re-echo the remarks that the W.M. had made in reference to Bro. Gissing, and also to supplement the gift that gentleman had received by

presentation of another, which he had no doubt he would equally prize. He had to hand to Bro. Gissing an illuminated address (beautifully wrought by Bro. J. Harper), and trusted that their worthy brother's posterity would value it as a well-deserved testimonial to the admirable manner in which he had conducted the details of Freemasonry.

The address read as follows:—"Presented to Bro. R. H. Gissing, with a gold chronograph watch, by the W.M., officers, and brethren of Walpole Lodge, supplemented by subscriptions from the undermentioned brethren, as a token of esteem, and in recognition of his several years' valuable services as Hon. Secretary to the above named lodge. May, 1882."

The watch is a beautiful production. Bro. Gissing, in response, thanked the brethren for the kindly manner in which his name had been brought before the lodge, and said he felt quite incapable of finding words in which to thank his friends for the token of respect and esteem with which they had presented him. Six years had just elapsed since he first saw the light of Masonry, and he had had the honour of serving under four W.M.'s. Whatever he had done had been a labour of love, since he had experienced so much kindness from the brethren. Since he took office as Secretary there had been twenty-four brethren initiated into the lodge, six members had resigned, and four died, and still the lodge numbered something like 105 or 106 members. He trusted that the G.A.O.T.U. would spare his brethren to see this lodge work for many years in amity and good feeling, as had always been the case in times gone by.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the W.M. elect, Bro. G. B. Jay," alluding to the satisfactory manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the offices he had already passed through, and to the skill he had displayed in the school of instruction. He was sure that the W.M. elect would in his new position maintain the prestige of the lodge.

The W.M. elect, in responding, said he had observed the various difficulties that appertained to the office of W.M., but this was the highest position of the lodge could confer, and though he was unworthy of the honour now conferred upon him, he relied upon the good feeling of the lodge to assist him in carrying out the duties which they had imposed upon him. He trusted that any shortcomings he might evince would be overlooked by the brethren; and he hoped that their children's children would enjoy such meetings as these, and thoroughly appreciate the working of Masonry generally.

Bro. A. Bullard proposed "The Health of the W.M." in eulogistic terms; and Bro. Harper, in responding, expressed his gratitude for the kindly assistance that had been afforded to him during his year of office. He especially thanked the I.P.M. and the Past Masters generally for their advice, and to his Stewards, Bros. J. Weyer, C. W. Bacon, and W. W. Warner, he begged to tender his warmest thanks, while he assured the brethren that the past year had been the happiest of his life.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the usual manner of Freemasons.

WARRINGTON.—Gilbert Greenall Lodge (No. 1250).—The last regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was unusually interesting, inasmuch as it was the election night. There was a goodly gathering of brethren and visitors present, including the following: Bros. S. Wallhead, W.M.; T. Hutchinson, S.W.; W. Taylor, J.W.; W. Richardson, P.M.; D. W. Finney, P.M. P. Prov. G.D.C. W. Lanc.; W. H. Jenkins, O'Brien, W. Bolton, T. Maguire, J. Farrington, C. Ashurst, H. Hoult, W. Reid, W. Pollitt, P.M.; A. Potter, J. Barlow, A. G. Webster, C. Holland, J. H. Potter, J. Baird, G. Mackey, P. J. Eddleston, P.M.; J. Pemberton, P.M., P.P.S. of W.; J. Henshaw, J. Mountfield, 333; and J. Eastham, J.W. 333.

Bro. Wallhead took the chair, and opened the lodge in the usual way. Some preliminary business having been disposed of, Bros. Gleaves and Bellian were admitted to the knowledge of the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. D. W. Finney, P.M., the Secretary. This done, the lodge was lowered, and the election of W.M. proceeded with. Bro. T. Hutchinson, S.W., was chosen W.M. and Bro. Richardson, P.M., Treasurer. Bro. Hutchinson will be installed at the next regular meeting, in June.

INSTRUCTION.

SINCERITY LODGE (No. 174).—The members of this old lodge met as usual on Monday last, the 14th inst., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C. There were present Bros. L. C. Haslip, W.M.; T. Jones, S.W.; W. Fraser, J.W.; A. H. Brown, Deacon; Bennett, I.G.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Preceptor; H. J. Cant, Hon. Sec.; Richardson, Moss, and Gilroy. Lodge was duly opened and the minutes read. Lodge was then opened up, and Bro Cant was tested, and subsequently the ceremony of conferring the Master Mason Degree was carefully worked. Bro. Moss worked the First and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed and Bro. T. G. Gilroy, 1259, was admitted a member. Bro. T. Jones was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and lodge was closed and adjourned until the 22nd inst., when the monthly meeting of the City Benevolent Association, in connection with the lodge, will be held.

ISRAEL LODGE (No. 205).—This lodge met as usual at Bro. Yetton's, Rising Sun, Globe-road, E. Bros. T. W. Jones, P.M., W.M.; J. T. K. Job, S.W.; D. Moss, J.W.; W. J. Musto, Deacon; Arons, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M. Preceptor; W. Yetton, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Stephens, Hon. Sec.; and others.

Lodge having been duly opened and the minutes regularly submitted and confirmed, Bro. Musto was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing capitally rendered, Bro. Musto candidate. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed, and Bro. Arons, S.W. 1668, was elected a member of the lodge and returned thanks. Bro Job, W.M. 1076, was next elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting, and lodge was closed.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).—A meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the

12th inst., when there were present Bros. H. M. Williams, W.M.; H. Goodwin, S.W.; R. Poore, J.W.; C. H. Phillips, S.D.; J. Bate, J.D.; F. Thurston, I.G.; James Stevens, P.M., Hon. Preceptor; John S. Terry, P.M., Sec.; E. Francis, H. J. Sharp, and others.

Lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the ceremony of passing was very ably rehearsed, the W.M., Bro. Williams, who acted in that capacity for the first time, acquitting himself most creditably. Bro. J. Bate delivered the charge in the Second Degree, a novelty in instruction working which gave great satisfaction. The Second Section in the Second Degree was impressively recited by Bro. Stevens, Preceptor, who also, at "question time," gave several explanations in respect of the ceremony which had been previously rehearsed. Lodge was closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. H. Goodwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and a vote of thanks was recorded in favour of Bro. Williams for his excellent work of the evening. Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—This old lodge met as usual on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Walter's, Green Dragon, Steney, E. Present: Bros. A. W. Ellingford, W.M.; A. G. Clemens, S.W.; W. Hawes, J.W.; J. Taylor, S.D.; G. H. Stephens, J.D.; L. Etting, I.G.; J. Andrews, P.M. Preceptor; T. J. Barnes, P.M.; A. Walter, W. Cross, Hon. Sec.; Evans, Price, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the Secretary having submitted the minutes of the last meeting they were confirmed. Bro. Price was interrogated and entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing worked. Bro. Evans was next questioned and entrusted, and lodge was advanced and the ceremony of raising worked, Bro. Evans candidate. Lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and Bro. Price who recently received the F.C. Degree in the mother lodge answered the questions which will be required of him. Lodge was closed down and Bro. Clemens was elected W.M. for the ensuing lodge meeting. Bro. P.M. Barnes congratulated the brethren upon the retention of the Secretaryship by Bro. Cross, and all business being ended lodge was closed and adjourned until Tuesday next.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE (No. 781).—At the last meeting, held at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., Bro. Scheerboom was the W.M., there being also present: Bros. A. Ellingford, S.W.; Webb, J.W.; Robinson, S.D.; Bull, J.D.; Gregory, I.G.; Turquand, P.M., Preceptor; C. Brede, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Barnes, P.M.; Ould, W.M. 781; Hall, Robinson, Clements, Kennett, J. H. Pringle, Cooper, E. Gregory, Absell, Wyness, W. Scanes, J. A. Keable, Rawe, P.M.; Bull, Harvey, P.M.; Job, Tribe, Hedges, Dixon, Haslip, 813; Ellicott, 1339; and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was then occupied by Bro. Frances, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Surrey, who opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and proceeded to work the ceremony of consecration, which was highly appreciated by all present. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Frances also performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Scheerboom into the chair of K.S., and that brother appointed and invested his officers. The labours of Bro. Frances were recognised by a vote of thanks, and conferring upon him honorary membership of the lodge. Bro. Barnes, P.M., gave the address to the officers, and afterwards worked the Seventh Section of the First Lecture, assisted by Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. Bros. L. C. Haslip, W.M. 813, and Ellicott, 1339, were elected members. Bro. Ellingford was elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the 17th inst., and lodge was closed.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860).—The usual meeting was held on the 16th inst.: Present Bros. Wardell, W.M.; Edwards, S.W.; Boyce, J.W.; Marsh, S.D.; A. Clark, J.D.; Corlie, I.G.; F. Carr, Hon. Sec.; W. H. Wallington, P.M. Preceptor; Catling, Jones, Smyth, T. Clark, Christian, Webb, Dallas, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. T. Clark was tested as to proficiency, and subsequently the ceremony of the Third Degree was carefully worked, Bro. Clark candidate. The illustration of that degree on the Tracing Board was given by the W.M. Bro. Webb, P.M. worked the First Section of the Lecture, the brethren assisting. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for next Tuesday, and lodge was closed.

DORIC LODGE (No. 933).—The usual meeting of the above lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Bro. J. Clayton's, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, E. Present: Bros. W. Richardson, W.M.; R. Hirst, S.W.; T. Loane, J.W.; D. Moss, Deacon; Musto, jun., I.G.; B. Cundick, P.M., Preceptor; W. Musto, P.M., Sec.; J. Gray, A. Hand, and Stephens.

After lodge had been opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Hand was interrogated and entrusted, and subsequently the ceremony of being passed to the Fellow Craft Degree was carefully worked. The First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture were also ably worked from the chair, the brethren assisting. Lodge was duly closed down, and Bro. Hirst elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, lodge to commence at eight o'clock prompt. All business being ended, lodge was closed in due form.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—This lodge met on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Lamb Tavern, Wilmot-street, Bethnal Green, opposite Bethnal Green Railway Station. The following were present: Bros. Sturtevant, W.M.; Hammond, S.W.; Brittain, J.W.; Clark, S.D.; Chitson, J.D.; Moss, I.G.; W. Musto, P.M., Preceptor; Stewart, T. Deeks, D'Ardenne, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Deeks was duly interrogated and entrusted, and on lodge being advanced that brother was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. D. Moss worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. R. Shingfield, J.D. 554, and Bro. Deeks, 1349, were unanimously admitted members of the lodge. Bro. Hammond was next elected W.M. for the meeting to be held on the

27th inst. The intervening meeting will be devoted to working the Fifteen Sections, when Bro. D. Moss, S.D. 1275, will preside, and be supported by Bros. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 554, as S.W.; G. H. Stephens, S.D. 1623, as J.W.; and W. Musto, P.M. 1349 (Preceptor), as I.P.M.; and other eminent brethren and well-known workers. Lodge to be opened at seven o'clock this (Saturday) evening.

GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern. Bro. Kibble, S.W. 1426, presided, and was supported by Bros. Parker, as S.W.; Webster, J.W.; Sibley, S.D.; and Nash, I.G. In the absence of Bro. Goodenough, through ill-health, Bro. King acted as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. White offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was duly entrusted, the lodge being opened in the First Degree. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, the ceremony being beautifully rendered by the W.M. Bro. Cobb was then entrusted, and the lodge opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. After the lodge had been closed down to the First Degree, Bro. Saul, the able Preceptor, worked the First Section of the First Lecture. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation.

Royal Arch.

UNITED STRENGTH CHAPTER (No. 228).—The annual convocation of this chapter, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. John White, M.E.Z., the chair was filled by Comp. James Hillhouse, P.Z., who was supported by Comps. Robert H. Halford, as H.; Charles K. Killick, J.; E. Davis, Scribe E.; A. Timothy, P.S.; J. Terry, P.Z., Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; George H. Edis, Vilett Rolleston, J. Gibbs, H. Paine, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, H. W. Hawes, C. Thomas, Janitor; and others. The visitors included Comps. A. Morris, P.S. 181, and Edward W. Braine, H. 245.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was opened for Bro. Joseph Bennett, G. 6, proposed by Comp. Davies, Scribe E., and seconded by Comp. James Terry, P.Z. The voting was unanimously in approval, and Bro. Bennett was duly exalted by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers, whose working was beyond criticism.

The bye-laws of the chapter having been considered, the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, as follows: Comps. Robert H. Halford, M.E.Z.; Charles K. Killick, H.; E. Davis, J.; A. Timothy, Scribe E.; Hunter, Scribe N.; Fennes, P. Soj.; Jas. Terry, P.Z., Treas.; and C. Thomas, Janitor.

By the unanimous vote of the chapter it was resolved to present a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. White, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of the zeal he had displayed during his term of office as M.E.Z. of the chapter.

At the conclusion of the business, the companions and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in a style for which this old established and well-appointed hotel has so long been proverbial, and the customary loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured. A most harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

MARYPORT.—Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The annual convocation of this chapter, for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the ensuing year, was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street. Present, M.E. Comps. Thos. Mandale, P.G.A.S. Z.; W. Armstrong, P.P.G.D.C., H.; A. Walters, P.G.D.C., J.; J. Nicholson, P.G.J., P.Z.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; F. R. Sewell, P.G.S.; J. Messenger, P.P.G. Janitor, J.; J. Raven, J. L. Barks, J. Dodd, D. Bell, P. Dodgson, and several visitors from many of the chapters in the province, amongst whom were M.E. Comps. J. Barr, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.J.; E. Tyson, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.D.C.; Thos. Atkinson, Z. 119, P.G. 1st A.S. After the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Beeby, 317, and Randall, 1390, who were accepted and duly exalted to the Supreme Degree. The next business was the installation of the Principals, viz., Comps. W. Armstrong, M.E.Z.; A. Walters, H.; J. L. Banks, J.; P. Dodgson, S.E.; E. G. Mitchell, S.N.; P. de E. Collin, P.Z., Treas.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Janitor. The ceremony was performed by Comps. Barr and Tyson in a most impressive and eloquent style. At the close of the proceedings, they received hearty and well-merited thanks. Only a short time ago the "chief" duties of Royal Arch Masonry for this province devolved upon our late and much lamented Comp. Bowes, who was an honorary member of many of the chapters, and, like all good soldiers, was always ready. Those duties have now fallen to the hands of Comps. Barr and Tyson, and they bid fair to do them ample justice.

After hearty good wishes had been tendered from chapters 119 and 327, the chapter was closed in solemn form, after which the companions partook of an excellent dinner at the *Senhouse Arms Hotel*, when the loyal and patriotic toasts were well given and received.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—This lodge met at the Windsor Castle Hotel, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were: Bros. Haynes, P.G.S., W.M.; Goodall, S.W.; Lawson, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.M.; G.S.B. and Sec.; Millis, M.O.; Potter, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, communications apologising for non-attendance were read from Bros. Tisley, P.M.; Baldwin, P.M.; and others. Previous to the lodge being closed, Bro. Lawson, J.W., presented a very handsome and realistic Junior Warden's emblem of office to the lodge. Upon the motion of the W.M., a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Lawson for his kindness in presenting the same, and the resolution was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The banquet which followed the proceedings was presided over by the W.M. most genially and ably. "The Health of the Grand Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Walls, who duly replied. The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by the Secretary and briefly responded to by the W.M., who then gave "The Officers." This toast having been acknowledged by Bro. Lawson, the proceedings terminated.

BRIXTON LODGE (No. 234).—The usual May meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday last. Bro. G. Clark, jun., Grand Steward, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. H. Lovegrove, I.P.M., Grand S. of W.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G.; C. P. McKay, P.M.; J. Stevens, P.G.J.O., P.M.; M. S. Larham, P.M.; G. J. Dunkley, J.W.; H. Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. Holliday, S.O.; C. J. Axford, J.O.; R. R. Johnston, S.D.; and G. Austin, as Tyler. The other brethren present were Bros. E. F. Storr, W. Potter, A. J. Potter, J. Shilcock, J. Gibbs, J. Abrahams, S. P. Catterson, A. H. O'Donnell, J. B. Clark, J. G. Wyatt, and others. The only visitor was Bro. Haines, 139.

Besides the transaction of formal business, a ballot was taken for Bro. C. J. Carr, and he was duly advanced, the work being performed by Bro. Clark, the W.M., in a manner rarely equalled.

A lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was also held, under the presidency of Bro. Poore, P.C.N., with Bros. H. Lovegrove, P.C.N., as J.; C. P. McKay, as S.; and G. Clark, P.C.N., as Guardian. The W.C.N., Bro. Baldwin, was unavoidably absent during the business, which consisted of the election of Bro. C. P. McKay as W.C.N.; J. Lovegrove, as Treasurer; and Potter, as Warden.

Refreshment followed labour, and some good songs were given by Bros. Poore, J. B. Clark, and J. Holliday.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 284).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Present: W. Bros. W. J. Meek, W.M.; H. V. Clements, S.W.; E. J. Lewis, J.W.; P. Dunbar, M.O.; J. D. Birks, S.O.; A. G. Fidler, J.O.; A. P. Little, Treas.; W. Farquharson, Sec.; P. Gillling, S.D.; F. Wheelhouse, I.G.; J. Very, Tyler; J. Oddy, J. Garrod, Rev. C. Roberts, and E. Holt. Visitors: Bro. W. Beasley, W.M. 199. The lodge was also honoured by the presence from Grand Lodge of Bro. James Stevens, P.G.J.O., and who is also an honorary member of this lodge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, approved of and confirmed. The business of the evening was to advance (already approved), Bro. E. Holt, 754, and to ballot for and if approved advance Bro. the Rev. C. H. Roberts, 706; the ballot having proved unanimous in the reverend brother's favour, the two brethren were then advanced in the most perfect manner to the Mark Masters Degree. The next business was to elect a W.M. and a Treasurer for the ensuing year, and also to appoint an Audit Committee and to elect a Tyler. The Senior Warden, Bro. H. V. Clements, was unanimously elected as Master; Bro. A. P. Little, as Treas.; Bros. Birkin, Fidler, and Gillling to the Audit Committee; Bro. Very as Tyler.

Proposed by the S.W., and seconded by the J.W., that Bro. Greenwood of Craft Lodge, No. 1237, may be advanced to the Mark Masters Degree at next meeting.

Proposed by the Treasurer, and seconded by the M.O., that Bro. Beasley, W.M. No. 199, Mark Lodge, may become a joining member at the meeting of the lodge in July next.

Proposed by the M.O., Bro. Penrose Dunbar, seconded by the J.W., Bro. E. J. Lewis, and concurred in by all the brethren, that a jewel of the value of £5 ss., be presented to the retiring W.M., for the very able manner in which he has performed the duties of Master since the consecration of the lodge in July last. To his untiring zeal for Mark Masonry, and his indefatigable exertions towards the Mark Lodge of which he is about to retire from the chair, are the main causes of that lodge's prosperity. At its formation, ten months ago, there were only eight members; now there are over twenty, and it is bidding fair shortly to become one of the most popular and harmonious lodges of the kingdom. In fact, all the officers of the lodge have paid such attention to their duties that they have mastered their offices completely, thereby earning the laudable terms of expression from Mark Masons of long standing that they are second to none.

BRIGHTON.—Royal Sussex Lodge (No. 75).

—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at six o'clock p.m., for the purpose of advancing Bro. Richard Willard, M.M. 732, son of our much esteemed Bro. F. Willard, Treas. 104, who was unanimously elected; also to move and approve a vote of sympathy and condolence to our much respected Bro. Geo. Smith, P.G.J.O., P.P.G.J.W.; P.M., Treas., &c., in his sad bereavement, viz., the loss of his dear wife, who was much respected by the brethren of Brighton and Sussex for her general geniality, charity, and good feeling towards all who came in contact with her. The vote was very ably proposed by Bro. J. Pearson, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Harrison, P.M., and unanimously agreed to, "That a letter be compiled by the Secretary, and sent to Bro. Geo. Smith, expressing the sentiments and feelings of the brethren."

The following officers and brethren were present: Bro. J. Harrison, P.M., &c., who very kindly and ably acted W.M., in the absence of Bro. W. T. Clarke, W.M., from whom a letter was read, expressing his inability to be present in consequence of being so far distant, viz., Newcastle-on-Tyne; also his deep sympathy with Bro. Geo. Smith in his trouble; Bros. S. Peters, S.W.; T. Cable, J.W.; R. Paige, M.O.; C. Golding, as S.O.; H. W. G. Abell, as J.O.; R. Y. B. Powell, S.D.; H. W. Bedford, as J.D.; H. W. Charrington, as Chap.; E. Bridges, Sec.; R. B. Higham, as I.G.; Thomas Hughes, Tyler; J. Pearson, P.M.; S. R. Legg, P.M.; R. Willard, and others.

Red Cross of Constantine.

ERITH.—St. John and St. Paul Conclave (No. 122).—A conclave of the knights of the above took place on Tuesday evening last, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, V.E. and Prefect Sir Knight Flaxman Spurrell, M.P., pre-

siding, supported by Eminent Sir Knight W. Gibson, as V.E.; Sir Knight J. Elliott, J.G.; Sir Knight Capt. J. G. Chillingworth, H.P.; Sir Knight A. H. Bateman, Treas.; and Sir Knight J. G. Marsh, P.G.S.G., and P.G. Architect, Recorder, pro tem.

The conclave having been opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous one confirmed, the ballot was taken for the following brethren, viz., Bros. C. Coupland, P.M. 913, and P.P.G. J.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, and P.P.G.P.S. (Chapter) Kent; G. R. Stone, P.M. St. John and St. Paul; E. Bigg, 44; J. P. Kedde; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*). The result being unanimous, Bros. Biggs and Jolly, the only candidates present, were, with the usual formalities, installed as Sir Knights. Sir Knight Bright was also received, after ballot, as a joining member. It was then resolved, on the motion of Sir Knight Lemon, "That the names of all candidates for installation be proposed at one conclave, and balloted for at the following one," after which the conclave was closed in due form.

The banquet was simply superb, the wines being of the choicest brands, and the whole service perfection.

In response to the toast of "The Grand Senate and Council," eloquently proposed by the M.P.S., Sir Knight Marsh said he did not intend to inflict a long speech upon them, but must thank them most heartily for their cordial reception of the toast. As regarding the Grand Officers, he felt proud to say that they were most earnest and excellent administrators of the laws and customs of the Order, and he had had, and felt proud of it, the honour of having been acquainted with the M.I.G.S., Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., for many years. Their distinguished head was a zealous Mason, and always in the right place. Of their M.E.G. Viceroy, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, and Sir Knight Ellison Macartney, M.P., G.S.G., he could not speak too highly. All were well chosen for good suit and service rendered to the Order, and he trusted they would be spared for many years yet to aid and assist it in its upward and onward progress. He spoke with feelings of regret at the great loss they had received a few years ago by the death of Bro. Little, who was a most enthusiastic lover of the Degree, and concluded by saying he believed there was a grand future for it of progress, usefulness, and prosperity.

Sir Knight Chillingworth then proposed the toast of "The Most Puissant Sovereign," saying that the gravel had been placed in his hands for a few moments for that purpose. The knights present knew how well their M.P.S. worked for their comfort and prosperity, and also how well he filled the position he now held as the head of that table. They knew how excellently he worked the Degree in conclave, and how good a Mason he was in every way, having attained a high position in the Province of Kent through a zeal and love for the Craft not often evinced. He asked them to drink the toast heartily.

The M.P.S., in reply, thanked Sir Knight Chillingworth for his flattering remarks, and the knights for so cordially receiving them. All that he had done had been by the assistance of the other officers, especially Sir Knight Chillingworth; and he trusted throughout his year of office so to carry out the duties of his position as to meet with their approbation when he vacated it to one more worthy. He only asked them to work together and make the conclave both a prosperous and strong one.

"The Newly-elected Knights" were then toasted, and suitably returned thanks.

"The Health of Sir Knight Chillingworth, as Intendent General (pro tem.) for the District," was drunk with enthusiasm, and, in reply, he said their M.P.S. had spoken very kindly of his efforts for the success of the conclave, and as one of the original founders of it, he could only say that it would always be his most earnest endeavour to keep it up to the high position it now held. They had selected and installed two brethren that night, who he believed would be an honour to them, and he believed that there was a bright future before the conclave, especially as he knew that the other four candidates would certainly join them at their next meeting. Their M.P.S. had spoken of him as Intendent General; that was the position he was placed in temporarily by the Grand Intendent General, who he hoped would be present himself at their conclave in August next. He concluded by thanking them for the toast.

The next toast was that of "The M.E. Eusebius," to which Sir Knight Gibson responded. He believed the conclave had a bright and happy future before it.

The proceedings then closed, and the Sir Knights wended their several ways after a most enjoyable evening.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

[The charge is 2s. 6d. for announcements not exceeding Four Lines under this heading.]

BIRTHS.

BATTING.—On the 24th ult., the wife of James Battling, of Great Marlow, and Bedford Chambers, Southampton-street, Strand, solicitor, prematurely of a daughter—stillborn.

SHAW.—On the 16th inst., at Brayard's-road, Rye-lane, Peckham, the wife of Mr. George Frederic Shaw, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ENSOR—ALSFORD.—On the 13th inst., at All Saints' Church, Peckham, Jonathan George, son of Mr. Geo. Ensor, of Prince's-street, Westminster, to Kate Emma, daughter of Mr. George Alsford, of Choumert-road, Peckham.

DOHERTY—SIMCOE.—On the 16th inst., at Vernon House, Weston Park, Bath, by special license of the Archbishop of Canterbury, by the Rev. Ernest Cowan, Vicar of Weston, Somerset, General Henry Edward Doherty, C.B., late of the 14th Light Dragoons, to Beatrice Katharine Louisa, daughter of the late Rev. H. A. Simcoe, of Penheale, Cornwall, and Wolford, Devonshire.

DEATHS.

RABBITS.—On the 15th inst., at Ash Lodge, Forest-hill, William Lawrence, infant son of Mr. C. I. Whittuck Rabbits.

WOODARD.—On the 15th inst., Mr. Edward Woodard, of Billericay, Essex, in his 69th year.



"Moths," despite what has been written and said against it after being played a few times at the Globe Theatre at afternoon performances, has been removed to the stage of the Olympic Theatre as a permanent evening performance, and bids fair to remain there. We have not quite made up our minds whether to praise or condemn the piece. There is much that is good and pure in it, but this is mixed up with the bad. It has been adapted by Mr. Hamilton from "Ouida's" novel, much against the will of the novelist. We must claim to be ignorant of this or of any of "Ouida's" works, but it is well known that her books are fuller flavoured than has been generally thought allowable in English novels. The play adapted from the novel is not free of this. It is almost impossible to believe there could be such a mother as *Lady Dolly Vanderdecken*, who sells her innocent and pure daughter, *Vera*, for gold, by marrying her, against her wish, to a rich Russian nobleman. *Vera* several times refuses, but her mother whispers something in her ear, whereupon the girl turns deadly pale, and mutters "then I will marry him," and does so to save her mother, as she believes, but who, it turns out when the marriage has taken place has lied to her daughter. We wish some of this could be expunged; but if it be necessary in the book, we suppose it is in the play. *Vera* is a girl who has been brought up in the country, and is extremely clever. When the time comes for bringing her out in society, she meets her mother, who asks her if she can play cards, flirt, smoke, and such other accomplishments, which are happily rare at present amongst English ladies. Long may it be so. *Lady Dolly* is horrified when her daughter answers "No," and informs her instead of these she knows Greek, loves astronomy, understands conic sections, and adores music. The worldly mother reproaches her, and thinks her a monster, and assures her she must change altogether. *Vera* meets in society a tenor singer, who was a Russian shepherd boy, but on account of his fine voice has been persuaded to abandon that life and take to the stage, which he does, but not very willingly. But he is firm, and will not enter into the temptations surrounding that life. He is struck with the innocence and gentleness of *Vera*, in the world of fashion, and, before bidding her a good-bye, begs her to "keep herself unspotted from the world." She promises, but does not then understand what he means. She soon finds out. We have said *Lady Dolly* forces her into a marriage with *Prince Zoroff*, of course, an unhappy one. The *Duchess de Tonuas*, an old love of the *Prince*, intrigues against her, and at last succeeds in getting good *Vera* turned out of the Palace, exiled to Poland, hoping to take her place as wife by getting the *Prince* to apply for a divorce, but nothing can be proved. The *Prince* visits *Vera* in Poland, bringing with him the *Duchess*. The tenor singer, *Corréze*, has found out *Vera's* place of exile, and is in the house. *Lord Fura*, who is a good-hearted man, was in love with *Vera*, but seeing she did not return it, stifled his feelings, and promised her years before, if ever she wanted a friend to send for him. She wants one now. The *Prince* threatens to kill *Corréze*; *Lord Fura* offers to save him by fighting a duel as the *Prince* accuses him of being a lover of *Vera*. Of course he kills the *Prince*, and is himself mortally wounded, and dies in *Vera's* arms, commending her to marry *Corréze*, whom he knows loves her, and she him. Of course she does. Miss Litton, who plays *Vera*, a truly noble character, is always a favourite; her acting shows great refinement and study. She received deafening applause when she uttered some of her beautiful moral sentiments. Indeed, the applause was given to each and every playlet, and was continuous throughout the evening. Miss Carlotta Addison, as *Lady Dolly Vanderdecken*, was very bright and youthful looking, and acted her part also to the satisfaction of the audience. But it is impossible to imagine a woman so cruel and yet refined who would sell her child for money, and without a pang of conscience. Mr. Kyrle Bellew (*Corréze*) delivered his long soliloquies with excellent taste and variety, and made considerable effect at exciting moments. Mr. Cartwright, as the Russian *Prince*, is at once the epitome of cruelty, and the representative of a proud and aristocratic race. *Lord Fura* (Mr. Rozer) is a thorough English gentleman; he introduced occasional touches of tenderness in his dialogue. Mr. Hamilton, the adapter, is the *Duke of Mull*, and is amusing. Miss Louise Willes, as *Fuschia Leech* throws a good deal of fun into the play. Her impersonation of an American lady is true, but, perhaps, a little exaggerated. She utters the concentrated vulgarities ascribed to the whole American race, and introduces into the society of dukes the conversation of the smoking bar. But she is not very complimentary to our sister nation. We do not think all Americans worship the mighty dollar, nor that they all toady to English titled folk. As *Miss Leech*, her ambition is to be the *Duchess of Mull* and wear a coronet on her head—as she thinks duchesses do. "Moths" may, or may not, have a long run. It is a piece which may do good to some and harm to others. Those who agree with the reading of "Ouida's" novels cannot disagree with this adaptation, much as it differs from the original, according to the authoress.

We have often heard the applause of the Gaiety Theatre audience, but we never heard it louder than when Bro. Hollingshead produced the burlesque extravaganza called the "Bohemian G'yurl." It was equally marked during the performance of "Oh, Those Girls," which has now taken a prominent place in the programme, in contrary to the opinions of some of our contemporaries when it first came out. Though there is nothing very clever in it, the audience demanded the principal characters, Miss Connie Gilchrist and Mr. Dallas, to come before the curtain at its close. "The Bohemian G'yurl" is like most burlesques, difficult to describe its plot, but it matters little whether there be any or not, and especially at the Gaiety Theatre, where the plays are so carefully mounted and placed in such good hands. Miss Farren, Miss Vaughan, Bro. Edward Terry, and Mr. Dallas would fill any house with any piece, and we can well understand that Bro. Hollingshead appreciates this, and keeps his company together.

We thought Mr. Arthur Williams—a new comer—much feebler than the Gaiety's own original company. In the second act Miss Connie Gilchrist was well applauded in her clever dance. Mr. Warde received an encore which could not be suppressed, and the three Wood children in their songs were more vociferously applauded still, and had to answer to the encore. Bro. Hollingshead has seen they are a fresh attraction to his house, and, therefore, has again introduced their songs in this third burlesque. Miss Nellie Farren, as captivating, if not as young as ever, played with much vivacity, and received a treble encore in her "Crutch and Toothpick" song. Miss Kate Vaughan danced better than she sang, as she was suffering from a severe cold. Bro. Edward Terry was the favourite, as usual, though it is almost superfluous to say this. Added to what we have mentioned, there is a bevy of young ladies, as chorus. This burlesque of Bro. Byron's is as popular as any of his previous productions. We are promised during the season "Little Doctor Faust," by the same author, and we have not the least doubt that the "sacred lamp of burlesque" will not be suffered to go out by Bro. Hollingshead, as it has not ceased to burn for twelve years. For the convenience of the pit and gallery folks, Bro. Hollingshead has followed Bro. Toole's plan, and erected a glass and iron roof over the pavement, reaching the whole length of the theatre. Captain Shaw's report on the protection of this house from fire will be issued in a few days.



Madame Albani achieved a notable success on Thursday last, when she appeared as *Gilda*, in Verdi's opera of "Rigoletto," the great feature of the performance being the contrast between the simplicity of her singing and acting in the earlier scenes, and the tragic intensity with which she played her part during the rest of the opera. She was well supported by Madame Trebelli, as *Maddalena*; Signor Frapelli, as *The Duke*; and Signor Pandolfini, as *Rigoletto*; while Signor Bevignani conducted with his wonted care and excellence. "Un di se ben," the quartette in the last act was, as usual, re-demanded.

The presence of a very large audience in the Floral Hall, Covent-garden, at the concert given on Saturday last, in aid of the funds now in course of being raised towards the establishment of a Royal College of Music, testified to the deep interest taken by the public in the scheme. The vocalists were Madame Albani, Madame Nilsson, Madame Trebelli, Signor Mierzwinski, Signor de Reszke, and M. Bouhy, who gave their services for the occasion, the first two named artistes enjoying the advantage of being accompanied by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, whose services had likewise been secured. Madame Nilsson sang Braga's serenade, "O quali res vegliano," being accompanied, as aforesaid, by His Royal Highness on the violin, as well as by Mr. Bainbridge on the piano. This was followed by some Swedish folk-songs by the same lady. Madame Albani sang Gounod's arrangement for the voice, violin, and harmonium, of Bach's first prelude, Mr. A. Sullivan presiding at the latter instrument, and likewise "Ah fors elui," from "La Traviata." Madame Trebelli sang a song by Blumenthal, and Signor Mierzwinski, an aria from Massenet's "Herodiade." The national Anthem opened and closed the concert. The *Prince* and *Princess of Wales*, the *Duchess of Edinburgh* and her son, *Prince Alfred of Edinburgh*, with the *Princess Louise* were present.

Several features of unusual interest marked the Philharmonic Society's Fifth Concert, on Thursday last, at St. James's Hall. Included in the programme were Weber's "Preciosa," the song for *Preciosa* being sung with charming effect by Miss Santley, while the choruses were fairly well rendered by the Society's choir, which has been formed this season. There was likewise included a new concerto by Signor G. Sgambati, a Roman musician, which admirably illustrated his great abilities both as composer and pianist. Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, and the overture to Tannhauser were also given, and received hearty applause from the very numerous audience.

The first of Mr. Charles Hallé's series of Chamber Concerts came off in the Grosvenor Gallery on Wednesday last, when the audience had the unusual privilege of resting their eyes on some admirable specimens of modern art while listening to a well chosen and well executed programme. An interesting and pleasing quartet in D, by Dvorzak, was played by Mr. Hallé himself, Madame Norman Neruda, Messrs. Straus, and Franz-Neruda, the same artistes in combination being a second time heard in Schumann's Quartet in E flat. Two rhapsodies by Brahms were admirably played by Mr. Hallé and Madame Norman Neruda gave a sonata by Handel in D major for violin.

Miss Elizabeth Philp's annual concert was announced to take place yesterday (Friday), at St. James's Hall. The programme was strong, both vocally and instrumentally, the duties of conductor being shared between Sir Julius Benedict and Herr Louis Diehl. Several new songs were sung by the concert giver, and it is probable we shall have the pleasure of recording next week a great success.

The second performance of "The Nibelung's Ring" took place at Her Majesty's on Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, the 12th, 13th, 15th, and 16th inst. respectively.

A very handsome album has recently been presented to Mr. Arthur Sullivan, by the professors of the National Training School for Music, containing the photographs of all the professors, officials, and students who have been associated with him since his tenure of the principalship of the school.



Continuing our remarks on the Exhibition of the Royal Academy, we go on to call attention to Mr. Broughton's "The Burgomaster's Daughter—skating costume seventeenth century" (63); "Maiden—North Holland" (342); "A Dutch Sea-side Resort—discussing the new arrivals" (363); and "St. Ives Bay, Cornwall" (1521). In all these the artist has been most successful in combining figures, showing marked individuality with very picturesque scenery. In "Sweethearts and Wives" (551), Mr. S. R. Walker has very skillfully blended the comic and the pathetic. Mr. A. E. Elmslie shows a distinct advance on last year's work in all his present pictures, but especially in "The Harvest-field" (498) and "A Frosty Morning" (1525). Mr. Van Haanen contributes a superbly coloured picture in "Luncheon time in a Venetian Sartoria" (176), which also shows considerable variety of character. "A Venetian Convent in the Eighteenth Century" is by M. E. de Blaas, who has very successfully depicted the delight of a number of school girls in witnessing a performance of Punch and Judy on some holiday. Mr. Briton Rivière's best work is his "Una" (1432), with the lion yawning upon her, while the lamb is gambolling in front of them. Sir J. Gilbert is represented by a picturesque and animated illustration of the familiar "Fight for the Standard" (812). There are several other battle scenes, among them being Mr. Caton-Woodville's "Maiwand: Saving the Guns" (567), and Miss Thompson's "Floreat Etona," showing an incident that took place at the attack on Laing's Neck. "The Arrival at the Well" (399), by Mr. F. Goodall, is one of that gentleman's spirited illustrations of Arab life. Mr. Macwhirter is worthily represented by "Ossian's Grave" (219), and "A Highland Auction" (384); and so is Mr. H. S. Mark in "The Lord Say brought before Jack Cade" (242), the contrast being very admirably marked between the patrician bearing of the nobleman and the ruffianly appearance of Cade's followers, Cade himself being, perhaps, rather too respectable. Mr. J. B. Burgess is truthful and humorous in "The Letter Writer" (294), in which an old Spaniard is exercising his art for a love-mitten girl. Nor must we pass unnoticed Mr. Cecil Lawson's "Blackdown, Surrey" (99), which is marked by great breadth of treatment and beauty of colour. We shall return to the subject in our next.

The Society of Arts have resolved on reviving the examinations in commercial knowledge, which were discontinued in 1880. Accordingly those for the present year will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 20th and 21st June respectively, the subjects being (1) arithmetic, (2) English composition, correspondence and précis-writing, (3) book-keeping, (4) commercial geography and history, (5) shorthand, (6) French, (7) German, (8) Italian, (9) Spanish.

Mr. Fred Cowie's new picture, "The finding of the body of the Prince Imperial," which was submitted to Her Majesty on Wednesday, is now on view at the New Gallery, 174, New Bond-street.

The Electric Light Exhibition at the Crystal Palace will close this day fortnight (Saturday 3rd June).

Sir Noel Paton, of the Scottish Academy, and limner to the Queen for Scotland, was on Thursday last presented with the freedom of the City of Dumfermline, in token of the high distinction he has attained in his profession.

Much interest was excited in art circles on Saturday last, when Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Woods disposed by auction of the Wyfold Court Gallery, which had been collected by the late Mr. Edward Hermon, M.P. Amongst the many high figures realised were the following: "The Babylonian Marriage," by E. Long, R.A., including copyright, 6300 guineas; "The Suppliants," by the same artist, copyright also included, 4100 guineas; "The Church Porch: Selling Relics," by J. Phillip, R.A., 3750 guineas; "Cicero at his Villa at Tusculum," by J. M. W. Turner, R.A., 1800 guineas; "Changing Pastures," by D. Cox, 1400 guineas; "Going to the Hayfield," by the same artist, 1000 guineas; "Poachers Deerstalking," by Sir Edward Landseer, R.A., exhibited 1831, 800 guineas; "A State Secret," by J. Pettie, R.A., 1000 guineas; "A Neglected Garden" and "Getting Better," both by J. E. Millais, R.A., 900 guineas and 810 guineas respectively. The day's sale realised over £37,000.

The Royal Commission on Technical Instruction on leaving Zurich visited Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Munich, at each of which places they inspected the various schools and institutions which came within the scope of their inquiry. They reached Vienna on Monday, the 1st inst., where they were most kindly received by our Ambassador, Sir Henry Elliot, from whom they have received introductions to the Austrian Minister of Education and others likely to assist them in their important labours. Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., who is chairman of the Commission will join them in Saxony, where they extend their investigations into the system of Technical training in North Germany.

At a meeting on Saturday last of the Council of the Royal Botanic Society Gardens, Regent's-park, the final arrangements for the first summer exhibition on Wednesday were made.

The fifty-ninth anniversary meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society was held on Monday evening, at its quarters in Albemarle-street, the chair being occupied by the retiring President, Sir T. E. Colebrook, Bart., M.P. The report showed that during the year there has been an increase of forty-five in the number of members, namely, seventeen resident and twenty-eight non-resident. Both the Chairman and Major-General Sir H. C. Robinson, spoke favourably of the satisfactory position of the Society, and Sir Bartle Frere, the new President, after thanking the members for the honour they had done, expressed his resolve to do all in his power to promote its efficiency.



The Masonic address and casket which was presented to the Queen, at Buckingham Palace last week, has been photographed, in one picture, by Messrs. Debenham, of 158, Regent-street. In our report last week we stated the length of the casket was six inches, it should have been twenty-two inches.

Bro. George Kenning has been elected Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company.

Bro. G. M. Felton presided at the dinner of the Commissioners of Sewers, on the 16th inst.

The Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, have generously agreed to present two new stained glass windows to the parish Church of Clerkenwell, which is being restored, and have opened a subscription list for that purpose. A Committee has been formed, of which Bro. Millward is Hon. Sec., and Bro. Maples, Treas., for the purpose of carrying out the necessary details.

Bro. J. A. Farnfield is the Hon. Sec. of the Committee for conducting the annual sailing barge match which will take place this year (for the twentieth time) over the usual course, from Erith to the Nore and back, on Tuesday, June 27th. The Eagle has been specially chartered to accompany the race, and will leave London-bridge at nine a.m.

The Fifteen sections will be worked in the Friars Lodge of Instruction, 1349, held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, Canning Town, on Tuesday, the 23rd inst., at six o'clock, p.m., precisely. Bro. Moss, S.D. 1539, will preside; Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M. 544 and 933, S.W.; W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, J.W.; W. Mu-to, P.M. 1349, Preceptor, I.P.M. First Lecture: First Section, Bro. Hammond, 1278; Second, Bro. Watkins, 1076; Third, Bro. Brittain, 1278; Fourth, Bro. Musto, jun., 1349; Fifth, Bro. Stephens, S.D. 1623; Sixth, Bro. Pavitt, J.W. 860; Seventh, Bro. Stewart, 1278. Second Lecture: First Section, Bro. Loane, D.C. 1421; Second, Bro. Eschwege, D.C. 1349; Third, Bro. Richardson, 174; Fourth, Bro. Smith, P.M. 860; Fifth, Bro. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445. Third Lecture: First Section, Bro. Musto, P.M. 1349; Second, Bro. Job, W.M. 1076; Third, Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554 and 933.

Bro. the Marquis of Londonderry, K.P. P.C. M. Durham, presided at the annual meeting, at Willis's Rooms, on Saturday, of the Royal Yacht Squadron, when, among other business to be transacted, was the election of a commodore, in place of the Earl of Wilton, deceased. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was present, and was unanimously chosen as successor to the late noble earl, and warmly thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him. On His Royal Highnesses proposition Bro. the King of Sweden and Norway was elected an honorary member. The Marquis of Londonderry remains vice-commodore. Among those present, in addition to the noble chairman, were H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire; Lord Suffield, Prov. G.M. Norfolk; Lord R. Grosvenor, M.P., P.G.W. England; Sir T. Brassey K.C.B., M.P.; G. Bentinck, M.P.; and the Rt. Hon. T. Milner-Gibson.

The medical profession have just sustained a great loss through the death of Sir John Cormack, M.D., English physician in Paris. Sir John, who was born in 1815, besides being a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London and Edinburgh, and a member of numerous other societies, was the author of several medical works, but he will be chiefly remembered for his brilliant services in Paris during the sieges of 1870 and 1871, for which he had received the Cross of the Legion of Honour. He was knighted by the Queen in 1872.

Bro. the Earl of Wharnclyffe presided at the meeting held, by the kind permission of Bro. Henry Irving, in the Lyceum Theatre, on Monday afternoon, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of a School of Dramatic Art. Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, Grand Senior Warden of Ireland, and Bro. J. L. Toole and G. A. Sala were among those present in support of the movement, the two last brethren taking an active part in the proceedings.

Bro. Baron Henry de Worms, M.P., was present on Wednesday last at the fifty-fifth anniversary festival of the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, which took place at the Crystal Palace.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro. G.M., presided on Wednesday last at the annual meeting of the Protestant Blind Pension Society.

Such is the demand for labour in New York that not 100 out of the 17,000 immigrants of last week lack employment. The demand for agricultural labour from the West is urgent, and offers to prepay passages are not infrequent.

The May flower show will take place at the Crystal Palace this day.

An emergency meeting of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday evening last.

The Beadon Lodge, No. 619, held its first meeting for the season on Wednesday last, at its old quarters, the Greyhound, Dulwich, under the presidency of Bro. W. Sharratt, the Worshipful Master for the second year.

A State Ball was held at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday last. The attendance was numerous.

The Four-in-Hand Club had their first meet for the season in Hyde-park, on Wednesday last. As usual, the gathering furnished a sight.

Bro. W. G. Lemon is a candidate for the office of City Remembrancer.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, J.G.W. (W.M. Grand Masters' Lodge), accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, paid a visit to Peckham, on Tuesday last, for the purpose of assisting in the opening of a sale of useful and ornamental goods, held on behalf of the Rye-lane Chapel and Sunday Schools.

The Princess of Wales, with the three young Princesses, her daughters, the Duke of Teck (President of the Society), and Princess Mary, Duchess of Teck, with the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, were among the visitors at the first summer exhibition of the Royal Botanical Society, held on Wednesday last, in the Regent's-park. The bright weather attracted unusual numbers of visitors to the beautiful gardens. The bands of the 1st Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards gave selections of music on the lawn.

The Prince of Wales left Marlborough House on Thursday afternoon last on a visit to Bro. Lord Carington, S.G.W., at High Wycombe, Bucks.

The Duke of Edinburgh formally inaugurated the new Edystone Lighthouse on Thursday last.

The Corinthian Lodge of Instructon, No. 1382, met on Tuesday at Bro. Clark's, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, E., the several offices being filled as follows: Bros. G. Smith, W.M.; Brittain, S.W.; Carnaby, P.M., J.W.; Delves, P.M., Preceptor; C. Searrell, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. Millington, P.M.; Doring, S.D.; Morrison, J.D.; and W. Raiker, I.G. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. McLeod, candidate; the ceremony being done with the view of making the officers of the mother lodge proficient for their several duties. The evening having passed most profitably, lodge was solemnly closed and adjourned until Tuesday next. Brethren who can make it convenient to attend this lodge will find a very cordial welcome extended to them.

In the collection near the Guildhall Library are two books in which are described the reception of King Charles I. by the Lord Mayor and aldermen upon his return from Scotland in 1641, and the entertainment given to the same king by the Corporation of London. Along with these works, which are quaintly illustrated, is another with a portrait of King Charles II. on its title-page, the subject being the absolute right of the monarch to the gold and silver of the realm.—*City Press*.

Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson presided at the forty-fifth anniversary dinner of the Grocers and Tea Dealers' Benevolent Society at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday last. About 200 guests were present. Bro. Wilhelm Ganz had the direction of the musical arrangements.

A biographical sketch and portrait of Bro. G. R. Sims, the dramatist, is announced to appear in to-day's number of *House and Home*.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., has given a dinner to 500 poor people at Jerusalem, in celebration of the marriage of Bro. the Duke of Albany.

Bro. R. R. Davis was elected a member of the United Wards Club, on Wednesday evening last.

Bro. F. Foxley was installed W.M. of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., will deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals of the ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1093, at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury-square, Islington, on Monday evening next.

The annual meeting of the British Equitable Assurance Company was held at the offices on Wednesday, the 10th inst., Mr. J. F. Hartley in the chair. The report of the directors was read by Bro. W. Gover (the managing director), from which it appeared that 2112 policies were issued during the year, assuring £402,847, and yielding a new annual premium income of £12,664. The policies in force at the end of the year were 25,630, assuring £4,715,799. The amount paid for death and matured claims and bonuses in the year was £71,702. Since the commencement of the company claims and bonuses had been paid for £667,837. The company had invested during the year £76,961, the average interest being at the rate of £4 15s. 3d. per cent.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman at a recent meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum, said he was connected with many charities, but in none of them did the subscribers possess a greater boon than in the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum. In other charities canvassing—or he would call it begging—was carried on; whilst in that one they had all the different candidates' cases stated, and they had simply to select those whom they considered most worthy. In fact, in that Orphanage they followed the true principle of charity, which was putting every consideration aside and helping the most deserving.

The June number of the Magazine of Art will comprise among its contents an article by Mr. Basil Champneys on "Wren and St. Paul's," which tells the story of the great architect's connection with the cathedral, and of the development of the present building from the ridiculous design approved by Charles II.; an important paper by Professor Colvin on Albert Dürer as a draughtsman, illustrated with ten specimens of his work; an "Art Fable" by Mr. Austin Dobson; and, under the title of "Fitness and Fashion," an account of the recent exhibition of hygienic clothing, illustrated by sketches of the divided skirt, the Greek dress, and other proposed innovations. The part will contain full-page engravings of "The Widow," after Luke Fildes, A.R.A.; the bronze group of "The Sailor's Wife," after Alphonse Legros; and "The Mountain Sprite," after Conrad Dieltz.

A meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington, was held on Tuesday afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. J. McIntosh, when His Majesty, William III., King of the Netherlands, was elected a Fellow. On several ladies and gentlemen the same honour was conferred, after which Professor Henslow, F.L.S., gave a lecture on the maple tree, with especial reference to the collection of Japanese varieties exhibited by Messrs. Veitch, to whom a silver medal was awarded. In the course of his remarks the Professor illustrated the antiquity of the tree by the fossil remains found near Lake Constance, and by the frequent allusions made to it in ancient classical writings.

Bro. W. Ganz will repeat at his concert this (Saturday) afternoon, Liszt's symphony to Dante's "Divina Commedia," which was given by him for the first time, at St. James's Hall, on Saturday, the 22nd ult.

The work of saving life from shipwreck on the shores of the British Isles has assumed such proportions and efficiency as it obtained at no former period. The National Lifeboat Institution contributed last year alone to the saving of 1121 lives from various wrecks, while the Board of Trade and the Coastguard, by means of the rocket apparatus, rescued upwards of 500 lives. These facts are learned from the annual report of the Lifeboat Institution, which has just been issued.

The mournful and shameful assassinations of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke have greatly affected all classes of society, and *Punch* has published the following touching "In Memoriam" to these two distinguished English public servants and citizens. As some of our readers may not see the pages of our well-known contemporary, we think it well to reprint the lines here:

"As blameless as the flowers which borrow stain
From the spilt ruddy life-stream of the slain,
When battle rages 'midst the fields of Spring;
As bravely fallen as the few who mount
The dread death-breathing breach, nor pause to count
The shot's quick crashing, or the steel's swift swing;
Rest, while the whole land's voice lifts to the blue,
In grief and praise, Pæan and Requiem too!"

Preparations are being made on an extensive scale for the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, on Whit Monday, to open the Abbey Park, Leicester. The route is about a mile and a quarter in length, and there will be ten triumphal arches of beautiful designs. The Lord Chancellor and Lord John Manners will be among the speakers at the luncheon. The Mayor will present the Prince with a splendid gold key, and the Mayoress the Princess with a silver spade with which to plant a tree to commemorate the visit.

Bro. the Duke of St. Alban's, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, presided at the annual festival of the Samaritan Free Hospital, held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, on Tuesday last, supported by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire (President of the Institution) and others. The Secretary announced the receipt of subscription and donations to the amount of £1258. Bro. Harker was toastmaster.

Bro. Dean Burgon has been lecturing at Gresham College on "Divinity" this week.

Bro. Brinsley has been appointed a member of the Markets and Special Guildhall Improvement Committees.

Bro. Inspector J. R. Foulger has been granted the superannuation allowance of £121 6s. 8d., on the recommendation of the Police Committee.

Bro. Horace Jones, Grand Superintendent of Works, the City Architect, has been elected President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, in succession to the late Mr. Street, R.A.

Bro. Joseph Young will be installed W.M. of the Fowke Lodge of Mark Masters, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday next.

Last year eleven new lifeboats were placed at the following stations: England and Wales, Co. Northumberland, Bamborough Castle; Yorkshire, Robin Hood's Bay and Whitby; Norfolk, Palling; Essex, Harwich; Sussex, Newhaven; Glamorganshire, Penarth; Pembrokehire, Little Haven, St. Bride's Bay; Carnarvonshire, Portmadoc; Anglesey, Cemaes. Ireland, Co. Dublin, Poolbeg.

On Saturday last the Lady Mayoress and party visited the Shipwrights' International Exhibition, held at the Fishmongers' Hall, and were shewn over the exhibition by the Honorary Secretary. The Lady Mayoress expressed great interests in the exhibits, and minutely examined the model of the old Viking ship from Norway. Before leaving, the party were photographed by one of the artists of the Stereoscopic Company.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Jersey entertained the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and Lady Georgiana Spencer Churchill, Viscount Cranbrook and Hon. Miss Gathorne Hardy, Lord and Lady Balfour of Burleigh, Lord and Lady Wm. Osborne, Lord Moreton, Lady Caroline Jenkins, Hon. Miss Leigh, Mr. H. Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grey, Mr. Browning, and Mr. Cotes at dinner, at their residence in Great Stanhope-street, Park-lane, on Wednesday last.

Further donations to the Royal College of Music have been made by Bros. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, Alderman Sir T. Gabriel, Bart., Alderman Hadley, Alderman Staples, and Alderman and Sheriff Hanson.

The president of the Royal College of Surgeons, Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, has nominated Dr. C. Meymott Tidy to the post of scientific analyst, an appointment which the Secretary of State for the Home Department has just confirmed.

Bro. Alderman P. de Keyser presided, in the absence of the Lord Mayor, at the forty-fifth anniversary festival of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Association, held at the Guildhall Tavern on the 12th inst.

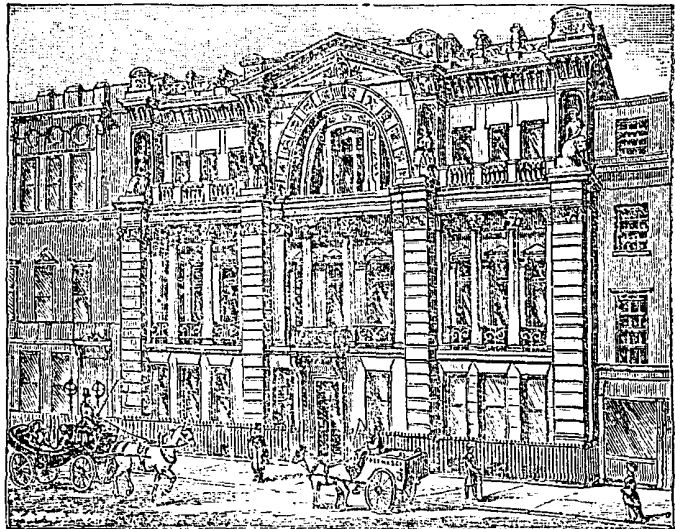
The thirty-fourth concert of the Great Western Railway Musical Society, of which Bro. H. E. Dehane is Secretary, took place on Friday. This was the last for the season of a most successful series.

The announcement that the Electric Exhibition now being held at the Crystal Palace, as at present constituted, will close on June 3rd, has given a fresh impulse to its undiminished attractions, many who have not yet visited it being naturally anxious to avail themselves of the rapidly passing opportunity for making themselves acquainted with such a collection of wonders of science as has never before been brought together.

An exhibition of bicycles and tricycles, and other kindred machines, was opened on Thursday last at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster.

Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor presided at the biennial Festival of the Finsbury Dispensary, at the Albion, on Friday, the 12th inst., supported by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hanson, Mr. Sheriff Ogg, the under-Sheriffs, and several distinguished visitors.

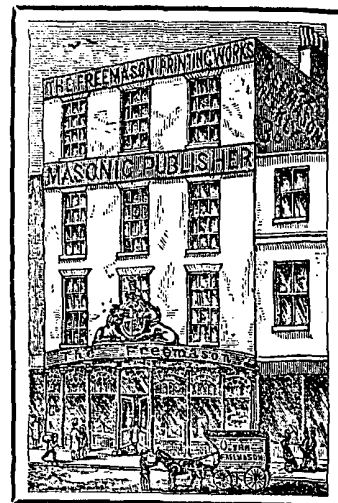
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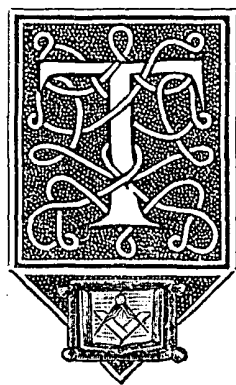
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