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THE interesting ceremonials in which H.R.H. the Duke of ALBANY took part last week at the Grand Mark Lodge supply us with many reflections, alike seasonable and suggestive. Among them are the rapid advance and great prosperity of the Mark Grade and Body, and the admirable and kindly way in which H.R.H. (better known to us, perhaps, as Prince LEOPOLD) performs all his duties, and not the least those connected with Freemasonry. It is, indeed, a very gratifying fact to realize and remember, at a time when so much foolish antagonism exists in some quarters to our useful, and loyal, and benevolent Order, that three sons of our gracious SOVEREIGN, herself the only daughter of an old Grand Master, should

—ne'er be ashamed

To hear themselves named,

With a Free and an Accepted Mason.

And more than this: it is a pleasant and a grateful thought for Freemasons everywhere, that not only do our Royal Family belong to our Order professedly, but they identify themselves with it on all occasions, endorse its tolerant principles, and are proud of its wondrous Cosmopolitanism, as before their fellow-countrymen and the world. Freemasonry has had its epochs of shade and disfavour, of open hostility, of covert ridicule; it has experienced its ample share of the incriminations of the ignorant, of the satire of the unjust. But it has outlived all these things, and will live them down, only provided that certain sections of our great Masonic Family do not betray us into the hands of the common enemy, by faithless forgetfulness of Masonic foundation-truths on the one hand, or open abjuration of the true old Masonic Landmarks on the other. We have, ourselves, no fear for present or for future, if only Freemasons be true to themselves, faithful to their own kindly tolerant, loyal, peaceful principles.

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WE much regret, we confess, that our esteemed Bro. CLABON did not take our friendly advice and withdraw his resolution, rather than endeavour to carry a motion which could only have led to its reversal by the provincial brethren on confirmation of the minutes, and might have given rise to a deplorable agitation. With Bro. CLABON'S argument, in the abstract, we are disposed to agree, that if year by year the expenditure exceeds the income of the Board of Benevolence, one of two courses must be adopted, either to increase the income or reduce the expenditure. But Bro. CLABON will forgive us for saying, that a great deal of the present "fidgettiness" about the Board of Benevolence, arises from the fact of some of his own previous and able arguments in Grand Lodge, that inasmuch as the Board of Benevolence had managed to save £50,000, such a sum might fairly be devoted to collatera branches of Masonic Benevolence, such as the creation of scholarships &c. Now we have never concealed our dissent from our very able and distinguished brother "ab initio," as we always held his very "petitio principii" was based on a fallacy. The funds of the Lodge of Benevolence are for Masonic Charity. "Solely devoted to charity." And we hold very strongly with many, that they cannot properly be diverted from pure, direct, Masonic Charity. Scholarships no doubt are charitable endowments, but they were not contemplated when the fund was formed, nor can they be covered now by the present provisions of the Book of Constitutions, by any possible interpretation. Not even, we venture to say, by the greatest latitude of application, by any legal fact or fiction, such as the "cypres" doctrine for instance, could it be held that we had a right to appropriate the fund of Benevolence, for bursarial or pupil endowments, unless, indeed, we had no applicants at all for Masonic Charity. But as this is not the case, nor is it likely to be the case, no such contingency can lawfully arise. It is not surprising that, seeing this and feeling this, many brethren have, perhaps too hastily, taken up the idea that as the money was there, they had better use it, forgetting that they were practically doing an act of injustice to the fund of which they were "cestui-que-trustes," in that, while it was proper to give according to need, it was as improper to give more than was needed, simply because the money was there to give. It is quite clear that for some time past, owing to various concomitant causes and from many conflicting reasons, with the best intentions in the world, the standard of grants has been pitched too high. We must, then, in a reduction of grants

look for the eventual "squaring" of income and expenditure, and not in any increase of the annual capitation payments for town and country members. It is not too much to say that twenty years ago the grant which would have been ten pounds is now thirty, and so on, if not more. If our good old Bro. SAVAGE were still alive he would simply "despair" at the "prodigality" of the Board. And in saying this we blame no one. We are all "in the same boat," all in the "same swim." No doubt things have much changed during the last twenty years. And that with changed circumstances there must be an increase of grants, no reasonable person will deny, though this increase ought not to be an inordinate one. Some of the higher grants for £200 and £150 require grave consideration and adjustment, as it is a fact, which some of us do not always realize, that fifty pounds, much more £100, for instance, are indeed, for the most part, very good grants. And having said this, we will add that there is no rule without an exception, and that undoubtedly some of the cases (most distressing in themselves) require large grants. Never, either at any time, did the Board take more pains with its grants, and the members present deserve the greatest praise for the assiduity, patience, forbearance, consideration, courtesey, and fairness which they exhibit as to all cases which come before them.

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WE would suggest to Bro. JAMES STEVENS the propriety for the present of leaving the question of Provincial Grand Lodge extension in the Metropolitan district alone. If such extension ever comes, it must come "proprio motu" of H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER and the proper authorities. It is impossible to concede the principle, "pro bono publico," that any one brother, by persistence and pressure is to induce a consideration of a favourite "fad." We need hardly point out the great inconvenience that must accrue to Grand Lodge and its members from repeated motions which come to nought, and reiterated resolutions which are necessarily ruled out of order. And there is a further point to which we must call attention. Such motions are not respectful to the GRAND MASTER or to the Grand Lodge. The question is one which lies so closely and clearly within the prerogative of the GRAND MASTER, that it seems most inadvisable in the best interests of English Freemasonry to persevere in a course of action which must be resisted by all who value equally the undoubted prerogative of the GRAND MASTER, and the unchanging privileges of Grand Lodge. If there is any wish on the part of the brethren in the suburban districts to be attached to adjacent Provincial Grand Lodges, or on the part of the Provincial Grand Lodges and Provincial Grand Masters to receive them, the proper course is for such brethren to petition the GRAND MASTER, or for Bro. JAMES STEVENS to move to alter the "ten miles radius" provision. But we feel sure we are giving Bro. JAMES STEVENS kindly advice when we recommend him to leave the matter where it is for the present, "sub silentio." Many brethren, as we know, become tired of reading constant motions, and the question if good in itself is prejudiced by this very fact. "Quia non movere" is a very sound old adage, applicable to this as to many other sub-lunary things.

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AT this inclement season, and after a recent dreadful fire, can nothing be done Masonically to help the 600 dependants on the Alhambra for existence, many of whom are now thrown out of work, have lost their musical instruments, and have before them the sufferings of probably a hard winter? It seems to us a very practical outcome of active personal benevolence, which may well commend itself to some Masonic minds. We shall be happy to help such a movement forward in any way we can. To their credit, the younger members of the Stock Exchange have very kindly initiated a subscription list. Since we wrote the above we note that the proprietary of the Alhambra and the theatrical profession have laudably started a movement of immediate relief, and our well-known and valued brother, E. Terry, takes an active part in the matter. Cannot we Freemasons help? Bro. Lord LONDENBOROUGH has presided over two meetings and is Chairman of the Committee. Could we not strengthen Bro. TERRY'S hands?

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A correspondent calls attention to a default of our Scrutineers at the Porch at last meeting of Grand Lodge; such little delays and absences will take place. Our authorities, will however, no doubt, see to the matter in future.

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THE Provincial Grand Treasurer for West Yorkshire, Bro. C. L. MASON, sends us elsewhere a very lucid letter as to the Provincial view on the Benevolent Capitation Question. We agree with him, as we point out elsewhere. We shall recur to the subject next week.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The customary monthly Meeting of the Committee was held at Great Queen Street on Wednesday, when there were present, Bros. Col. Creaton, G. Treas., in the chair, and the following brethren :

James Willing, jun., C. G. Dilley, J. Bulmer, C. A. Cottebrune, Geo. Snow, James Brett, James Kench, W. J. Murlis, W. H. Goodall, W. Stephens, J. A. Farnfield, J. Newton, J. M. Case, Raynham W. Stewart, William Hilton, J. R. Gallant, G. L. Moore, J. J. Berry, C. H. Webb, Julius Quitmann, Jabez Hogg, Thos. Cubitt, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

The SECRETARY reported the death of an annuitant since the last meeting of the Committee. The deceased had received from the funds of the Institution an aggregate sum of £295.

The WARDENS reported, first, that since last meeting Messrs. Chatto & Windus had sent a parcel of books for the benefit of the residents in the Institution at Croydon; and, secondly, that the amounts due to the annuitants had been paid.

Cheques were ordered to be signed for small repairs and rates, and also one for £20 for the customary entertainment on New Year's Day to the residents at the Institution.

The widow of the deceased annuitant above referred to applied for a grant of her late husband's annuity for three years, in terms of the bye laws, and the documents being found to be in order, the application was granted.

The SECRETARY said that he had a very unpleasant matter to report to the Committee. A brother who had stood as Steward at the festival in 1881, and another brother who had acted as such at the festival of the present year had not paid into the Institution the money they had collected, except a small sum which had been paid in by the brother first referred to; and, after some discussion, in which several brethren took part, it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to inform the defaulting brethren that, unless payment be made within fourteen days, the matter would be reported to the Board of General Purposes.

Bro. Dilley's notice of motion being the next business on the agenda,

Bro. DILLEY said that, impelled by commiseration for the position of the applicant, he gave notice that he would move that a grant of £10 should be voted to her. It appeared that an evening paper, in reporting the matter, had made remarks to the effect that the Institution had to deal with an Annuity Fund, and were not a Board of Benevolence. Seeing that the reporter had thought fit to dictate in a way that no reporter had a right to dictate to that Board, he (Bro. Dilley) felt it right to press his motion. He need not remind them that had this brother's widow been married to her late husband only a very short time longer she would have been entitled to £20 a year for three years. He proposed that a gratuity of £10 should be given to her; but on consideration, and uninfluenced by the newspaper referred to (which had only been shown to him that evening), he felt that his pity had no right to make him do that which he felt was wrong; but as this liberty had been taken with the Board, he moved that the £10 be paid.

At the request of a member Bro. DILLEY read the paragraph complained of.

Dr. JABEZ HOGG said he thought it was a pity that this matter had been brought forward in such a spirit, because the brethren could not feel that there was anything wrong in the paragraph which had been referred to. Bro. Dilley's motion was in order and the case could be considered on its merits. He thought that the reporter was perfectly at liberty to offer a comment if he considered that the case was a little out of the way, and required a little more consideration on that account. After the remarks made the other evening in Grand Lodge, he (Dr. Hogg), did think that some consideration was wanted; he thought that the caution recommended in that paragraph was wanted, and the Board did require to act with a good deal more caution than they had previously done. He rather felt that the remarks were not out of place, and that the Board was fairly open to them.

The CHAIRMAN said that Bro. Dilley's motion being in order he would put it to the vote.

The vote was put to the meeting and carried.

There were fourteen petitions considered, thirteen of which were approved and the names added to the list of candidates for election. One was deferred for a medical examination and report, which Dr. Hogg kindly undertook to make.

There being no further business a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Monday the 27th, ult., when the following brethren were present :

Bros. H. C. Oakeover, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. B. Hextall, P.S.G.W.; Septimus Stone, P.J.G.W.; Rev. Thomas Orrell, Prov. Grand Chap.; Wm. Naylor, P.G. Sec.; A. Frazer, P.G.S.D.; J. Allen, P.G.J.D.; D. A. Davis, P.G. Supt. of Wks.; James Whitehead, P.G. Dir. of Cers.; James Bettle, P.G. Asst. Dir. of Cers.; E. Horne, P.G. Org.; Thomas Halliday, P.G. Purst.; Thomas Parker, P.G. Std. Br.; F. G. Boven, and W. Helps, Stwds.; Rev. A. A. Bagshawe, P.P.G. Chap.; Thomas Horsley, P.P.S.G.W.; Frank Crampton, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; J. G. Alleyne, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Hillam, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Graham, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.; W. J. Gothard, P.P.G.P. and P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland; J. H. Lawson, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Smith, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Moore, P.P.G. Reg.; James B. Coulson, P.P.G. Sec.; E. Faulkner, P.P.S.G.D.; Peter Brammell, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. H. Tutt, P.P.G. Org.; Thomas R. Gee, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; R. Bennett, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; H. Lennox, P.P.J.G.D.; E. R. Hart, P.P.G. Reg.; Wm. Johnson, W.M. 353; R. Pender, P.M. 506; W. Watts, W.M. 624; H. George, W.M. 884; T. Horsley, jun., W.M. 253; G. Day, I.P.M. 1324; W. H. Fisher, P.M. 1324; A. L. Straus, W.M. 1688; C. Wilkinson, W.M. 1235; G. T. Reading, 353; W. Abbott, J.W. 1324; A. Morton, I.G. 1324; W. Boughen, P.M. 1235; J. H. Jackson, P.M. 654; J. D. Simpson, Org. 1952; W. D. Sutton, P.M. 1235; J. Gladwin, S.D. 1235; G. Smedley, S.W. 1235; R. Lane, 1235; J. Hall, 1235; A. Oram, 1235; W. C. Cheever, 1235; H. Harrison, W.M. 506; J. Noon, Tyler 506; W. B. Woodforde, 787; E. Thompson, 812; C. D. Hart, J.W. 1085; W. P. Bowler, W.M. 787; T. Turner, P.M. 506; T. R. Hibbert, S.D. 787; W. T. Palmer, P.M. 787; G. Walker, W.M. 654; R. T. Earp, 506; S. Collier, S.W. 625; W. H. Hodgson, J.W. 625; J. Hadfield, W.M. 625; R. Wall, P.M. 884; J. Hawthorn, S.W. 654; J. Bland, S.W. 731; S. H. Masters, J.W. 654; W. Prince, P.M. 850; J. W. Wyatt, I.P.M. 654; J. West, J.D. 787; and R. K. Lisenden, J.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

Provincial Grand Lodge was then opened, and the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY called over the roll of lodges in the province, there being but two lodges unrepresented. The roll of Prov. Grand Officers was next called over, and the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand meeting were read and confirmed. The V.W. Deputy P.G. Master next received the annual written reports of the doings of each lodge in the province during the past year, and which were read aloud by each W.M., and showed a satisfactory condition of Masonic advancement throughout the province.

The report of the Masonic Hall Committee was also most satisfactory, that inasmuch it showed (to the great credit of the Derbyshire brethren) the debt of £1150, which existed twelve months since, to have been completely wiped off; and this happy result had been obtained in a great measure through the liberality of Bros. John Smith and Abraham Woodiwis (both ex-mayors of Derby), who had subscribed £200 each towards extinguishing the debt, whilst the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, had through its members given £141, the remainder being subscribed by the various lodges in the province. The announcement that the Hall now belonged to the province was received with much pleasure, and is undoubtedly most meritorious on the part of our Derbyshire brethren.

The Charity report was next received, from which it appeared that no candidate had solicited any aid from either of the Charities, which had been individually and collectively subscribed to by all the lodges in the province. The Chairman of the Charity Committee, Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.G.S.W. (who has been re-appointed for the ensuing year), read the report, and further stated that there were upwards of 3000 votes belonging and at the present time owing to the province.

The report of the Audit Committee was next received, after which the election of Provincial Grand Treasurer was proceeded with, the choice of the brethren again falling upon Bro. Thomas Cox, who was declared re-elected.

The V.W. Deputy PROV. GRAND MASTER then appointed and invested the following brethren officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz. :

Bro. J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" Wm. Walters, P.M. 353	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. Thos. Orrell, 731 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. Whittaker, P.M. 731	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. Cox, P.M. 253	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Wm. Naylor, P.M. 1085	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Wm. Cameron Moore, P.M. 1235	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. E. Russell, P.M. 1085	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. S. Allen, P.M. 1739	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Percy Wallis, P.M. 850	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. H. Jackson, P.M. 654	...	...	Prov. G.A.D.C.
" R. Pinder, P.M. 506	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Thompson, jun., 802	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" S. Steele, P.M. 802	...	...	Prov. G. Purs.
" W. Lytle, P.M. 787	...	...	Prov. G.A. Purs.
" W. Stone, 1085	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
Bros. H. A. Bemrose and A. H. Crump, 253; James Noon and T. N. Turner, 506; and Frank Bryant and Wm. Parker, 802	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

A resolution was unanimously passed expressing the opinion of Prov. Grand Lodge that Bro. Clabon's motion as to "the payment of an increased quarterage by Provincial Grand Lodges" should be rejected.

A vote of thanks was also unanimously awarded to Bro. William Naylor (the courteous and indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary, for his energetic services on behalf of the Masonic Hall Debt Fund).

A committee was appointed to consider and report to a future Provincial Grand Lodge the question of re-furnishing the hall in a more suitable style than at present, and a notice of motion was given "That a sum not exceeding £250 should be placed at the disposal of the committee for the above object."

Provincial Grand Lodge was afterwards formally closed, most of the brethren remaining for the banquet, which was presided over by the V.W.D.G.M., and during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

## CONSECRATION OF THE EARL OF CLARENDON LODGE, No. 1984.

On Wednesday afternoon, Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Herts, consecrated the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, No. 1984, at the Town Hall, Watford, assisted by the Grand Secretary of England, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and brethren to the number of about 150, the principal part of which number consisted of Provincial and Past Provincial Officers of Herts. The full list of the brethren who attended was as follows :

Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., Dep. P.G. Master; John L. Mather, Henry John Giller, G. Tidcomb, Treas.; William Wilson, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; William Large, J.D.; Alfred Cotton, D.C.; T. F. Halsey, P.G.M.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. Webster, P.M. 1479; T. Kent, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.D.; Philip Deedes, 1479; G. Young, W.M. 1707; W. T. Graves, J. Noyes, W.M. 1327; J. Hodges, W.M. 1706; R. J. Ward, J.W. 1541; E. Wilding, 1541; F. Davison, P.M. 10; C. W. Reynolds, W.M. 1479; George F. Smith, jun., W.M. 1839; W. Stedman, S.W. 1765; T. C. Carter, P.M. 403; John Shearman, 1146; John Livingston, P.M. 1385; John T. Bolding, 173; E. F. Francis, 403; John Purrott, 1479; D. M. Dewar, P.M. 1415; C. E. Keyser, I.P.M. 404; T. Woodman, P.M. 1757; John Fisher, P.M. 1327; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 58, 404; P.G. Steward; C. Payser, 404; Frederick Binckes, P.M., P.G. Steward; Charles N. Killick, W.M. 1580; John Gibbs, S.D. 1580; John G. Volland, W.M. 1385; James Stevens, P.M. 1426; John F. Lee, W.M. 404; C. W. Allen, W.M. elect 1385; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece, P.M. 645; H. Balderson, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 1757; George Kenning, P.G.D. Middlesex; George Mickley, P.M. 449, P.P.G.D. Herts; J. Brittain, S.D. 1385, P.P.G.S.; Walter E. Gompertz, W.M. Gresham, P.G.J.D.; T. Binslow, 657; Herbert A. P. Cooper, P.M. 501; E. F. Foord, P.P.G.R. Herts; Henry J. Bell, 404; J. Shilcock, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, P.M. 449; Sidney Martin, J.D. 404; Joseph Belcher, 1784; W. Oswell Thompson, P.P. G.C. Herts, P.M. 1757; T. Chas. Grant, P.M. 38; G. G. Flint, J.W. 404; Charles Veal, P.G.J.D. Surrey, Sec 1549; E. Bamford, W.M. 1549; H. C. Finch, P.M. 404; A. P. Brett, P.M. 404; E. D. Hatch, P.M. 357; G. F. Cook, 1580; F. Hall, 405, P.G.A.P.; T. H. Lane, J.D. 1269; J. E. Cussans, 403, P.G.S.W.; Edgar Bowyer, 1580, P.P.G.S.W.; George Finch, 404, 1757, P.P.G. Chap.; John E. Dawson, P.M. 404, Prov. G. Sec.; C. Thomas, Prov. G. Tyler Herts; John Middleton, Assist. Tyler; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened shortly after three o'clock in the Three Degrees. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. Graves, who was assisted by Bros. J. Lyndon Hodges, J. Stedman, G. F. Smith, and Frank Ward.

After the preliminary steps, the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. OSWELL THOMPSON, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, delivered the oration.

The ceremony of consecration was then conducted through all its stages in admirable style; and, after the formal dedication to the purposes of Freemasonry,

Bro. HALSEY informed the brethren that Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., would instal Dr. Wilson Iles as the first Master of the new lodge.

Bro. Halsey thereupon resigned the chair to Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who proceeded with the ceremony of installation. The Board of Installed Masters was exceedingly numerous. Dr. Wilson Iles having been formally installed and saluted, invested the following brethren as officers of the lodge

for the year: Bros. J. L. Mather, S.W.; H. J. Giller, J.W.; G. Tidcomb, jun., Treas.; W. Wilson, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; W. T. Graves, J.D.; W. Large, M.C.; T. C. Grant, I.G.; and Charles Thomas, Tyler.

After the addresses the W.M. called upon the brethren, as their first act as a lodge, to salute the Provincial Grand Master, which was accordingly done.

Propositions for initiations and joining were then given in, and on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. T. F. Halsey, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, were elected honorary members of the lodge.

Both brethren thanked the lodge, and expressed the gratification they had experienced in performing the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

A vote of thanks was also carried to Bro. George Lambert for the loan of the consecrating vessels.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, the W.M. presiding, supported on his right by the Prov. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, and on his left by the Past Prov. Grand Chaplain and Bro. the Rev. O. Thompson. After banquet the usual toasts were proposed.

The W.M., in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, &c.," said that the Earl of Clarendon Lodge took peculiar interest in the Earl of Lathom, because he was brother-in-law to the Earl of Clarendon, from whom the lodge took its name. With regard to the Grand Secretary he was the right man in the right place, and he believed there was never a righter man in the right place.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in reply, after thanking the W.M. on behalf of the Grand Officers, said, for himself, that he thanked the W.M. for his very flattering remarks; and he could assure both the W.M. and the brethren that it was a sincere pleasure to him to attend and put his shoulder to the wheel, and do some of the work of the day. He was only too happy and too ready, so far as in his power lay, to give any assistance whatever in the cause of Masonry. The W.M. having entrusted him with the next toast, he was sorry he had not sufficient eloquence to bring before the brethren adequately the task he was entrusted with; but the toast thoroughly commended itself to the brethren—"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master." What could he say to the brethren of Herts that they did not already know better than he did? Bro. Halsey had made his mark in Masonry long before he was appointed Provincial Grand Master. Since he had held the position he had taken the deepest possible personal interest in the welfare and prosperity of the province; he never lost any opportunity of coming among the provincial brethren and giving them the advantage of his genial countenance and presence; his heart went into all their ceremonies, and he thoroughly identified himself with the brethren of the province. Therefore, the province was most heartily to be congratulated in having Bro. Halsey as Provincial Grand Master, and he hoped he might long live to retain that position.

Bro. HALSEY, in responding to the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said he thanked the brethren most cordially for their reception, and could only say in return that it had given him very great pleasure to be present to consecrate another lodge in his province. The Earl of Clarendon was the fourth new lodge that had come into existence in the province since he had the honour of becoming Provincial Grand Master. If they went on like that it was a proof that, although Herts was a small province, and might not be able to compete with the large provinces of the manufacturing districts of the North of England, still that, as a country district Masonry was holding its own in it, and doing the work that it should do in the kingdom. He rejoiced most cordially that it should be so, but whilst acknowledging the kind expressions of the Grand Secretary, he must say that it was not due to his own merits so much as to the strong support he had received from the Provincial Grand Officers under him, and especially to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Secretary. He did not think he should be doing his duty if he was to sit down without mentioning in terms of cordial acknowledgment the various services these brethren had rendered to the province, because he did not believe there was any Provincial Grand Master who had such a Deputy and such a Secretary, together, to assist him. The whole of the credit for the work which had been done, which was given to him, was really due to those brethren. At the same time it gave him great pleasure to do what he did; and he certainly did endeavour, as much as he could (of course as family cares increased it became the more difficult), to perform his duties as Provincial Grand Master. It was the duty of a Provincial Grand Master, when he accepted the office, to make himself personally acquainted, as far as he could, with the state of Masonry in his province, and go as often as he could among the brethren. That he had humbly endeavoured to do. He must congratulate the Earl of Clarendon Lodge more especially on the very successful commencement of its Masonic career; but he would remind the brethren that their successful commencement, in itself, laid on them a great responsibility. It would be for them, by their own exertions, to keep up the prestige of the Craft which they had joined. He believed there was ample room for such a lodge, and he sincerely trusted it might have a long career of usefulness and prosperity, and he thought it was the duty of every Provincial Grand Master to advise a young lodge in his province to look not so much to quantity as to quality. At the present moment Masonry held a high position in this country—he did not think he should be wrong in saying a higher position than it had held at any past time; but then it was the very pride of that position which involved certain drawbacks. Of course, to a certain extent, they knew that Masonry, at the present time, was in a greater degree of fashion, and when anything became a fashion there would always be a set of people who wished to be in the fashion. It might be quite right; but it was the duty of every lodge to exercise the utmost circumspection in recruiting and keeping up the numbers. Masons wished to exclude no one if he was in a respectable and reputable position in life, and would reflect credit on Masonry. We all know the ups and downs of life. Those who were in the highest position to-day might be in trouble to-morrow, and if a Mason who had been in good circumstances fell into want they were only too proud to extend to them brotherly relief. But at the same time they were not a mere benefit society. They did not join Masonry as they could join a club or other society, where if they subscribed so much in a certain time, they were entitled to so much. That was not the object with which a man ought to enter Masonry, for they ought to keep Masonry on a higher pedestal than that. For that reason, he thought it was the duty of brethren, occupying a similar position to himself, when addressing a young lodge, to caution the brethren in quality to maintain their character, and not to think a lodge was prosperous because it had a large number of members. He felt it his duty, as their Provincial Grand Master,

at the opening of a new lodge in his province, to make that caution. He believed that it was unnecessary in this case, for he was certain that a lodge started under such auspices as the Earl of Clarendon, and under the guidance of such an experienced brother as Bro. Dr. Wilson Iles—to say nothing of other members of the lodge. He felt sure that this lodge would do its duty and become an ornament and credit to Masonry in general, and Masonry in that province in particular. Before sitting down he had to turn to a more pleasing task, and ask the brethren to drink "The Health of the W.M." It had given him great pleasure to propose the toast, because on every occasion the W.M. had in the most enthusiastic manner, and at the utmost inconvenience to himself, always supported him most loyally in the province; and he could only say that it gave him the very highest pleasure to be able on the present occasion, however inadequately and unworthily, to return a little of that support by coming to support him in the chair.

The W.M., in reply, said he responded to the toast in a dual capacity. Following the footsteps of so distinguished a chief as Bro. Halsey, it would seem there was very little he could do without trenching on his prerogative. Nevertheless, he hoped in the course he had endeavoured to pursue he had not trenched on the prerogative, but had followed the course the Provincial Grand Master would follow—as far as his own avocations would permit. He had followed the lodges in the province and had reported their progress to the Prov. Grand Master, and it had been gratifying for him to do so, because on all occasions he had been received in those lodges with the greatest cordiality, and he had great pleasure in observing during the years he had been in office the great progress Masonic working had made in the province. He could remember the time when the ritual, he would not say was unknown, but it was very little known; it was in the hands of very few, and the ceremonies were worked by a Past Master, or some brother who was used to do it, and the W.M. stood on one side of the purpose. But now he saw brethren doing their duty as far as they possibly could, and succeeding in a most admirable manner. He did not care where they went throughout the country, but he did not believe they would find the ritual of Masonry better worked than in the Province of Herts. As W.M. of this new lodge, which had just been consecrated, he felt he had accepted a very responsible position. It was somewhat different when a lodge was established where Masonry had not previously existed, but when a new lodge was established where another lodge had been going on in a most admirable manner for fifty years, it was a great responsibility to undertake the working of a new lodge. But they had only to emulate the work that had been done in the mother lodge of that town and they could not do very far wrong. There were many brethren who could back him up in saying that the work of the lodge was very admirably carried on; and it would be the endeavour of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge to emulate the working of that lodge, to raise it by degrees to a similarly proud position in the province. No efforts on his part would be wanting, and those brethren who were associated with him would sustain him cordially in that endeavour. He felt they could not be too careful in following the advice of the Provincial Grand Master as to the admission of members to the new lodge. It was not, as the Provincial Grand Master had so justly observed, so much quantity as quality that they must go in for. The lodge was established to fill up a gap in that widely increasing place, as far as Freemasonry was concerned, and he hoped they would do so worthily; but at the same time they should be careful in scrutinising the quality of those gentlemen or brethren who were proposed for initiation or joining, and they should not admit to their lodge those who they did not believe would be a credit to Masonry. The W.M. then thanked the brethren for coming in such large numbers to the consecration.

The W.M. next proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it must be a great satisfaction to the founders of the lodge to see so many Provincial Grand Officers around them. They were exceedingly grateful for the presence of those officers, and hoped to see them frequently among them. The Provincial Grand Officers had in the past discharged important duties, and in their present position they were still doing good service; and, notably, he might mention the good service rendered that day by the Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Thompson. The oration he delivered was worthy of the occasion; worthy of him, and worthy also to be remembered by those who heard him. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Cussans, Prov. S.G.W., and Bro. the Rev. Oswald Thompson, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain.

Bro. CUSSANS said he was proud of the position he held, and he knew the Grand Officers had the goodwill of the Prov. Grand Master. Although young as a Prov. Grand Officer, he was twenty-four years old as a Mason. The Prov. Grand Officers were in a chrysalis state till they got Grand Office, and when they became gaudy butterflies they had very little to do. It was not so with all the Prov. Grand Officers; for instance, the Prov. Grand Treasurer and the Prov. Grand Secretary, who had very hard work to do. The Grand Wardens had nothing to do except to thank the brethren very heartily for drinking this toast.

Bro. the Rev. OSWALD THOMPSON, P.P.G.C., replying, said the Grand Senior Warden had made the remark with regard to their Grand Officers, to which he ventured, in all humility, to take exception. When he spoke of the butterfly condition into which he developed when he put on the Provincial purple, perhaps it was true that they put on gaudy colours, but if he likened that position to a position in which they did nothing, as in the chrysalis state, he would find that they had a great deal to do, for they were all ready to produce any number of young Masons. He did not think anyone could have the slightest doubt about this now that the second lodge was established at Watford. They were still surrounded by Masonic emblems which reminded them of eternity and prosperity. The Clarendon Lodge had been opened with considerable éclat, and he trusted it might go on and prosper. On the part of the Grand Officers, he trusted they might have more than one occasion yet before they passed from this sublimary sphere in which they would be present at the consecration of a lodge in Herts. This was the second consecration in the province that he had attended. He had the honour of being the first Master of one lodge, at which a great number of brethren were present; but an immense number had been present at the consecration of the Earl of Clarendon Lodge, and he trusted that all new lodges consecrated in that province would have such good patronage.

The W.M. next proposed "The Visitors," to which toast Bro. F. Davison, P.M. 10, and Bro. C. F. Matier, responded, and the other toasts having been honoured, the proceedings terminated.

The evening was enlivened with some beautiful singing by the musical brethren named above.

The London brethren returned to town by the express train from Liverpool, which the General Manager of the London and North Western Railway had arranged to stop at Watford for that purpose.



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The following communications have been received, but owing to want of space are not inserted in this issue:—

Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 40.  
Love and Honour Lodge, No. 75.  
St. John's Lodge, No. 80.  
St. Hilda Lodge, No. 240.  
Clausentum Lodge, No. 1461.  
St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1760.  
Hadrian Lodge, No. 1970.  
La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.  
Premier Grand Conclave Red Cross.

## BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Jewish Chronicle," "The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "The Orient," "The Doncaster Gazette," "The Hull Packet," "The Citizen," "The Court Circular," "The Bolton Weekly Guardian," "Tenikoi Kanoniemoi" (Athens), "The Voice of Masonry," "The Founding of Pennsylvania," "La Chaine D'Union," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Newcastle Daily Journal."

By an unaccountable mistake in the copy furnished us of the proceedings of Grand Lodge on the 7th inst., and which appeared in the *Freemason* of Saturday last, two speeches on Bro. Clabon's motion are credited to Bro. Birkenhead and Bro. Johnston, instead of Bros. Cumberland and Alpass respectively. How these mythical personages got substituted for the names of the well-known brethren just mentioned is a mystery which, after the most diligent enquiry, we are unable to unravel, and we can only offer our apologies to Bros. Cumberland and Alpass for the error.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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.]

### BRO. CLABON'S MOTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on the 6th inst., as reported in the *Freemason* of the 9th inst., at which I was present, I think some of the statements made by Bro. James Stevens, if left uncorrected, are likely to mislead. He stated:

1st. The Provincial brethren at the present time contribute to the Fund of Benevolence about as much as the metropolitan.

2nd. Did not the country brethren who were relieved represent two-thirds of amount of that number?

3rd. He was adverse to being mulcted in a larger sum than the provincial brethren.

Were these statements correct they would tell against the

provincial brethren. I have before me the printed reports of the quarterly communication of Grand Lodge, and taking the contributions received from the various lodges as therein published for a period of twelve months, commencing 1st July, 1881, and ending 30th June, 1882, I find the contributions from the lodges to the Fund of Benevolence amount to £7496 6s. 5d.

From London Lodges ...	£2587	3	6
From Provincial Lodges ...	4894	3	11
From abroad ...	14	19	0

That I think proves Bro. Stevens's first statement to be incorrect. On carefully analysing the grants made over the same period I find the sums voted to London and provincial brethren amount to £10,205, viz.:

To London Brethren ...	£4185	0	0
To Provincial Brethren ...	6020	0	0

If the provinces send up nearly two-thirds of the payments to the Fund of Benevolence (besides contributing a like sum to their own provinces), surely it is no hardship to the London brethren if their provincial brethren get two-thirds of the grants. The above figures however do not show they receive that proportion.

Bro. Stevens's third statement is quite wrong. It is well known that every Mason in England and Wales contributes one shilling per quarter to Benevolence. In London the whole is paid over to the Board of Benevolence, but in the provinces the Constitutions allow the brethren to send half to London and half to their Provincial Grand Lodges. If all were sent to London the matter would stand thus:

Contributions from London Lodges...	£2587	3	6
Contributions from Provincial Lodges	9788	7	10

I think such a statement should not have been made by Bro. Stevens, considering his Masonic experience and knowledge, and could only have been done to tell in favour of the motion and to the detriment of the provinces.

In Bro. Clabon's closing remarks he called attention to the votes of that evening as between London and the provinces. Out of eighteen cases twelve were provincial and six London; quite right, the proper proportion. The case, however, really stood—seven London (£350) and eleven provincial (£750).

Bro. Clabon further stated, "He asked the country brethren to give one shilling a year—all this grand oratory had been against paying one shilling a year." Bro. Clabon hardly realises that meant drawing nearly £5000 a year from the lodges in the provinces; for, had the motion been carried, the quartrages of the provincial brethren would have been raised to 1s. 6d., half being sent to London and half to the Provincial Grand Lodges; otherwise, the position of London and provincial brethren would have been different, which is quite inconsistent with the Constitutions of the Order.

The best suggestions made at the meeting were, altering the time of membership qualifying for a grant; or, that no grant should be made exceeding £5 unless the brother had been initiated more than five years; and also discontinuing the large grants except under very exceptional circumstances.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, I am, yours fraternally,  
CHARLES L. MASON, P.M. 304,  
P.P.G. Treas. W. Yorks.

Leeds, Dec. 2nd.

### PROVINCIAL PREFERMENT.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I have read the letter of "Spectemur Agendo" on Provincial preferment with great pleasure. The present hap-hazard way of selecting Provincial Officers is the cause of a grievance in nearly every Provincial Grand Lodge in the Kingdom—in some more than others. I know there is much strong feeling on this point in the province to which I belong. There is complaining on all sides, and it is not without cause. It seems to me that some such plan as that suggested by your correspondents, incorporated in the new Constitutions, would leave no room for a just grievance. Every lodge knows best the P.M. whom it appreciates as the most deserving of its members. Can any Prov. Grand Master know as well as they do? Such an one, according to the plan suggested, would have a preponderating majority in favour of his being recommended to the Prov. Grand Secretary. At present many such are neglected and "left out in the cold."

We all know that it rests with the Prov. Grand Secretary to draw up the list of Provincial Officers—likely submitting it to the Deputy Master. At any rate this is the case in the Prov. Grand Lodge to which I belong, and with what result? Many Past Masters—some I know of eighteen years' standing—who are admired, not by one lodge, but several for their active Masonic life, have been passed over for others that only passed the chair two or three years ago.

Our brethren cannot but ask why this is, and talk about it; and it is painful in travelling with the brethren to Prov. Grand Lodge meeting to hear some of them joke—truth sometimes is spoken in a joke—about presents of game and orders for the shop having any influence with the Prov. Grand Secretary in his selection of the brethren for Prov. Grand honours. The Constitutions ought not to leave it, by omission, indefinite like this. I think a certain number of lodges in the province, in rotation, year by year, should send to the Prov. Grand Secretary their selection of names, giving him the data requisite to make his selection, such as how long a P.M., if regular, active, and otherwise deserving. Some such plan would certainly remove an

existing grievance, and prove a decided stimulus on the Past Masters of lodges to continue their attendance, their work, and their interest in their lodges. And it is, without prospect of further advancement, that the great bulk of Past Masters attend their lodges very seldom, and do little or no work.

This seems to me a matter of such importance as to require some consideration on the part of our Masonic rulers. Believe me, truly yours,  
A SUBSCRIBER.

### SPECIAL GRANTS BY GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

From some remarks made concerning my proposition for scholarships in the Royal College of Music, it appears that many brethren are not aware of the number and variety of "special grants" made at different times by Grand Lodge, which effectually disposes of the objection to endow scholarships, on the ground that Grand Lodge can only assist purely Masonic institutions. The list is very creditable to Grand Lodge, and is an answer to those who say "the Masons, as a body, confine charity to their own family circle."

#### 1825. For Relief of Sufferers by Inunda-

tion in Hanover ...	£100	0	0
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1855 Patriotic Fund ...	1000	0	0
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1858 Indian Relief Fund ...	1000	0	0
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1863 Lancashire Relief Fund ...	1000	0	0
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1867 Turk's Island Relief Fund...	100	0	0
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1868 } Palestine Exploration ...	210	0	0
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1876 } Peruvian Earthquakes ...	105	0	0
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1870 } For Aid of Sick and Wounded in War ...	500	0	0
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1871 } Refugee's Benevolent Fund ...	100	0	0
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1871 } Life Boat Institution ...	4050	0	0
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1872 } Chicago Relief ...	500	0	0
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1872 } Famine in Persia ...	105	0	0
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1874 } Bengal Famine ...	500	0	0
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1875 } St. John's New Brunswick, Sufferers from Fire ...	210	0	0
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1875 } Peru "Cataclysm" ...	105	0	0
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1875 } Indian Famine ...	1050	0	0
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1875 } Hurricane, Curaçoa ...	100	0	0
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1880 } Irish Distress ...	500	0	0
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I forbear making any remarks on the above at present, and am, yours fraternally,  
E. T. BUDDEN.

### COUNTRY BRETHREN AT GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Will you kindly allow me to growl? I think I have good reason, as a country brother wishing to visit Grand Lodge meetings, to grumble at the way in which we brethren from the provinces are treated, as the following will show:

On the occasion of the last meeting of Grand Lodge, after clothing ourselves, we proceeded, as usual, to the table where the scrutineers should preside, to give our names and obtain our "bone." Would you believe it, when I got there I found only one present (he was shortly after joined by a second) to pass the great crowd waiting for entrance into Grand Lodge, and he (as he repeatedly told us) was only a substitute doing duty in the place of those who should have been there; and, to mend matters, there was such a scarcity of the magic "bones" by which we were to be admitted into Grand Lodge, that the whole system—or rather want of system—was brought to a standstill twice for the want of them.

Who are the scrutineers who should attend to this business? and why do not the proper officials see that they, or some substitutes for them, are in their places ready and able to do their respective duties?

Surely, if country brethren travel two or three hundred miles to attend Grand Lodge, it ought to be worth while to make some preparations for them to be admitted into it without the turmoil and annoyance to which they were subjected to last Wednesday night. One brother told me he had travelled 300 miles to attend Grand Lodge, and was three-quarters of an hour before he got his pass to go into the lodge. It cannot be that the country brethren are not wanted in Grand Lodge.

Trusting to find that there is a better arrangement the next time Grand Lodge is visited, I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
A COUNTRY BROTHER.

### ONE REASON AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In common with many others, I was struck with Bro. James Stevens's argument on Bro. Clabon's motion to augment the payments for Benevolence. Put into other words it amounts to this—all ought equally to pay to the Benevolent Fund. I quite agree with the proposition abstractedly, inasmuch as the present system of payment abounds in anomalies and incongruities. The London brethren pay four shillings each per annum; the provincial brethren and military lodges two shillings, and the colonial brethren "nil," and yet each equally claim the benefit of the Fund of Benevolence.

It is true, that in the provinces there is a local fund of benevolence, so that the provincial brethren pay actually to a divided Fund of Benevolence as much as the London brethren. But there is this essential difference: the provincial brethren can come on the General Fund; the London brethren, (if not members of the province) cannot come on the provincial fund. This seems at first sight not equal

measure. And yet Grand Lodge deliberately recognizes it in these words, that "the members of country lodges have the advantage of a local fund, as well as of the general fund of charity in London."

A good deal may be said for the fact that practically the administration of the funds is in the hands of the London brethren, owing to the distance from London of the provincial members of the Board; and, therefore, on the whole, despite any seeming inequality of system and arrangement, I cannot see how the present regulations can be judiciously altered. Yours fraternally, FAIR PLAY.

#### OUR REPORT OF GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

You must excuse my calling your attention to the report of the proceedings of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last, as given in this day's *Freemason*. Bro. Johnston is stated to have addressed Grand Lodge instead of your humble servant. I am made to say that this province is educating 1840 children, and that we have an Annuity Fund on which there were forty annuitants. What I did say was as follows: "We were educating 144 children, and had an Annuity Fund from which we voted £20 per annum, to Aged Freemasons. I remain, yours fraternally,

H. S. ALPASS,  
G. Std. B. and Prov. G. Sec.,  
West Lancashire.

Dec. 9.



#### THE BROAD ARROW. By CEINWEN. Bernard Quaritch, 15, Piccadilly, London.

This is a well printed "tractate" to prove that the Welsh are descended from the Jewish people. The writer, who seems to have studied the subject carefully, bases a considerable portion of the argument on the Druidic symbolism, on the Welsh, (or Armorican), language, and illustrates such contention alike by analogies with other Oriental languages, as well as by the mysterious Druidic use of the Broad Arrow. There is no doubt that ethnology is the most taking of studies; but it is often the most misleading. Rather, let us say, it branches off into so many directions, that there is a great temptation always to uphold a "fad" and start a "hare," which, when either it is fathomed or even run down, leads to nothing, or, as the French say, "about au rien." Many, therefore, of our modern works, with their ethnological researches, and their philological developments, are not safe guides to follow. It has been said that you can "derive anything from anything," and certainly many of the lucubrations of such enthusiastic writers constitute a "post hoc propter hoc" in a most remarkable degree. The history of the Jewish people, during the captivity and after the captivity, is still enwrapped in much obscurity. Contemporary history does not seem to confirm the theories of repeated migrations or deliberate escapes from captivity. The numerous traditions of Hebrew settlements in China, India, the Caucasus, Africa, &c., &c., may be true; but of that historical truth very little safe evidence remains, except in the subtle theories of theological, and the ingenious propositions of ethnological writers. There are many curious coincidences, and many startling realities in connexion with the dispersion of God's favoured people, which always require thought and demand attention. We should have been inclined to think that it might be a safer ground to suppose that after the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus, and the occupation of Syria by Roman legionaries, there might have set in a great Jewish emigration movement. But we are not aware of any historical evidence to confirm even this more reasonable suggestion, except in so far as the general dispersion took place, in fulfilment of prophecy. At the same time we say this, we are not insensible to the fact, as we before remarked, that much haze rests on the past fortunes of the Hebrew race, and that the wondrous history and verity of the old Cosmogonies, which underlie erroneous traditions and abject superstition, has yet to be fully mastered and treated. The writer of the "Broad Arrow" has suggested some very curious considerations, as based on quaint old world lore, and the mysterious annals of Druidism, especially in its connection with other special and remote tokens of Hermetic teaching. We can cordially recommend this tractate to all who interest themselves in such studies and researches, as possessing thoughtful merit, and marked by painstaking ability. We hope that the writer will pursue studies which have such attractions for many serious minds.

#### THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL. By E. W. LINZINGS. E. F. Stoneham, 7a, Chancery Lane.

This historiette of a now great school is very well worth reading. It is another proof, if proof be needed, how greatly in the City of London all opportunities are improved which tend to the general welfare of the citizen, and are emphatically "pro bono publico." To John (Jenkin) Carpenter, the institution practically owes its origin. In the middle of the fifteenth century, being Town Clerk, he left a small estate, under the trusteeship of the Municipality of London to educate four sons of Freemen. It then brought in £10 per annum, and £18 were divided equally among the fathers and guardians of four City boys for their education. So late as 1633, only four boys were benefited by the bequest, who were clothed in "coats of London Russet." In 1827, owing to the vast increase of the value of the property, these four boys were educated in the Tunbridge Grammar School, and each received £100 when leaving the school, so that the expenses amounted to £420 per annum. But as soon after that the receipts from the estate were increased to £900 per annum, it was determined in 1833 to found a great day school for the City of London, and to endow it with Carpenter's Estate. The foundation stone of the new school was laid October 21st, 1835, in Old Honey-lane, Milk-street; and in February, 1837, the school which had cost £12,000 was opened.

Since then, under Dr. Newham and Dr. Abbott, the school has progressed remarkably, Mortimer turning out some excellent scholars; and as the numbers had outgrown all possible accommodation, it was resolved in 1877 and 1878 to grant an acre and a half on the Victoria Embankment for the school, where a very complete and effective building was opened by their H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, on Monday last, for the tuition of many hundred boys. There are now, we believe, between six and seven hundred boys under education in the school, in an admirably arranged building, with exhibitions and scholarships amounting to £1000 per annum, besides some special bursaries. The new school has cost £100,000. It will be the wish of all who value such educational progress, that the school may prosper and train up many useful citizens. The present Lord Mayor, our worthy brother, the Right Hon. H. E. Knight, was formerly captain of the school.

#### THE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

We are happy to note that the second year's report of this very useful Charity still manifests signs of friendly support and Masonic sympathy. In two years the donations, &c., amount to £1282 10s. Of this £1178 have been invested, the interest amounting to £50 annually, and there have been voted £35 for relief. The annual subscriptions amount to about £52 annually, which have to be invested until the stock-fund amounts to £2000. As over one-third of the members of the Province of Dorsetshire have already subscribed to the Charity, we echo the hope of the zealous Secretary, Bro. Budden, that every member of the province eventually may see his way to subscribe to this most useful Masonic Charity.



#### LEWIS.

The two errata to which Bro. Speth amusingly alludes were accidental. I understand that Bro. Rylands is preparing a long and illustrated paper for one of the architectural journals. If so, I will try and summarize it for these columns. The "crux" still remains: "When was 'Lewis' first used technically in English architecture?"

#### MASONIC STUDENT.

#### RABBI LEON, OF MODENA.

I have lighted on a little book, published in London, 1650, printed by J. L., and "are to be sold by Jo. Martin, Jo. Ridley, at the Castle, in Fleet-street by Ram-alley." This is called "The History of the Rites, Customs, and Manners of Life of the Present Jews throughout the world. Written in Italian by Leo Modena, a Rabbine of Venice. Translated into English by Edmund Chilmead, Mr. of Arts, and Chaplain of Christ Church, Oxon." It is dedicated by Rabbi Leo to the Sieur Claude Mallier and Lord President Honssay (Honssaye?), the French King's Ambassadors at Venice. The preface is dated 1637. There is also a letter to Leo by James Gaffarel, or Gaffarelli.

#### BOOKWORM.

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual festival of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Wednesday evening, when Bro. H. Clay Sudlow, W.M. of the Eastes Lodge, who is the Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction, presided, and worked the Seven Sections of the First Lecture, with the assistance of the following brethren: 1st Section by Bro. J. Gordon Langton, I.G. 96; 2nd, J. G. Willis, 18; 3rd, T. Fletcher, 33; 4th, G. F. Marshall, I.G. 69; 5th, J. T. Tanqueray, S.D. 1965; 6th, E. M. Morris, 1; 7th, G. H. Bishop, 1965. The whole of the work was performed in a most admirable manner. Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., was to have presided, but, owing to a domestic bereavement, he was unavoidably absent. In his absence Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., kindly consented to preside at the banquet which followed the closing of the lodge.

There was a large muster of members, and between seventy and eighty sat down to banquet. The following brethren were among the visitors present: S. Cockock, 1818; W. A. Blackmore, 1485; W. A. Dawson, 1768; H. B. Sanderson, 69; W. S. Dunkley, 1777; T. C. Royle, 1673; G. Hagger, 902; C. Harding Tebbis, 1579; C. G. Botley, 780; Chas. Browne, 18; W. J. Parish, 1604; Arthur Roper; J. E. Ingles, 79; C. Lowther Kemp, 63; Eugène Montennis, 14; R. T. Allen, 1414; J. W. Baldwin, 1692; J. S. Edmiston, 1612; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D.; Chas. Kibble, 69; Henry Stokes, 141; H. Hooper, 1949; C. H. Phillips, 1580; A. A. Richards, 8; F. Buxton, 1981; E. H. Beresford, 1319; G. Clements, 1297; Arthur A. Coster, 143; C. Stuart Robertson (St. James); W. G. Kentish, 1293; E. C. Massey, 1297 (*Freemason*).

After the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were drunk. The PRESIDENT, in proposing "The health of The Queen," which was the toast always given first in every assemblage of Englishmen, said that the ancient brotherhood had wisely decided that the toast of the Craft should be associated with that honored name to indicate that Masonry and loyalty were inseparable. The next toast, he said, that he had the pleasure to bring before the brethren, was that of "The M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." It was a subject of regret that the Grand Master could not be with them as often as they could wish, or as often as he himself desired. It was impossible, with his arduous duties, that he could find the necessary time. His Royal Highness was present whenever he was called upon to lay a foundation stone, to visit a charity, or to see those who had been wounded in the discharge of their duty; it was therefore not to be wondered at that they saw so little of the Prince, but when he did come he showed how much he appreciated the position of Grand Master of the Order, and the position of the Craft.

In proposing "The health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," Bro. FENN said that he would confine himself to proposing the toast because, as he was a Grand Officer himself, it would not become him to say much in their favor.

Bro. LANGTON proposed the next toast. He said that he had much pleasure in congratulating the Langton Lodge of Instruction upon the large muster they had that evening, and he was quite sure that their gathering was greatly improved and made more pleasant by the able manner in which the chair was filled. It was his privilege to propose a toast which required very few words from him. It was the health of the worthy brother who had kindly come forward in an emergency, as Bro. Murton was not able to come. Bro. Fenn had come forward and presided in a most able manner, and he (Bro. Langton) was quite sure that he was expressing the feelings of the lodge when he proposed "The health of Bro. Thos. Fenn."

Bro. FENN, in replying, said he was sure that they all regretted, as he did, the severe family losses which deprived them of the presence of Bro. Murton, and through which he (Bro. Fenn) had been placed in the honourable position of president. He need not tell them that, apart from the circumstance, it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be there. As a member of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, it had been to him a great pleasure to listen to the way in which the sections had been worked that evening. He would not detain them with a lengthened speech, but would express his thanks for the manner in which he had been received, and a hope that he might be present on some future occasion to witness the advance which this lodge was evidently bound to make in the Craft.

Bro. FENN, in proposing the next toast, said that he had hoped that it would be proposed by some other brother, but he found that it was thought the chair should propose it. It was the toast of the evening, "Success to the Langton Lodge of Instruction." Those words had been put into his mouth; he should himself have proposed "The continued success," because he thought that the success of the lodge had been evidenced in a most remarkable manner that evening. He was present at the first festival, and the work had been so fully maintained that evening that he felt the success was assured. Let them hope that it would be continued; and so long as it was under the able management of Bro. Sudlow he could not doubt that it would be continued. The work was so strictly in accordance with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement that he could not but look upon it as a very able branch of that ancient institution. He hoped that the brethren would come there sometimes and join in the work. He felt sure that they would be a support to that lodge which had been famous with some of the most eminent Masons in the Craft. He would couple with this toast the name of Bro. Sudlow, whose labours to promote and maintain the prosperity of the lodge were known to all present. He (Bro. Fenn), heard of his continuous presence, and knew what that meant—a great personal sacrifice. To him was due the excellent work, and prosperity and success of this lodge. He would ask them to drink "To the Continued Success of the Langton Lodge of Instruction," and would couple therewith the name of Bro. Sudlow.

Bro. SUDLOW, in returning thanks, said that this was one of the few occasions on which the Preceptor of this lodge of instruction was called upon to do a little talking, and he could assure the brethren that as a matter of choice he preferred his usual Thursday evening work of listening. At the same time, on behalf of the Committee of the lodge he thanked them very heartily for drinking in such a cordial manner success to the Langton Lodge of Instruction. He was quite sure the lodge would be a success so long as they had the approval and goodwill of the Treasurer and Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; and, in order to secure and retain that approval, it was absolutely necessary that they should maintain a very high standard of working. He knew there were good many lodges of instruction the Preceptors of which did not require verbal accuracy. He had heard them say that if you got the sense of a passage that was quite sufficient. That would not do for the Committee of the Langton Lodge; they did go in for verbal accuracy; they believed that to put in words, or to omit words, or to substitute words, were decided imperfections and not improvements. In this connection he was reminded of a tale he heard some time ago, which would bear repeating. A village choir was practising what was supposed to be a chorus from the "Messiah," when they had finished, some one who had been listening to it asked the leader if he did not find Handel's music very difficult? The leader answered "No, not at all; because you see we alters him." The sections are very easily worked when you alter them, but it was not so easy to remember all the niceties to make up the proper working. But it was this that the Langton Lodge had striven to act up to, and in the future would strive to maintain; and the committee thanked the brethren present very heartily for wishing them success.

Bro. SHAW proposed a toast to "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," to which Bro. Richards replied.

Bro. SUDLOW proposed "Success to the Langton Lodge," under whose warrant the lodge of instruction worked. To this toast Bro. Langton responded, and thanked Bro. Tanqueray and Bro. Garnett for the assistance they had rendered in the absence of Bro. J. D. Langton, who was unable to be present on account of illness, but who was only prevented attending by the imperative orders of his medical attendant.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Dawson, who coupled with it the name of Bro. Bué, the J.W. Bro. Bué having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and his toast, as usual, brought the proceedings to a close.

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### Craft Masonry.

**STRONG MAN LODGE (No. 45.)**—The regular meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Masons Hall Tavern, Masons Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C. The W.M., Bro. W. A. S. Humphries, presided, supported by Bros. W. Ball, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; H. Follett, P.M., Treas.; H. T. Nell, S.D.; L. S. Fontaine, J.D.; F. R. Callow, I.G.; F. A. Driver, M.A., P.M., M.C.; Past Masters J. G. Defriez, G. G. Symons, J. Vass; and a goodly muster of brethren and visitors. Amongst the visitors were: Bros. A. Heald, P.M. 163; C. J. Fox, J.W. 201; F. Dewsbury, M.C. 1599; R. Willats, 1540; T. Fletcher, 33; and H. J. Dean, 1260.

After the discharge of routine business, Bro. Hodsoll was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. Stead and Schopfer to the Second Degree, according to ancient custom by Bro. Humphries, W.M. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Job Henry Smethurst, Henry Richard Willats, and Capt. John Tullock Nash Leibbrandt, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry, the ceremony of initiation being most impressively rendered by Bro. G. G. Symonds, P.M., who officiated through the courtesy of the W.M. Other business matters having been happily disposed of, lodge was duly closed.

The brethren sat down to a banquet, which was well served by Bro. S. Wood. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to. Bros. Heald, Fox, and Willats, responded on behalf of "The Visitors"; Bro. G. G. Symonds for "The Past Masters;" and Bro. Smith for "The Officers."

Bros. Dean, Hunt, Nell, Upjohn, Jesson, Bigg, Heald, and others enhanced the proceedings by their vocal, instrumental, and histrionic abilities. The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

**VITRUVIAN LODGE (No. 87.)**—A meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, at the White Hart Hotel, Lambeth. The W.M., Bro. W. M. Robinson, presided, and was supported by Bros. Thos. Janeway, S.W.; W. Knight, J.W.; W. R. Davis, J.D.; Thos. Minstrell, I.G.; W. Stuart, Sec.; W. Watson, W.S.; R. Lambourne, A.W.S.; Past Masters Skirving, Whiting, Timothy, and the following visitors and members: Bro. J. Mason, P.P. G.S.D.; F. W. Sillis and H. Dickey, Royal Savoy Lodge; J. B. Harvey, Acacia Lodge; T. Hearther, C. J. Knightly, Royal Savoy Lodge; E. Chamberlain, R. Goodacre, H. Spooner, J. Irving, E. R. Massey, R. A. Payne, W. Figs, H. Wright, J. Waterer, E. Woods, jun., W. H. Lavers, S. E. Holland, W. Dale, E. Hancock, H. B. Quin, W. Glover, F. A. Barten, G. Warner, D. Horsnell, J. Hallam, J. Gallards, and others.

A raising and initiation was performed, and the lodge was closed in Masonic form.

The brethren adjourned to one of those capital banquets which Bro. R. R. Carrington, the proprietor of the Hotel, knows so well how to supply, and under the genial presidency of the W.M. a pleasant evening was spent.

The usual loyal and Craft toasts were given, and the personal and congratulatory toasts, especially that of "The Health of the W.M.," were drunk with enthusiasm and appropriately responded to.

Songs and recitations by several brethren enlivened the proceedings.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381.)**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 5th inst., when there were present: Bros. W. P. Webb, W.M.; Cuckburn, S.W.; Appleton, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Stranger, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Bates, I.G.; Cruse, M.C.; Meredith, W.S.; Plowman, A.W.S.; Higgins, acting I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, P.M.; Kohler, P.M.; Fritz, Tyler; Palmer, Stokes, Lingley, Buxton, Allen, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lingley was raised, Bros. Buxton and Allen passed, and Mr. James Lear initiated into Craft mysteries, the whole of the three ceremonies being most ably performed by the W.M. Several communications from absent members having been read, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Higgins, who complimented the W.M. upon the very excellent way in which he had carried out the duties of the chair that evening.

The W.M. having replied, then gave "The Initiate."

This toast having been drunk with acclamation, Bro. Lear, in his brief response, said that the ceremony that evening had made a deep impression on his mind, and that he should look forward with interest to a further enlightenment in Freemasonry.

"The Health of the Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Ayling, W.M. Rose of Denmark, and Landfield, P.M. St. John's.

This pledge having been warmly received, Bros. Ayling and Landfield replied. In the course of their respective replies they paid a high compliment to the W.M. for his very efficient working.

"The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. Higgins, who responded; "The Treasurer and Secretary," acknowledged by Bros. Mann and Stuart; and "The Officers," replied to by Bros. Cuckburn and Appleton, brought the usual routine of Masonic toasts to a conclusion.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426.)**—The third meeting for the session of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 9th, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. William F. Kibble, W.M.; Keeble, S.W.; Baber, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C. Chap. of the lodge; Headen, P.M. Treas.; Blackie, P.M. Sec.; J. Stevens, P.M., and visitors, A. Baker, 1709; Charles J. Fox, 1743; and F. H. Cozens, 937. The lodge, as usual, met at an early hour in the afternoon, and having been duly opened,

Bro. Blackie, P.M. Sec., read the minutes of the last lodge which were confirmed. Bro. Ernest S. Donaldson was then admitted to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the W.M., acquitting himself for the first time, in rendering the ritual in a most correct manner. A ballot then took place for Ernest Milton Caslon, who was a candidate for admission, and being unanimous, he was duly initiated into the privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The next business brought before the lodge was to consider a motion which had been given by Bro. Thomas Hamer, P.M., and a grant was made on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother of the lodge. The case of another widow was then brought under the consideration of the lodge, and it was agreed to recommend her case to the Board of Benevolence.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a most substantial repast was provided. The viands were good, and the attendance left nothing to be desired. The cloth having been drawn, the W. M. said that the first toast that was given in all assemblies was that of "The Queen," who ruled in the hearts and affections of the people, and he hoped she might continue to do so for many years to come. The National Anthem was then sung, accompanied by Bro. Cozens on the pianoforte.

The W.M. said that the next toast he had to propose was that of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," which was a name only to be mentioned but it evoked the heartiest sympathy and approbation. Therefore, without further preface, he should ask them to drink the toast he had proposed; a request that, it is almost needless to say, was heartily responded to.

The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain, and their own member and Chaplain of the lodge. It had been well said by their Royal brother, the Duke of Albany, that if the Order of Freemasonry had not been good, it would not have lasted for so many centuries, and as it was so good, men of all ranks were always ready to take part in the promotion of its welfare. That was the keynote upon which he asked them to drink the health of the Grand Officers and their brother Chaplain, and he looked upon it as a great favour that he had honoured them by being present at the working of the lodge, which he had done at some inconvenience to himself. As it was, they were always glad to see him, for by his presence he gave additional solemnity to their ceremonies. He asked the brethren to drink enthusiastically the toast he had proposed, coupling with it the name of Bro. Simpson, P.G. Chaplain.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., in returning thanks, said the W.M. had fallen into a little inaccuracy in speaking of him as honouring the lodge by being present at its working, and having to return thanks for the Grand Officers. In being present he had enjoyed a great treat in hearing the two ceremonies—the First and Third Degrees—done in a manner which, in his humble, but rather extended, experience of over thirty-five years, he had never heard those ceremonies performed better, if so well. Such working was a great feather in the cap of The Great City Lodge, so accurate and precise had been the interpretation by the W.M. of the ceremonies, which had struck him, as it must have done the two brethren who took part in them. As to the Grand Officers, he thanked them for the honour they had conferred upon them in drinking their health, and he congratulated them that good and worthy men did their duty in Grand Lodge, and men of whom, in every capacity in which they were placed, the brethren need not be ashamed. There were nearly 2000 lodges, with a great number of members, and in consequence of the enormous increase of Masonry, it possessed not only a great amount of influence in this country, but upon the world at large, when they considered that their lodges were composed of men, not only of opulence, but of the great middle class of England and the Colonies—men of wisdom, position, and intelligence, and it could not be doubted that Masonry exercised a great influence in religion and the affairs of the State. He was of opinion, therefore, that the few hours allowed for the meetings of Grand Lodge were not sufficient to allow weighty matters in the great Masonic Parliament to be properly considered, and that some other opportunity should be afforded for considering the important matters to be brought before the Craft; for if they had not, he feared that, at no very distant period, they would be landed in a very dangerous position, and one not consistent with their Masonic privileges. When they deducted the time occupied in the opening of the Grand Lodge, the reading of the minutes, and the transaction of other matters, which occupied a considerable period, there remained but little time for the transaction of motions in which many of the brethren are particularly interested. The result would be that they would have members from the metropolis and the provinces, the latter coming up for the purpose of voting for the non-confirmation of motions, and he feared they would continually have a conflict, and a tidal wave might set in which would be very likely to get them into difficulties. After a few observations on a recent motion which was brought forward by Bro. Clabon, which was negatived by 186 votes against 182, he concluded by asking the brethren to give heed to this state of things, and consider how best a cure could be found for the evil.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," expressing a hope that he might be blessed with long life and prosperity.

The toast was cordially responded to.

The W. Master thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had drank the toast of his health, and for the compliment which had been paid him by the Grand Chaplain, and he could assure them he would do everything in his power to merit their approbation during his year of office. It had been his good fortune during his short period in the chair to have to receive many congratulations, and he could assure them that there were none he more highly appreciated than his position of W. Master of The Great City Lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," for which they severally returned thanks.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

After a few remarks from Bro. Stevens, Bro. Headon said he wished to make a few remarks on the recent proceedings of Grand Lodge, and said he entirely endorsed every word that had been uttered by their reverend brother their Chaplain, and he thought it was high time that every

lodge throughout the kingdom should give the various matters which come before the Grand Lodge their most serious consideration, for the manner in which they were now brought forward was anything but creditable. He considered that the manner in which matters were conducted there were very unsatisfactory. At the last Grand Lodge Bro. Clabon brought forward a proposition for raising the subscriptions of metropolitan brethren from 4s. to 6s., and the provincial brethren from 2s. to 4s. nominally. Now he looked upon this as a very serious proposition to advance, and he thought they ought to see something and know how the money was expended. It was a tax upon them for what should be charitable purposes, but he believed that was left to the Board of Benevolence, and although that Board might be influenced by the best motives, they could not consider it in their lodges, or had they any opportunity of expressing their opinions except by coming to Grand Lodge, and the great bulk of the brethren knew nothing whatever about it. He maintained, therefore, that every lodge should have the power of recording its opinion by proxy, and an opportunity given to those interested in what was to be brought forward, and the privilege of expressing their sentiments upon it. A majority had decided against the increase, but the provincial lodges could only send their representatives to the Grand Lodge, and each representative was only entitled to one vote, although he might be the representative of several lodges and a great number of their members, who were thus deprived of having their opinions properly expressed.

Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., said he also fully concurred in all that had been stated by their reverend and esteemed Bro. Simpson and Bro. Headon, their Treasurer. He agreed with them that the manner in which the recommendations for grants came up from the Board of Benevolence were very unsatisfactory. There were propositions brought up recommending grants for upwards of £100, and no information was given to the members of Grand Lodge what were the grounds or circumstances upon which those large grants were recommended, and in one case it drew from Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., a Grand Officer, a protest against a grant of £100 being recommended without any explanation or reason being assigned why so large a sum should be granted. The members of Grand Lodge ought, at any rate, to have some information why they were called upon to assent to the voting of no less a sum than £100 on one night, or it really seemed something like an act of supererogation why they should be submitted to the Grand Lodge at all. As to the motion made by Bro. Clabon for increasing the subscriptions for the metropolitan and provincial lodges, because the Board of Benevolence had been making grants greatly in excess of their income, he believed that Bro. Clabon himself was indirectly the cause of this, for it was only a few years ago that he stated the Board of Benevolence had such a vast amount of capital and excess of unemployed wealth that the time was come when they should be relieved of some of it that they did not think it necessary to employ, and give a tolerably good round sum of it to the Boys' and Girls' Schools. This proposition was strongly opposed at the time, and by none with greater energy than our late lamented Bro. Stebbing, who warned the Grand Lodge not to part with any of the money subscribed for a specific purpose, as a day might come when the old men and women might want it all. The motion was negatived, but immediately afterwards the cue was taken by the Board of Benevolence, and at once grants were made that had been unheard of before, which have been continued ever since, and the result they now saw in the Board of Benevolence instead of being in possession of a handsome surplus are now largely in debt, and if these grants so went on the accumulated capital would soon be melted away. It therefore behoved the brethren to take these matters into their serious consideration, or the consequences might prove very disastrous indeed.

Some other toasts were given, and the evening was spent in complete harmony, to which Bro. Cozens materially contributed by his performances at the pianoforte.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604.)**—This lodge, the majority of whose members belong to the profession of arms, met at the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday last in strong numbers, and was presided over by their W.M. Bro. F. Butterworth, who very ably and effectively performed the ceremonies of initiation and passing, there being five candidates for the former and four for the latter. The following officers also occupied their respective positions, viz.: Bros. J. Wade, S.W.; W. Brindley, J.W.; F. J. Wray, acting I.P.M.; T. Meredith, P.M.; P.Z., Treas.; R. Scott, Sec.; Rev. R. Halpin, Chap.; J. Gibson, S.D.; W. Folson, J.D.; W. Cleman, I.G., and performed their duties in a very efficient manner.

The occasion was rendered one of unusual interest from the fact that a special banquet was given for the purpose of welcoming home from Egypt several of the brethren belonging to the Household Troops who had taken part in the recent war. General Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Surrey, who is an hon. member of the lodge, was also present, but had, unfortunately, to leave early.

Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., 10; Lewis Ascott, P.M., 733; George J. Dawson, P.M., 1853; R. Chisholm, 348; S. Belleville, 407; W. Harper, 554; M. A. Lockhart, 746; G. Joci, 1114; S. Bruce, 1624; J. C. Whiddington, 1827; H. Diprose, 1853, &c.

A vote of condolence was passed by the Lodge to the relatives of the late Bro. Brett.

At the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, that of "The Grand Officers," by Bro. Simpson, P.G.C., in his usual eloquent and effective manner.

In proposing what, on this occasion, might be really termed the toast of the evening—"The Brethren on their Return from the Egyptian War"—the W.M. made a very touching reference to the sad and premature death of Bro. Lieut. Brett, the pleasure of whose presence he had, a few days ago, hoped to have had on the present occasion. Bro. Col. the Hon. P. Methuen, C.B., in responding to the toast, spoke in the highest terms of the character and gallantry of his deceased comrade, who, he considered, had he been spared, would have had a bright and brilliant future before him. The gallant Colonel also gave the highest possible praise to the bravery, discipline, and endurance of every one connected with the Household Brigade, and in a truly soldierly and manly spirit contented himself by simply saying that he hoped



that they had all done their duty. He also expressed his firm belief that, in spite of the outcry against the Medical Department of the Army during the recent campaign, it would emerge from the investigation of its conduct with credit and honour to itself, the medical officers generally having done everything they possibly could in the unfortunate position in which they were placed, which remark met with a hearty response from all present who were engaged in the war.

The toast of "Our Brother Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Lewis Ascott, P.M., and George J. Dawson, P.M. The remaining toasts were duly proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast bringing to a termination a highly pleasant and enjoyable evening.

**MORNINGTON LODGE** (No. 1672).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Thursday the 7th inst. Bro. J. W. Cooke, the W.M., presided. The Three Degrees were worked most efficiently. Bro. E. Cockett, P.M., then installed Bro. J. Perkins, C.C., the W.M. elect, as W.M., who appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Baker, S.W.; R. D. Sadler, J.W.; Suter, S.D.; Rossignol, J.D.; O'Donnell, I.G.; E. Cockett, D. of C.; and Hardy and Anderson, Stewards. Bro. G. Blackman was re-appointed as Treasurer and Bro. T. Palmer as Secretary.

The W.M. proposed Bro. G. Philcox as a joining member and Mr. Harrold as a candidate for election.

In presenting a valuable Masonic jewel to his predecessor in office, the W.M. said that he hoped that Past Master Cooke would wear it for many years to come, and that he would look upon it as a token of their friendship, and as an evidence of their sincere and great esteem.

Bro. Cooke, P.M. suitably replied.

The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet. There were present Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes; Horace Jones, G.Supt. Wks.; G. Blackman, W.P. Treasurer, S. G. Redfeare, E. Cockett, J. W. More, T. H. Colvers, R. D. Sadler, A. Suter, T. Rossignol, Thos. Minstrell, G. Drysdale, A. Beasley, F. Browne, M. Baggi, C. Levin, J. F. Haskins, M. Gentry, A. M. Dowall, T. Henriks, W. Smithers, W. Pheysey, T. Palmer, E. Pohl, and others.

The usual Masonic toasts were given; and coupled with that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the name of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton was associated; and, in reply, said that in no lodge in the Craft, young or old, had he seen the installation better performed than he had that evening, or with more feeling or more sympathetically. It became, he thought, the Grand Officers to notice those things, and to speak of them, thereby offering every encouragement to Masons to work up. He knew many lodges which could not turn out a Past Master who could perform the installation ceremony, and who consequently had to resort to the undignified proceeding of asking others to do it for them. When he saw this, he never failed to admonish the lodge upon their shortcoming. The Mornington Lodge, at any rate, were not in that predicament, for they had one Past Master, at any rate, able to work the ceremony admirably, carefully, and well.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Cooke, P.M., remarked that if the W.M. was not the first, he was very nearly the first, initiate that the lodge had. This was when they met not far from the Epping Forest, which had been preserved to the public for ever by the great Corporation, of which their W.M. was a member. They looked forward to a very pleasant year of office—a year which Masons valued more than anything else, viz., one of instruction; and he was sure, from the way in which the W.M. had worked through their various grades, that they should not be disappointed.

The W. Master, responding, stated that as Master of the lodge he should be most anxious in the discharge of his duty to do everything which could be expected of him. It would be his endeavour to discharge the niceties of the office, and having entered upon the duties with the determination to do all he possibly could to maintain the dignity of the Mornington Lodge, he should persevere in his efforts and try to emulate his predecessors in the chair.

"The Health of the Visitors," given by the Worshipful Master, was replied to by Bro. O. H. Colvers, in eulogistic terms.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was next proposed, and Bro. E. Cockett replied.

Bro. Cooke, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters."

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings, which were most enjoyable, were interspersed with songs and recitations.

**THE GALLERY LODGE** (No. 1928).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, when there was a large attendance of the members and a considerable number of visitors, among whom were Bros. J. Dunsford, 93, P.P.G.P.; Asher, 1395; W. Wells, P.M. 777; J. Mason, P.M. 1567, P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex; G. F. Pardon, 101; T. Wilson Reid, 392 (S.C.); J. Hornsey Casson, 1706, P.P.G. Org. Derbyshire; J. E. S. Pentreath, 1558; G. Mackie, 1691; J. Heckscher, Ferdinande Caroline Lodge of Hamburg; W. E. Abrahams, 72; and T. Paeston, Sec. 1669.

After the reading of the minutes and other formal business, the W.M., Bro. Massey, performed the ceremony of passing Bro. Gale to the Second Degree, after which the W.M. addressed the lodge, and Bro. H. F. Bussey, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefits of installation. Having given his assent to the ancient charges, he was then obligated, and afterwards presented to a Board of Installed Masters, in the presence of whom he was formally installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. Massey. The Board of Masters was then closed, the lodge resumed, and the other brethren summoned, and Bro. Bussey was then proclaimed and saluted by the brethren in the Three Degrees, and thereafter invested his officers for the coming year as follows: Bros. H. Massey, I.P.M.; T. Minstrell, S.W.; J. McIntyre, J.W.; W. Mackenzie Duckworth, Treas.; R. J. Albery, Sec.; C. F. Pardon, S.D.; W. O. Goldsmith, J.D.; R. Redman, I.G.; Herbert Wright and W. T. Perkins, Stewards; J. C. Duckworth, M.C.; Geo. Tarran, Org.; and Jas. Verry, Tyler.

During the ceremony Bro. Mason acted as Director of Ceremonies and Bro. Dr. Casson, as Organist.

Bro. Massey then delivered the orations to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, and the ceremony, the whole of which had been worked in the most perfect manner, was brought to a termination.

The newly-elected W.M. then presented to Bro. Massey on behalf of the lodge an unusually handsome jewel. He said that the brethren of the lodge, in giving Bro. Massey this token of their appreciation of his services, wished to associate it not only with his services as Master, but also his co-operation, as a founder, in the formation of the lodge. It had therefore been designed as a combined Past Master's and founder's jewel, and in pinning it on Bro. Massey's breast he would express the hope that he might live many years to wear it, and be reminded each time he looked at it of the many friends he had in the Gallery Lodge. He said that the lodge had voted a certain sum for a Past Master's jewel, but the brethren thinking it insufficient to mark their appreciation of Bro. Massey's services had, by a private subscription among themselves, more than doubled the amount so voted.

The jewel, which is a very handsome one, was from a design made by Bro. C. Basil Cooke, the late Secretary of the lodge.

Bro. Massey having replied the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where they dined together.

After the removal of the cloth the customary list of loyal and Masonic toasts was gone through, the intervals between most of the speeches being enlivened with music, several songs being sung by Miss Lizzie Mulholland, whose charming style was highly appreciated by the company.

After the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers" had been duly honoured,

Bro. Massey, I.P.M., said he would now claim attention for the next toast—"The Health of the W.M."—a toast which he now proposed for the first time in The Gallery Lodge, a toast which had been very gracefully proposed during the time that he had been W.M. by Bro. Allen, who, being a P.M. of another lodge, had, on the authority of the Book of Constitutions, been appointed to act as I.P.M. during the first year of the Gallery Lodge. He (Bro. Massey) was sure that every brother had been very much gratified that Bro. Bussey had been elected as their W.M.; he was unanimously elected, as was justly his right and his due. Bro. Bussey had performed his duties as S.W. in a way that would commend itself to the present S.W.; and he hoped that every one who followed him would perform those duties equally well. Their brother S.W. had performed his duties elsewhere to the satisfaction of a large number of people, and he had no doubt that he would perform his present duties with no less ability. During its first year the heartiest co-operation of the members of the Gallery Lodge was necessary, and he (Bro. Massey) attributed a great deal of its success to the assistance received from their present W.M., and he was quite sure that during the time Bro. Bussey fulfilled the office of W.M. all the duties of the chair would be performed in an admirable manner. It gave him great satisfaction, as he was sure it did to every other member of the lodge, to see the admirable manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers, and he was sure that no brother in the lodge would regret having recorded his vote in Bro. Bussey's favour. He had only to add, in proposing the W.M.'s health, that he wished him a very happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M. in rising to respond, expressed his thanks for the very kindly manner, first of all, in which the toast had been proposed by the I.P.M., and secondly for the very cordial manner in which it had been received. He felt exceedingly grateful to the brethren of the Gallery Lodge for the way in which they had put up with many shortcomings on his part, and for electing him to the proud position of master of The Gallery Lodge. During his year of office as S.W., he had striven to learn his duties, and during his year of office as master he hoped to increase his knowledge of Masonry and to come somewhat nearer to what they had seen in their late W.M., although emulation was hopeless. He thought he might claim some indulgence on that score. Though he had been a member of the Craft for a good many years, this was the first time he had had the opportunity of occupying so high and honourable a position as that which he now held. It was a position of which he was extremely proud, for if there was one thing more than another towards which a Mason connected with the press—and especially the London press—should aspire, he thought it was that he should become some day the master of the Gallery Lodge, a lodge unique in its way, as representative of the members of the press who were occupied in the Parliamentary galleries. He appreciated this honour the more keenly because he was not only an old journalist, whose earliest recollections had been associated with the press on which he had begun his career at an unusually early age, but because he was now becoming an old member of the Parliamentary gallery, if seventeen years service at St. Stephen's could entitle him to that distinction. For after all, in presence of the fact that there were two veterans of the note-book who had been in the Parliamentary galleries upwards of half a century, and a score of others whose Westminster experiences had become well seasoned before the present Houses of Parliament were built—men who could recollect the time when they were surreptitiously smuggled into the Strangers' Gallery and took notes in their hats or between their legs, until they were discovered, and some one called out that there were strangers present—the man who had seen fewer than twenty years of Gallery life was but a stripling in Parliamentary estimation. Nevertheless, although a mere youth in Lords and Commons work, it so happened that he was the oldest of the members of the Gallery whose names had been as yet inscribed on the books of the Gallery Lodge. When first he came into the Gallery he found some six or seven Masons who, in the times between heavy turns, used to lament the fact that they had no lodge; we were enough to tile a lodge but not enough to support a lodge. That lodge had now been specially founded for the convenience of brethren who, owing to the manner in which their time was occupied, and to the fact that for six months in the year their duties compelled them to turn night into day, were practically excluded from the ordinary benefits of Masonry until they had succeeded in establishing for members a lodge in which they were able to satisfy the claims of the of the Craft. After the enlargement of the Gallery some two years ago, and the increase that had taken place in its number of members from about one hundred to more than double that number, it was only natural to expect that a fair proportion of that body would be members of the fraternity. This was found to be the case; and it was not long after the Gallery had ceased to be a metropolitan monopoly by being thrown open to the press at large, the

possibility of establishing a Masonic lodge for the benefit of journalists in general, and of Parliamentary reporters in particular, was discussed and demonstrated. The credit of the suggestion, which ultimately took the practical form of a memorial to the Grand Lodge for the necessary authority enabling this lodge to be founded, belonged to one who at that time had not been made a member of the Order—he (the W.M.) referred to Bro. Herbert Wright. Without wearying the brethren by entering into a detailed description of the formation of the lodge, he thought it would interest their visitors if he stated that the Gallery Lodge was founded in August, 1881, on the memorial of seven brethren, whose names were duly inscribed on the roll as founders. Bro. Massey, who was Past Master of another lodge, was the first to occupy the chair, and under his able guidance the lodge had so far prospered that at the present moment it numbered thirty-nine members, in addition to the brethren who had allowed their names to appear on the lodge book in an honorary position. Of the thirty-nine ordinary members of the lodge, no fewer than thirteen had been initiated and passed through the several Degrees by Bro. Past Master Massey, the remainder having joined the lodge as old Freemasons. Beyond this, he might state that the lodge had started on the sound and practical principle of paying its way as it went along, and the result was, as their excellent Treasurer had told them at the installation banquet a year ago, that they had started into existence duly provided with the requisite furniture and belongings, and after having paid all the necessary fees and charges, absolutely free from the incubus of debt. These were facts which he hoped, without being unduly boastful, entitled the Gallery Lodge to the encouragement and sympathy of the fraternity at large. Through the medium of that lodge the members were endeavouring to fulfil some of the fundamental duties of Masonry. Having established what, strangely enough in these days, when the Press had become not only free but universal, was the only Press lodge in the world, the members of the Gallery Lodge looked forward with some degree of hope to what was yet in store for their brethren of the Press, not only in the United Kingdom but in other parts of the world. The occupations of journalists were of so absorbing, so constant, so multifarious, and so irregular in character, that unlike the lawyer, the clergyman, or the merchant, or even the day labourer, they could not parcel out their time into periods of rest, labour and refreshment in a manner suiting the corporate convenience of the class. Their opportunities were few, and they had to make the most of them. For any given number of Press men to meet together for social purposes on any given week day was absolutely out of the question; but, fortunately, there was one evening in the week on which, as a rule, they were able to call a few hours their own—those, at least, who had no work to do for the Sunday papers—and that was the Saturday. The Saturday half-holiday, which of late years had become almost universal in this country, was to no class of men a greater boon than to the journalists, and it was the Saturday that had necessarily been chosen for the meetings of the Gallery Lodge. They had thus shown to their brethren in other important centres of population—Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c.—that if they would but follow an example, thus far at least a successful one, they need not despair of being able to discharge their Masonic duties. At any rate, in any efforts the journalistic Craftsmen of the provinces might be disposed to make in the direction he had indicated, he assured them they would have the full sympathy, and, if possible, the assistance of the members of the Gallery Lodge. As regarded their own affairs, he (the W.M.) wished to say that during Bro. Massey's year of office they had, in a very tentative way, tried a Masonic ball, which came off last January, and had been a great success. In January next it was intended that a similar ball should be held, and from what he had heard from those who had given their time and attention to the making the arrangements, and who did the same last year—Bros. Perkins, Tarran, Wright, Albery, and John Duckworth—he thought they were in the way of having a very successful ball next January. During the past year a Gallery picnic had been tried by the W.M., which had also been most successful; and he (the W.M.) now gave the brethren due notice that when the summer came round again, and the birds were singing and the sun shining—not a frequent accident in this country—he would himself suggest that the time had come for going into the country to seek a day's enjoyment. The W.M. concluded by again thanking the brethren for the compliment they had paid him, and expressing the hope that they would all live long to enjoy Masonry, and that they would be able to make the Gallery Lodge a centre of Masonic feeling throughout the Press of the United Kingdom.

The W.M. said that he had now got away from a subject which was disagreeable to one who had to speak on subjects personal to himself, and he had now to speak to "The Health of the Immediate Past Master of the Gallery Lodge." He (the W.M.) was quite sure that that toast needed only to be mentioned to be met with those unusual Masonic manifestations of approval which might arise from inexperience of the members of their lodge, but came from good feeling and came from the heart; they came from those who had witnessed the good working and experienced the kindly conduct of the late W.M. He (Bro. Bussey) did not suppose that any man who might occupy the chair could stand higher in the hearts of the brethren than Bro. Massey. He had done his work in the most admirable manner, he had been most punctual in his attendance, had assisted his officers with his experience, and had done all the good he could to the brethren of the Gallery Lodge. He (the W.M.) was proud to say that it had fallen to his lot to pin on Bro. Massey's breast the jewel with which the brethren of the lodge had presented him, and he hoped that no accident would happen to prevent Bro. Massey's coming to the Gallery Lodge for many years to come, and that the brethren would still be able to see him constantly in his place, and to enjoy his society.

Bro. Massey, in replying, said that he always had a very great objection to making a speech before coming to the table, and during his year of office whatever remarks he had made from the chair had been impromptu. That would be the case with any remarks he might now make, though if he had combined with the Worshipful Master the task before him might have been easier. He (Bro. Massey), had to thank them very much for the great support they had given him during his year of office, and although he had heard

many kind expressions of deep indebtedness to him, he never could look upon it in that light, as he had himself received the very greatest support; and he did not know whether any master in any lodge could have received so much support as he had during his year of office. Not a single roughness had occurred during the whole term, and he hoped that would continue through the coming year. For the very magnificent jewel with which they had presented him he never could return them sufficient thanks; it was a mark of appreciation far beyond the mere ordinary jewel, because, as he said in the lodge, his greatest reward was the support he received during his year of office. He begged them most earnestly to continue to support the Gallery Lodge; to live with the W.M. in perfect harmony, in his time as in his (the speaker's) year of office. Not having prepared anything he had to say, they must accept his words as they came, fresh from his heart. As the I.P.M. of the lodge he begged them to support their W.M. as no master had ever been supported before.

Bro. Massey then said that he had to propose, by command of the W.M. (who had gone to return his personal and their united thanks to Miss Lizzie Mulholland for the pleasure her delightful singing had afforded them), the toast of "The Past Masters, Bros. Allen and Thomas," to both of whom he was indebted for great assistance. Neither had ever failed to put in an appearance; both had done good work in the lodge, for which the members of the lodge owed them a deep debt of gratitude.

Bros. Allen and Thomas having both acknowledged the compliment,

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Visitors," which, he said, always received peculiar honour in The Gallery Lodge. Considering the hundreds and thousands of miles that journalists had to travel over the United Kingdom and beyond it, no class in the country could be more appropriately denominated visitors than themselves. He had himself received much hearty kindness in his wanderings, and he believed that was the experience of his brethren of the pen. It, therefore, gave him much pleasure to hail the visitors who had come amongst them. In particular, he mentioned Bro. Dunsford, who, upon a long-standing promise, had come up from Norwich especially to see him installed. He also coupled with the toast the names of Bros. G. F. Pardon, Reid, and Heckscher; all of whom acknowledged the compliment.

Several other toasts having been given from the chair, and duly responded to, including "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers," &c., and several very able speeches made,

Bro. Mason, R.M.B.I., responded for the Masonic Charities, and announced that the W.M. had consented to stand Steward for The Gallery Lodge at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Bussey made an appeal to the brethren of the lodge to do all they could to help him to take up a good list.

Bro. Herbert Wright also announced that he would undertake a Stewardship for the Boys' School at the festival in June next.

**BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—The monthly meeting of this old lodge was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. E. M. Garstang, W.M.; John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac.; J. W. Slater, P.P.S.G.D. Treas.; G. P. Brockbank, P.P.S.D. Sec.; J. W. Poyntz, J.D.; J. Hardcastle, J.G.; J. W. Royley, Tyler; Rev. J. H. Gibbons, Past Masters John Morris, Samuel Crowther, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; James Walker, Naylor, Steward; and Golding.

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the brethren proceeded to the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. George Parker Brockbank, doubtless in token of appreciation of his long services to the lodge and Masonry generally, and especially in connection with the sesqui-centennial of the lodge in October last.

Arrangements were made in regard to the installation meeting, the ordinary lodge business transacted, and a brother proposed as a joining member, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

**SUNDERLAND.—Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).**—On the 6th inst., the brethren of this Lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall for the purpose of installing Bro. J. Hudson as the W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance. The lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. (Bro. J. R. Smart), who was supported by his officers and the following brethren: Bros. Ald. Potts, T. Henderson, J. Riseborough, M. Frampton, and G. Wanless, P.M.'s of 94; J. H. Leech, W.M., 97; C. McNamara, W.M. elect, 97; J. J. Clay, P.M., 97; T. Sharp, P.M., 97; R. de Clare Yeld, W.M. elect, 97; M. Douglas, P.M., 80; H. Golder, W.M., 1119; Jarrold, W. M. Bell, P.M., P.P.A.D., of C., Northumberland. Bro. Hudson was presented to the Installing Master (Bro. J. R. Smart) by Bro. G. Wanless, P.M. and the ceremony of installing Bro. Hudson as W.M. was ably performed. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. R. Smart, I.P.M.; John Dixon, S.W.; J. A. Rainbow, J.W.; T. G. Garrick, S.D.; W. Dawson, J.D.; W. Scarborough, I.G.; J. J. Stiles, P.M., Sec.; and J. Riseborough, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. H. P. Levy, Chap. The lodge was afterwards closed in due form.

In the evening, the brethren celebrated their annual festival at the Palatine Hotel. The newly installed W.M., Bro. J. Hudson, presided, and the vice-chairs were taken by Bros. Dixon and Rainbow. The Chairman was supported by Bros. Alderman J. Potts, J. R. Smart, R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; M. Frampton, J. H. Leech, G. Porteous, W.M., 949; J. J. Clay, F. Maddison, R. B. Lutert, T. Sharp, M. Douglas, J. Henderson, P.M.'s; H. Golder, W.M., 1119; and others. The usual Masonic toasts were proposed and cordially honoured. The toast of "The D.P.G.M. and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge" was proposed by Bro. Ald. Potts.

Bro. Hudson, the P.G.S., in responding gave a very interesting historical retrospect of the proceedings of the Phoenix Lodge. On the 26th of October, 1836, the Phoenix Lodge presented an address to the Duke of Sussex on regaining his sight. On the 5th of December, 1842, the Earl of Zeland, Pro. Grand Master, installed Sir Hedworth Williamson as P.G.M., at the Provincial Grand Lodge held under the banner of the Phoenix lodge. On the 1st of November, 1849, the Provincial Grand Lodge invested £300 in Consols in the names of Bros. Fawcett, Cundill, and Wilkinson. In 1848, there were 108 brethren connected

with the three lodges in Sunderland. In 1881, there were 432 brethren in the five lodges.

The toast of "The W.M." was heartily given, as well as that of "The Installing Master;" "Success to the Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. R. B. Lutert and responded to by Bro. F. Maddison. Bro. M. Harmon gave "The Present and Past Officers," to which Bro. J. A. Rainbow responded.

**MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Integrity (No. 163).**—The monthly meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M.; Joseph Senior, S.W.; W. Siddeley, J.W.; W. Rome, P.M., Treas.; J. Studd, Sec.; B. Williams, S.D.; W. D. Waddell, J.D.; W. Livesey, I.G.; Joseph Wildgoose, P.M., P.G.D.C.; H. Walley, P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; C. F. Allinson, J. R. Taylor, D. D. McPherson, J. P. Bedson, G. R. Kershaw, R. Higham, G. F. Smith, T. Nowell, J. W. Mothershead, W. R. Lee, J. H. Beckett, R. McMillan, A. H. Scott, Carl Burnstein, W. Cowell, J. Clemmey, W. F. Durin, E. E. Wood, Max Isaacs, P. Caspar, F. Glein, J. H. Simms, E. Russell, R. B. Carmichael, Ernest Corty, W. G. Watson, W. Hilton, M. Owen, J. Armstrong, M. Beaver, and Jas. Lowndes. Visitors: Bros. E. Hallos, 1514; W. Nicholl, P.M., 317; W. Nicholls, P.M., 941; P.P.G. Treas. Cheshire; W. Wildgoose, I.G., 941; Geo. R. Swann, Sec. 633; T. L. Sheppard, I.G., 350; J. M. Thorpe, 1018; D. G. Anderson, W.M., 1664; F. Mothershead, W.M., 1011; A. T. Forrest, I.G., 1633; W. T. Allett, 1633; M. Cohen, 600; F. G. Peake, Joseph Allison, 993; J. Prescott, P.M., 999; B. Taylor, P.M., 933 and 1345; P.P.G. Treas.; F. A. Coop, 1140; C. H. Hayhurst, 115; J. Crowther, jun., 645; A. M. Hugill, 216; W. H. Ballard, 350; Ludwig Porandt-Globus (Hamburg); A. H. Jefferes, J.W., 1161; J. Jackson, P.M., 1052; G. C. Williams, I.P.M., 152; A. S. Lewis, and R. R. Lisenden, J.D., 317 (Freemason).

It will be seen by the foregoing list of members and visitors that a strong muster of brethren assembled on this occasion, although nothing unusual was going on; and the sight of so brilliant a gathering must have been most pleasantly surprising to some of the visitors, at whose lodges perhaps large attendances are more the exception than the rule. The fact is, that the reputation this lodge enjoys for its efficient working, its munificent donations and subscriptions given yearly to the Charities, its hospitality, and ever increasing list of members, has the effect of increasing and extending its popularity, and creating a desire in the hearts of various brethren, who have not visited the lodge to take the first opportunity of so doing.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs. W. L. C. Brown, Alfred L. Dumevein, and Luciano Brettaner, who were elected and afterwards initiated into Freemasonry; the first and third by the W.M., and the second by Bro. H. H. Warburton, P.M. Bro. Ernest Corty was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. Joseph Wildgoose, P.M., P.G.D. of C. The whole of the work was, as usual, well done. The ceremony of raising concluded the evening's work, and after some lodge business had been discussed, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

At the social board "The Healths of the Initiates and the Newly-Raised Brethren" were heartily drank and afterwards responded to.

"The Health of the Visitors" was then proposed and responded to by Bro. Prescott, of the Robert Burns Lodge, in a humorous speech.

A very enjoyable two hours were spent together by the brethren, the intervals between the toasts being enlivened by some excellent recitations, delivered by Bros. Forrest and Ballard, and songs by Bros. Joseph Senior and R. R. Lisenden.

**MANCHESTER.—Affability Lodge (No. 317).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. H. Walmsley, W.M.; R. Tomlins, S.W.; J. Wilson, J.W.; J. Smethurst, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Edwards, Sec.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; J. Garside, and J. G. Elderton, Stewards; J. Sly, Tyler; W. Nicholl, I.P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; Mark Vickers, P.M.; Abraham Wild, J. C. Middlehurst, W. B. Akermann, G. C. Fruhling, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (Freemason).

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. R. Lever (by permission of the W.M.), occupied the chair of K.S., and passed Bro. Fruhling to the Second Degree. This being the night for electing a W.M. for the ensuing year, and an announcement being made by Bro. Tomlins, S.W., that he had no desire at present for further advancement, it was discovered after the ballot that the choice of the brethren had fallen upon Bro. James Wilson, the J.W., who was thereupon congratulated by the W.M., and acknowledged the compliment in a few well-chosen sentences. Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M., was elected Treasurer and representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee. Bro. W. Nicholl also had a vote of thanks awarded him for his services at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Bro. James Sly was elected Tyler to the lodge. Several other matters of an important character were discussed and the lodge was closed in the usual manner.

After the lodge was closed the annual soiree was held, and the brethren betook themselves to the banquet-room, which had been cleaned for dancing, and upon the arrival of the ladies, most of whom appeared upon the scene between eight and nine o'clock, the company were soon whirling in the mazy dance.

An adjournment was then made for supper, on the termination of which dancing was again resumed and carried on until an early hour.

**NORTHAMPTON.—Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).**—The brethren of the above lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 7th inst. Present: Bros. John Bingley, W.M.; Geo. Ellard, I.P.M.; F. J. Ains, S.W.; J. J. Hart, J.W.; Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., Treas.; Geo. Robinson, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Duffy, S.D.; J. Sadler, J.D.; H. Timpson, I.G.; J. U. Stanton, P.M., and E. Haynes, Stewards; H. Hitchman, 445,

P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, P.M.; H. W. Parker, P.M.; H. J. Atkins, P.M.; H. Brown, P.M.; G. S. Michel, A. Richardson, R. McClure, H. W. Todd, Thos. Wetherell, James Clayton, and others. Bro. John Snow was raised to the Degree of M.M.; Bro. E. B. Fletcher passed to the Second Degree; and Mr. Henry Martin, having been duly balloted for and elected, was initiated, the W.M. very ably performing the ceremony in each case, the I.P.M. delivering the charges. The brethren then duly elected Bro. F. J. Ains, S.W., the W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Butler Wilkins was also again duly elected Treasurer. A vote of five guineas to the daughter of an old brother was confirmed, and another application referred to a Committee. The installation meeting will take place on Thursday, January 4th, and not on December 27th, as in former years.

**GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).**—On Friday last this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John. Lodge, attended by upwards of forty brethren and visiting brethren, was opened in due form by Bro. H. T. Gardiner, W.M., who proceeded herewith to invest his successor, Bro. Ezra Gooderidge, S.W. The W.M. elect, invested the following officers:—Bros. H. Wilson, S.W.; W. Brook, J.W.; R. Wright, P.M. Treas.; E. C. B. Tudor, C.E., Dir. of Cers.; T. Raven, Sec.; W. Everatt, S.D.; E. J. Foster, J.D.; R. Dayson, I.G.; Stevenson, Org.; Dixon and R. Blasdale, Stwds.; H. Handley, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. Wright, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Bray, P.M., seconded, the re-election of Bro. H. Wilson, S.W., as charity member. Bro. Wright, P.M., in the name of the brethren, presented to the I.P.M. a P.M.'s jewel bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. H. T. Gardiner, by the brethren of 458, in appreciation of his services in the chair for two consecutive years, Dec. 8th, 1882." In doing so, Bro. Wright made suitable allusion to the manner in which the ceremonies of the past year had been carried out, to the prosperity which had attended the lodge of late, and to the esteem with which Bro. Gardiner was regarded by the brethren, he having from the time we entered the lodge endeavoured to do all he could to promote the welfare of the lodge.

Bro. Gardiner suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to him, remarked that though he had now passed the chair he should still assist in the working of the lodge, which he was pleased to say was never in a more prosperous state than at the present time. Not only had they made many new members, but they found their elder brethren rallying round them in a way they had previously done. Such a state of things would, he hope, continue for very long.

The report of the lodge committee on the Book of Amended Constitutions was then read and confirmed. It was to the effect that the lodge supported the recommendations of the Benevolent Committee for West Yorkshire.

At the annual banquet, held at the Sydney Hotel, Bro. Gooderidge, W.M. elect, presided, being supported by Bro. Anderton, W.M., 630, Gardiner, Hunter, Spink, Wright, Peacock, P.M.; James Milnes, J.W., 289; Smith, 1211; Browne, 1611; Seed, 1301; and many others. Bro. Wilson, J.W., being in the vice-chair.

The W.M., in giving "The M.W. Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers," said that the re-election of the Prince of Wales would be concurred in enthusiastically by not merely those voting in Grand Lodge, but by the brethren in every lodge throughout the Craft.

Bro. Wright, P.M. gave "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Everatt gave the toast of "The Army, Navy, and the Volunteers," which was responded to by Bro. Lieut. Porter, of the 5th W.Y.R.V.

Bro. Gardiner then proposed "The Health of the W.M. Elect," pointing out that Bro. Gooderidge had since he had been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry ever shown desire to make advancement in Masonic knowledge, and to render whatever service he could to the lodge or to individual brethren.

In replying to the toast, which was enthusiastically received, the W.M. elect said that he had been very pleased indeed to find the brethren had by their unanimous vote placed him in the chair of the lodge. At the same time, he acknowledged his fear that he should not be able to reach the high standard of excellence attained by many of his predecessors. He should, however, do his best. The question of a new lodge and a revision of their bye laws would force themselves on their attention. He trusted that with the assistance of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, and the co-operation of brethren, they would be guided to just conclusions.

"The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. Gardiner," was next given and responded to.

Bro. Spink, P.M., proposed "The Wardens and Officers for the Present Year," to which Bro. Wilson, S.W., replied.

"The Visiting Brethren," given by Bro. Peacock, P.M., was replied to by the W.M. of the St. Cuthbert's Lodge, who expressed the pleasure it had given him to be present at the installation, and said he hoped, though in separate provinces, as they were so closely connected, there would in future be greater intimacy between the Goole and Howden lodges.

"To The Ladies," given by Bro. Dr. Cathcart Bruce, Bro. A. Gooderidge responded.

At this stage, Bro. Cawthorn, P.M., P.P.G.S., entered the room and was loudly cheered. He stated he had been since 12.30 in travelling from Batley to Goole, owing to the weather. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Cawthorn later on in the evening gave "All Poor and Distressed Masons," alluding feelingly to the death during the year of Bro. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.S., whose portrait it is intended to place in the lodge at an early date, as a memorial of an earnest, zealous Mason.

Communications from the D.P.G.M. of West Yorks (Bro. Tew, J.P.) and the P.G.S. (Bro. Smith) were read, regretting that Masonic duties in London prevented them being present at the installation.

**HULL.—Kingston Lodge, (No. 1010).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at the Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Bro. B. S. Jacobs, W.M., in the chair. The ordinary business of the lodge having been transacted, Bro. Henry Forder, J.W., the W.M. elect, was presented to the installing officer, Bro. B. S. Jacobs, for installation, the ceremony being most



impressively performed. Bro. H. Forder, on taking the chair, appointed the following brethren to their respective offices: Bros. B. S. Jacobs, I.P.M.; A. E. Seaton, C.E. S.W.; H. Logan, J.W.; Rev. H. C. Casson, M.A., Chap.; S. Mosely, P.M., P.J.P.G.W., Lecture Master; C. Copland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Sidman, Sec.; M. Grant-Dalton, C.E., S.D.; W. H. Wellsted, C.E., J.D.; J. F. Nicholson, M.D., Dir. of Cers.; W. D. Kayworth, P.M., P.G.P. Supt. of Wks., Almoner; James Pyburn, M.D., P.M.; P.P.G. Reg.; R. Fuller, I.G.; H. Frith, Stwd.; W. F. Sutton, Stwd.; F. J. Lambert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Station Hotel. Bro. H. Forder occupied the chair, and was supported by many distinguished Masons of the Riding and visitors from the neighbouring lodges. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum. There was only a poor attendance, the weather being most inclement, and in addition to this the Secretary had received letters of apology for non-attendance from three of the lodge officers. The chair of K.S. was occupied by Bro. H. Longman, P.M., P.P.G. Sup. of W., and the principal business before the lodge was the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year. The ballot was unanimously in favour of Bro. Cutts, S.W., for the first named office, and of Bro. Helme, P.M., for the second. The installation meeting will, we understand, be held on the 8th prox., and the ceremony will be performed by the outgoing W.M., Bro. J. E. Hannah.

**MIRFIELD.—Mirfield Lodge (No. 1102).**—The last regular lodge meeting was held on Friday, the 1st inst. The lodge was opened in due form in the presence of Bros. James Walmsley, W.M.; James Barker, S.W.; J. K. Ibberson, P.M., as J.W.; E. W. H. Anderson, S.B.; J. H. Simpson, I.G.; R. Lister, Secretary; T. Lang, P.M., Treasurer; and several P.M.'s and other brethren.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. James Barker, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. T. Lang, P.M., was also re-elected unanimously Treasurer for the next year. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Samuel Walker Anderson, and proving unanimous, he was initiated by Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.G.S.; the working tools being given by the W.M., and the charge by Bro. J. K. Ibberson, P.M., in a very impressive manner; after which the lodge was closed in due form.

**ROCK FERRY.—Rock Lodge (No. 1289).**—The annual celebration of the Festival so popular amongst the Craft in connection with the "Rock," took place in the ball room of the Royal Rock Hotel, on Friday evening the 8th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of visitors and members, several of the former hailing from distant parts. After some preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Stewart Dean, S.W., was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. B. Sparks, the ceremony being performed in a dignified and impressive manner. After the newly-installed Master had received the salutations according to ancient custom, he appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. B. Sparks, I.P.M.; H. B. Bare, S.W.; J. D. Thomas, J.W.; John Phillips, P.M., Treas.; F. L. Bolton, P.G.S.D., P.M., Sec.; William Robert, S.D.; A. H. Correlli, J.D.; Joel Frederick Dean, I.G.; W. G. Cronan, S.S.; Dr. Young, J.S.; Edward Friend, P.P.J.G.D., P.M., M.C.; the Rev. G. F. Dean, Chap.; and Banning, Organist. The brethren afterwards dined together, Mrs. Page's catering being highly satisfactory. After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. H. Bulley, Past G.S.B., responding on behalf of "The Grand Lodge of England;" Bro. W. Marquis, Prov. J.G.W., and Bro. F. L. Bolton, Prov. S.G.D., on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire;" and the Rev. Bro. Dunbar, P.P.J.G.D., West Yorks; Bro. Lightfoot, P.M. Cestrian; and Bro. Wristbridge, of the Hyde Park Lodge, London, on behalf of "The Visitors." Bro. Lee and other visitors gave an excellent musical entertainment, and the 1882 "St. John's" of the Rock Lodge will long be a pleasant memory to those who had the privilege of participating in the ceremonial.

**NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Three Crowns. The chair was filled by the W.M., Bro. James A. Elder, and the following officers were present: Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; V. J. Holloway, S.W.; C. Lewis, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M., Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; A. Ives, S.D.; C. Jolly, J.D. (Freemason); C. Guy, I.G.; A. Page, P.M., Tyler. Several visitors were also present.

The only business before the lodge was an initiation and raising, and Mr. W. Millard, having been approved of, was, with the usual ceremonies, made a Mason. Bro. Hefford was then raised, and the lodge was closed.

Bro. West having, as usual, provided a capital supper, of which the brethren and visitors partook, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

The excellent working of the W.M. was the theme of much commendation on all sides, and the visitors expressed in glowing terms, their admiration of the ceremonial, and also the cordial hospitality offered them.

Some good singing enlivened the proceedings, Bro. Smith, the talented organist, accompanying, and the whole evening was a most enjoyable one.

**PLUMSTEAD.—United Military Lodge (No. 1536).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Lord Raglan, Burrage-road, and was well attended. Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Kent; W. Welding, I.P.M.; G. Spinks, P.M.; the Rev. W. W. Bullock, M.A., Chap.; G. Kenneday, S.W.; A. Saunders, J.W.; W. Gee, Treas.; A. Fisher, Sec.; W. Mould, S.D.; A. Rowley, J.D.; J. Purnell, I.G.; W. Sayles, and J. Anderson, Stewards; A. Penfold, P.M. 913; H. Pryce, 913; the Rev. C. F. Reilly, Garrison Chaplain; W. R. Griffiths, 497; J. Shepperd, 1837; T. Widgery, 387; T. O. Niel, 1210; G. Taylor, 913; Gould, 1685; and C. Jolly, 913, &c. (Freemason).

The business before the lodge consisted of the balloting for, as joining members, Bros. the Rev. C. F. Reilly, Chap. 593; T. A. Birmingham, 407; Quarter-Master Sergeant Saunders, 434; and Quarter-Master Sergeant T. O'Neil, 1210, and they were all approved of. The ballot was then taken for Quarter-Master Sergeant J. Mitchell, and he, with Conductor H. Hardy, and Mr. S. Hutchings, were, in the course of the evening, initiated. Bros. Gardner, Rule, and Laughlin were then passed, and Bros. Popplestone, Murdock, and Hopper were then raised to the Sublime Degree. The whole of the working was exceptionally excellent.

The lodge was then closed, and, after partaking of a neat little supper, the brethren re-assembled round the festive board, where the Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in good style; and as the fine, broad-shouldered, and well-set up gunners stood around the table and "God blessed the Queen" they presented a sight any lodge might well be proud in showing.

In proposing "The Provincial Grand Officers," the W.M. said that their distinguished brother, Colonel King, P.P.G.J.W., had promised to attend that night, but had been prevented by official duties. However, they had Bro. Weston present, perhaps one of the most energetic Masons in the province, and with his name he would couple the toast.

Bro. Weston in reply, congratulated the lodge, not only upon its increasing strength, but also upon the excellent style in which the master carried out his work. They had seen him (the W.M.) go through the three degrees, and then afterwards initiated a brother who could not be present sooner. It would afford, he knew, a great deal of pleasure to the Grand Officers to know how admirably the lodge was prospering.

Bro. Welding then briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and wished him a merry Christmas and long life.

Bro. Holman returned thanks, and said that at their last three meetings they had added sixteen new members to the roll of the lodge. This showed they were prospering, and nothing should be wanting on his part to keep up that prosperity. He then, in appropriate terms, presented Bro. Weston with a handsome framed and mounted testimonial, received from the manager of the Girls' School, on his being a steward at the late festival. Bro. Weston took up £200, and the 260 stewards who went up took altogether £11,145 4s. 10d.

Bro. Weston, in returning thanks, expressed his intention to stand steward again next year for the same charity.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and in so doing the W.M. congratulated the lodge upon the fact that the order for Bro. Spinks to proceed to Devonport was cancelled, there was every prospect of him remaining in Woolwich for some time to come.

Bros. Welding and Spinks having returned thanks, the "Visitors" were honoured, and Bros. Widgery, Carter, and Taylor, returned thanks.

"The Honorary Members" were the next toast, and the W.M. in putting it spoke in flattering terms of the valuable services rendered by them to the lodge.

Bro. Penfold, in response, congratulated the lodge upon its prosperity, but did not wonder at it when he saw what excellent masters they had, and the harmony that prevailed in the lodge. Next to being a P.M. of the Pattison Lodge, he felt that the greatest honour that had been conferred on him was his being elected as hon. member of the United Military Lodge. Bro. Price was proud of the distinction conferred upon him, and advocated an even closer union between the Pattison and Military Lodges than at present.

Bro. Jolly also briefly responded, and then "The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were of a most cordial character.

**PONTYPRIDD.—Merlin Lodge (No. 1578).**—At a meeting of this lodge held on the 6th November, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Richard Male, on behalf of himself and Bro. Thomas Watkin Wayne Morgan, presented to the lodge a very massive and elegant loving cup, which bore the following inscription: "This loving cup was presented to the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Richard Male and Bro. Thomas Watkin Wayne Morgan, Past Director of Ceremonies, in consummation of the known wish of the lamented and universally beloved Matthew Wayne Morgan, Past Prov. Grand Supt. of Works, who was one of the founders of the lodge and its second Worshipful Master. Obiit ad 3. Id. Novem. 1879, 11th November, 1182." And on the obverse side the following lines are engraved.

I am the loving cup, then pass me round,  
And as you drink let heart to heart be bound:  
With firmest grip let all united be  
To consecrate afresh to Masonry.  
Around me memories cluster sad and dear,  
Of him who erstwhile dwelt as Master here;  
Then while you kiss my lips perfumed with wine,  
A silent tribute pay to Auld lang-syne.  
If to yourself you are but leal and true  
No sorrow ever will I bring to you.

In making the presentation the W.M. paid an appropriate and affectionate tribute to the memory of W. Bro. Matthew Wayne Morgan, and concluded by calling upon W. Bro. John Edwards Price, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., as the first Worshipful Master and one of the trustees of the lodge to take charge of the gift.

W. Bro. Price, in receiving the cup, spoke feelingly of the late W. Bro. M. W. Morgan, and of his innumerable virtues, which he said would be remembered long after the present members of the lodge had passed away, and by this graceful gift would be perpetuated among the brethren of the Merlin lodge in distant generations. In conclusion, W. Bro. Price moved that the warmest thanks of the lodge be accorded to the W.M. and to Bro. T. W. W. Morgan for the very handsome gift, which was carried amidst acclamation.

There was a very large attendance of brethren, and at the close of the lodge a banquet was served, at which the brethren drank "to the memory of our late Bro. Matthew Wayne Morgan" in solemn silence.

**YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—On Monday night there was a full meeting of the members of this lodge, including Bro. M. Millington, W.M.; J. Blenkin, S.W.; A. T. B. Turner, J.W.; T. B. Whythead, P.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M.; G. Balford, P.M. and Treasurer; T. Humphries, Sec.; with several visitors. A ballot was taken for Bro. M. M. Reynard, 1040, as a joining member, after

which Messrs. Plenty and Elliott, previously elected, were initiated by the W.M. A discussion ensued as to a proposed alteration in the bye-laws, at the conclusion of which Bro. Whythead presented a series of books to the lodge library, for which a vote of thanks was passed. The names of three gentlemen were proposed as candidates for Freemasonry, and the lodge was closed.

At refreshment there was a most pleasurable gathering, enlivened as usual by a musical performance, the excellent programme containing the names of Bros. Wilkinson, Child, and Mennell. The principal loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—This lodge met for the despatch of business at the White Hart Hotel, on the 11th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex (in the chair); T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex, S.W.; J. Featherstone, J.W.; A. Nuthall, Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M. 1512, Sec.; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793; J. Piller, W.M. 1793, J.D.; Worthington, M.C.; F. L. Chandler, A.W.S.; J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; C. Bonell, Drummond, Dare, Spooner, Madders, T. J. Smith, and others. The visitors were Bros. Godden, 975, and C. J. Moss, 1257.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Spooner, Madders, and T. J. Smith were impressively passed to the Second Degree by the Secretary. Several letters of apology having been read, for non-ability to attend, from Bros. W. Hammond, J. Hurst, and others, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, most genially and ably presided over by Bro. the Rev. C. de Crespigny. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. T. C. Walls having responded upon behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Ockenden, in a few happy sentences, proposed "The Health of the W.M."

This toast having been most warmly received by the brethren, the reverend Chairman acknowledged the compliment upon behalf of himself and the absent W.M., Bro. Hurst.

The pledge of "The Visitors" followed, coupled with the names of Bros. Godden and Moss, who responded.

"The Officers" was replied to by Bro. Nuthall in a neat speech.

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the W.M. proposing in an elegant manner "The Prosperity of the Masonic Charities."

This important toast was acknowledged by Bro. Featherstone, who has accepted a Stewardship to one of the Charity Festivals in 1883.

The entertainment was enlivened by the vocal contributions of several of the brethren.

## INSTRUCTION.

**MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).** A meeting was held on the 11th inst., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, when there were present Bros. Evans, W.M.; Gray, S.W.; LeCren, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; W. G. Heildreth, Hon. Sec.; Boyce, S.D.; Martin, I.G.; Polak, Clifford, Upjohn, Loring, and L. Franckel, W.M. 780, who kindly acted as Preceptor, in the absence of Bro. Forss, a vote of thanks being passed to Bro. Franckel for so doing. The lodge was opened in the First and Second, and resumed in the First Degrees. Bro. Hunt acted as candidate, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Lodge was then resumed in the Second, opened and closed in the Third, and finally closed in the Second Degrees. Bro. Lowing was admitted a joining member, and Bro. Clifford, Treasurer, was elected a hon. member. Bro. Gray was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and this brother having returned thanks, the lodge was adjourned.

**LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).**—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on the 7th inst., at the Mansion House Station Restaurant, Queen Victoria-street, when Bro. Willis took the chair, supported by Bros. Hoskens, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; J. G. Langton, S.D.; Marshall, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; Sudlow, Preceptor; Tanqueray, acting Sec.; and Bros. Hasluck, Bué, Morris, Bishop, S. S. H. Saunders, Herbage, and Ward. Visitor: Bro. Arthur Whetham, 18.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, after which the lodge opened up to the Third Degree and resumed in the First Degree, when Bro. Ward, acting as candidate, was duly initiated. After a "call off" Bro. Marshall worked the Fourth Section of the First Lecture, Bro. Bishop worked the Seventh Section of the First Lecture, and Bro. Willis worked the Second Section of the First Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Hosken was unanimously elected W.M. for the 21st inst. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Arthur Whetham, 18, was proposed, seconded, and elected a member of the lodge, following which the W.M. rose for the Third time, and the lodge was closed.

**NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).**—There was a very large attendance of members and visitors at the meeting of the above lodge held on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at Hornsey Wood Tavern, when Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The chair was taken by Bro. Terry, who appointed Bros. J. N. Thompson, S.W.; H. Hollis, P.P.G. S.B. Herts, J.W.; R. V. Davies, D. of C.; Berry, Sec.; Bastable, S.D.; Frampton, J.D.; and Oldes, I.G.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, Bro. Terry proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, and afterwards installed Bro. J. N. Thompson as W.M. The brethren present were much gratified with the very excellent manner in which Bro. Terry carried out the work of the evening. A vote of thanks to Bro. Terry having been moved and carried unanimously, the lodge was closed. The musical arrangements were most efficiently carried out by Bro. E. J. Hoare, who acted as Organist, assisted by Bro. T. Tremere and other brethren.

**BRIXTON LODGE (No. 1949).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Prince Regent, Bro. Monk's, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. R. Poore, W.M., was supported by the fol-

lowing officers and brethren: Bros. H. Hooper S.W.; H. Stokes, J.W.; Thos. Poore, P.M., &c., Preceptor; R. W. Pooler, S.D.; E. Newby, J.D.; H. M. Williams, Secretary, as I.G.; H. Goodwin, acting Secretary; C. H. Phillips, Treasurer; H. Durham, G. Monk, J. Martin Howe, G. W. Knight, and S. Richardson.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Phillips, as candidate, gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed by the W.M. in a very able manner, Bro. Phillips being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed down to the First Degree, when Bro. J. Martin was unanimously elected a joining member. On the motion of the Preceptor, Bro. H. Hooper was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Hooper returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. Letter from Bro. E. A. Francis, Preceptor, was read, regretting his absence, through pressure of business. "Heartly good wishes" having been expressed, lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

### Royal Arch.

**WEST KENT CHAPTER (No. 1297).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Thicket Hotel, Anerley. Present: Comps. Robert Crowden, Z.; Wm. Lake, H.; E. W. Grabham, acting J.; J. C. Woodrow, E.; Thomas Perrin, N.; B. Fullwood, P.Z., P.S.; James Crowden, Assist. S.; W. Lavington, Assist. S.; Dr. Basley, Hon. Org.; Watson Osmond, Finch, Church, Janitor; and others. Visitors: Comps. Harding, Brown, and Cohu.

The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., and after the minutes of the previous convocation had been duly confirmed, Bros. Wm. D. Robins, 1297; Geo. Cecil Winkworth, 1297; and W. J. Ancell, 1194; were balloted for and being approved were exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z., Comp. Robert H. Crowden. The ceremony throughout was perfectly performed by every officer connected with the chapter and redounds greatly to the credit of the M.E.Z.

The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, when it became apparent that it was the wish of the chapter that Comp. Robt. H. Crowden, the founder and first Z., should be re-elected. This great compliment was accepted by Comp. Crowden, and the election proving unanimous in his favour, he distinctly assured the companions that he had no wish to stand in the way of aspiring officers, at the same time if it was considered beneficial for the welfare of the West Kent Chapter he would cheerfully accept the honour. Comp. Lake was unanimously re-elected H.; and Comps. B. Fullwood, J.; J. C. Woodrow, E.; Thos. Perrin, N.; and Watson Osmond, P.S. The Audit Committee was also arranged, after which the chapter was closed in due form.

The banquet which followed was served with Comp. Lassom's usual taste, and gave every satisfaction to the companions.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Queen," said: Companions—Since we last had the pleasure of meeting, England has achieved a feat of arms unequalled in the annals of this country, and the hearts of those brave men who have just returned from the Egyptian campaign cannot but have been much impressed with the gracious manner in which Her Majesty the Queen had expressed personally, and on behalf of the country, her appreciation of their valuable services. They, as soldiers, have proved their loyalty; let us, as civilians and Royal Arch Masons, follow their example by responding cordially to this toast.

"The Grand Z. of the Order, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was next proposed, when the M.E.Z. took occasion to remark on the interest His Royal Highness took in all Masonic matters, and ventured to assert that when, in the course of events, although he hoped the day might be far distant, he should ascend the throne, his popularity would be so great as to cast a shade on the halo which surrounded the fame of his illustrious ancestors.

"The Healths of the Grand Officers" followed and the toast done justice to.

Comp. Lake proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and in doing so offered his hearty congratulations to Comp. Crowden on the compliment that had just been paid him by the Chapter in re-electing him to the office of M.E.Z. For himself, he could only say that the pleasure of working with so able and worthy a First Principal as Companion Crowden had proved himself to be, was even greater than that of filling the chair himself, much as he should esteem that honor. Whatever credit was due for the position they were in, they owed to the M.E.Z., who had, from the first, taken the deepest interest in his work, and while his first year's rule had fairly started the Chapter on the road to prosperity, they knew his second would still further promote and strengthen their position.

In reply, Comp. Crowden thanked the companions as follows: We are taught in Craft Masonry that it is "the hope of reward that at all times sweetens," but in my case I received the reward before I commenced the labour, for in making me your first Z. you deprived me of this hope, and saved me from the labours of passing through the various offices of the chapter. This honour, as also the honour of my re-election to-day, is very greatly prized by me, and I am at a loss to find words to express my gratitude to you. My maxim through life has always been that whatever was worth doing at all is worth doing well; and whether it be in Masonic or ordinary business matters, to do thoroughly all you undertake is pretty certain to lead to success and give satisfaction to all concerned. As regards this chapter, I have done my utmost for it, as I did for the lodge. I have impressed on the minds of my officers the importance of perfecting the ritual, and have set the example myself, the consequence is, we have had splendid working; our banquets have been well served and personally directed by Comp. Lassom, and every companion has done his best to make our meetings most enjoyable and happy ones. I thank you all for your courtesy and forbearance during my first year of office, and particularly Comp. Lake for the very flattering manner in which he has proposed the toast.

The M.E.Z., next proposed the "Healths of the Exalted, Bros. Robins, Winkworth, and Ancell, who were valuable additions to the chapter, and were cordially wel-

comed by the companions. They each responded in suitable terms, and expressed their admiration of the beautiful and impressive ceremony they had just had the privilege of passing through.

Comps. Harding, Cohu, and Brown, responded as "The Visitors." The two former having so thoroughly enjoyed themselves, expressed the satisfaction of their being present for the first time in a London chapter, and wished their names to be proposed as joining members at the next convocation.

Comp. Brown, in acknowledging the remarks of the M.E.Z., said, as Preceptor of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, it gave him much pleasure in witnessing the performances of his pupils; and that day he had had the satisfaction of seeing the ceremonies of the R.A. performed in such a way as is not often witnessed in many chapters. It was quite true that he did strive to maintain the perfection of the ritual with as much care and precision as possible, and in the end it redounded to the credit of those companions who carried out his ideas and instruction. He was present at the consecration of the chapter, and remarked the steady progress with much pleasure, and having spent an enjoyable evening, hoped it would not be the last time he would respond to the toast as a visitor.

The M.E.Z. next proposed "The Healths of the H. and J.," and expressed the confidence he felt in supporting the keystone, together with the strength of the two archstones, which were the H. and J. of the chapter. He congratulated the companions on the acquisition of such valuable services as were rendered by Comps. Lake and Grabham. It was only when the companions attempted the work of the Three Principals they would be able to appreciate the marvellous application required to thoroughly master the historical, symbolical, and mystical lectures; but in the hands of Comps. Lake and Grabham they had been perfectly safe and wonderfully well delivered. The health of Comp. J. K. Stead was still in a very critical state, and he would be quite unable ever to attend the chapter again. This, naturally, would cause great grief in the hearts of all those companions who personally knew him.

Comp. Grabham being obliged to leave early, Bro. Lake responded on behalf of himself and the Acting Third Principal, and thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind and much too flattering manner in which he had spoken of his services to the West Kent Chapter. He was proud of the position he held as Second Principal, and while it was possible for Comp. Crowden to retain the Chair of M.E.Z., he (Comp. Lake) would be only too glad to aid and assist him to the utmost of his power. He had known Comp. Crowden many years ago, and it was with agreeable surprise that he renewed that acquaintance in Masonry on coming to this neighbourhood. Bro. Grabham they all knew and respected. He was an honorary member of the chapter, but was always ready to give them the benefit of his services in any office or duty when asked. The unfortunate position in which they were placed by the serious illness of the Third Principals, which they so much regretted, had rendered those services more than ordinarily valuable.

"The Health of the E., N., P.S., and other Officers," as the last toast, next followed, the M.E.Z. congratulating the crew of the bark—to which he compared his tenure of office—on the successful voyage she would by the next meeting have completed, by their all, like good and brave seamen, sticking hard and fast to their duties.

Comp. Woodrow, as E., assured the companions that he felt honoured by retaining his position as E., and considered that having just been elected Z. of another chapter, he had already attained that position to which all ardent Masons were looking forward to, and consequently he would forget the honour of preferment in this chapter, and make way for those companions who were ambitious. In the course of a speech given in his usual genial style, he explained that the work of the E. was no sinecure; and were it not for the great interest he took in the chapter, and the high regard he had for the companions present, who were founders, he would readily be relieved of the duties attending his position.

Comp. Thos. Perrin remarked, on his re-election as N., he could not do better than follow the same lines as his predecessor, as the M.E.Z. had expressed satisfaction on the way he had carried out his duties. He cheerfully gave up his opportunity of being appointed as J., as he felt it was for the welfare and interest of the chapter that Comp. Crowden should be re-elected. He also spoke in high terms of the benefits received by his attendance at the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, under the Preceptorship of Comp. Brown.

Comp. Fullwood, P.S., congratulated the companions on the very enjoyable evenings they always had, and accounted for the happiness of Masonic meetings generally from the fact that all subjects such as religion or politics were not allowed to be discussed, in fact anything of a discordant nature should be ignored. He expressed as a P.Z. of another chapter the pleasure it was to him to belong to a London Chapter and see the ritual which he admired so much carried out so perfectly, for in the country the companions had not the same opportunity of attending Chapters of Improvement. He had always felt and appreciated the compliment of his being made the first P.S. of the West Kent Chapter, and now being elected as J. should not allow his energies to slacken, as he was desirous of seeing the chapter one of the best as well as one of the most select in the metropolis.

Comps. Basley, James Crowden and Lavington, also returned thanks in suitable terms. The Janitor's toast followed and the companions shortly after separated.

**WHITEBY.**—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).—A convocation of this chapter was held on the 11th inst., in the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, at which there were present Comps. John Stevenson, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Thos. N. Marwood, P.Z., H.; James S. Moss, P.Z., J.; W. H. Falkenbridge, P.S.; Francis Thornton, A.S.; John N. Lawson, P.Z., N.; Silvester Reed, P.Z., E.; Thomas H. Truman, Janitor; W. Clarkson, Thomas Tate, Wm. E. Wolsey, John Brand, and B. Newbald.

The business before the chapter consisted of the exaltation of Bro. W. H. Attlay, 312, who having been elected at a previous chapter was now exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in a most impressive manner by the M.E.Z. The chapter was afterwards closed.

### LIVERPOOL.—Israel Chapter (No. 1502).

The first annual installation meeting of this chapter since the period of consecration took place at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday, the 7th inst., and the interest in the gathering was showed by a very large attendance of members and visitors. Among those on the Janitor's record book was Comp. Maurice Hart, M.E.Z.; Comp. S. Schonstadt, H.; Comp. H. A. Tobias, J.; Comp. D. Gabrielsen, Treas.; Comp. Alex. Levy, S.E.; Comp. M. Aronsberg, S.N.; Comp. S. J. Henochsberg, P.S.; Comp. Alfred Levy, A.S.; and Comp. Peter Ball, Janitor. The visitors included Comp. J. T. Callow, P.Z., P.G., Treas.; Comp. J. Pemberton, P.Z., P.P.G. Sword Bearer; Comp. Broadbridge, P.Z. 680; Comp. Dr. Samuel, P.Z. 241; Comp. Dr. Bailey, H. 680; Comp. Carruthers, J. 1350; and Comp. J. M. King, 823. A ballot was taken for two brethren presented for exaltation, and the treasurer's balance-sheet, showing a small balance in favour of the chapter after paying all the necessary consecration and other expenses, was read. Comp. Maurice Hart, M.E.Z., then proceeded to install the principals-elect as follows:—Comp. S. Schonstadt, M.E.Z.; Comp. H. A. Tobias, H.; and Comp. S. J. Henochsberg, J.; the other officers invested being Comp. D. Gabrielsen, Treas. (re-elected); Comp. Alex. Levy, S.E. (re-elected); Comp. H. Harper, S.N.; Comp. M. Aronsberg, P.S.; Comps. P. S. Levy, (by proxy) and Alfred Levy, (both re-appointed), Assistant S.; and Comp. Peter Ball, Janitor. After the chapter had been closed in due form, the companions adjourned to banquet, provided by Comp. Woodhouse, the house steward, who gave great satisfaction. In the course of the evening a valuable P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Maurice Hart, I.P.Z., the gift being entirely subscribed for personally by the members of the chapter, the by-laws not allowing any sum to be taken out of the funds of the chapter for such a purpose. The principals and visitors spoke highly of the manner in which the installation ceremony was performed by Comp. M. Hart, I.P.Z., this being his first appearance as an Installing Companion in any chapter. The evening was pleasantly spent, songs being given by Comps. Gabrielsen, Alfred Levy, Dr. Bailey, and others.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

**SHEFFIELD.**—White Rose of York Conclave (No. 120).—The regular meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street. The conclave was opened in due form by Bro. John Barker, M.P.S., assisted by Bros. H. J. Garnett, V.E., and the rest of the officers. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the historical oration (which was omitted for want of time at the last meeting) was given Bro. Davidson by the M.P.S.

After the business of the conclave was finished, the brethren sat down to a slight refreshment, under the presidency of the M.P.S.

### Australia.

**MELBOURNE.**—Combermere Lodge (No. 747).—The regular monthly meeting of this, the leading lodge under the English Constitution in Victoria, was held on Thursday evening, October 19th, in the Masonic Hall, Lonsdale-street, E. The W.M., Bro. Charles Shaw, opened the lodge, supported by his officers, and a large muster of the members, whilst the visitors from various lodges under the Constitutions came trooping in by half dozens at a time, till at last there were a little short of a hundred brethren present in all, fully a third of whom were District Officers, Masters and Past Masters. The dais, in fact, presented a brilliant appearance, and for some time the Deacons were fully employed in conducting Masters of ot lodges to the East with the customary ceremonial. After the minutes were read and confirmed, ballots were taken for two candidates, which being clear in both instances, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., who has recently joined Combermere, and who had been announced to work the initiation ceremony on two of the three candidates present, Messrs. E. S. Chapman and Thos. Haydon, both intimate friends of his. The three candidates having been regularly initiated and re-admitted, the E.A.'s charge was very impressively delivered by Bro. Henry.

The W.M. then resumed the chair, when he reported the deliberations of the special committee for the organisation of a new lodge choir, in the place of the other resigned. New rules were adopted, and it was intimated that the new choir would be in working order at an early date. Clearances were voted to brethren who had resigned; amongst them were Bro. T. B. Moroney, an eminent colonial vocalist, who had gone to England for the purpose of adopting music as a profession. Several candidates and affiliating members were proposed, after which the lodge was closed. Subsequently the large assemblage adjourned to the hall below for supper, when the usual toast list was gone through, to the accompaniment of the Combermere fire. Some capital speeches were delivered, whilst the singing in the hands of the W.M., Bros. Dr. Wilmot, P.M., Dr. Robertson, W.M. Lowry Lodge, not to omit the able assistance of Bro. David Lee, the Melbourne City Organist, on the pianoforte, caused the time to fly so rapidly, that the Tyler's toast from Bro. Cartwright, the senior P.M., came upon all unexpectedly. This is said to have been one of the largest private lodge meetings ever held in the metropolis of Victoria.

### FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. ELIAS SOMERS.

The remains of Bro. Somers, P.M. 1602 and 1897, Prov. G.P. Middx., were interred, on the 9th inst., in the Abney Park Cemetery. The body was taken from the residence of the deceased, in Forest-road, Dalston, to St. Philip's Church, Richmond-road, where the funeral service was read. The interment took place in the presence of a large number of friends, including Bros. W. Stephens, W.M. 1489; Wm. Norris, W.M. 1602; H. W. Mayes, W.M. 1897; W. Hurren, Treas. 1897; W. H. Lee, P.M. and Sec. 1897; J. Osborn, P.M. 1602; R. Percy, P.M. 228; F. Woodman, J.D. 1897; J. Greenfield, J.W. 1602; H. W. Gregory, S.D. 1897; Oscar Von Holtzner, 1897; W. F. Poulton, P.M. 1602; W. Gray, J.W. 1489; and others.



Amongst the Freemasons who attended the funeral of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, at Addington, were Bros. Sir Wm. Charley, the Lord Mayor, Sheriff De Keyser, the Dukes of Albany and Connaught, the Marquis of Hamilton (for the M.W. Grand Master), the Bishop of Peterborough, and the Hon. W. Egerton, M.P. The two Royal dukes were married by the deceased Archbishop.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales visited the ruins of the fires at the Alhambra Theatre and Wood-street on Saturday, accompanied by Captain Shaw, and afterwards went to Charing Cross Hospital to see the injured fireman, Berg.

Bro. H. A. Dubois has been appointed receiver of the estate of Mr. G. J. Waller, grocer, Circular-road, Borough.

Bro. W. Harris, Superintendent S Division of Police, was yesterday presented with a very handsome jewel by the brethren of the Domestic Lodge, 177, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as Master of the lodge during the past year.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, the Lord-in-Waiting, and Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Garter King-at-Arms, P.G.D., were present officially at the recent investiture, at Windsor Castle, of the Orders of the Bath and St. Michael and St. George.

Bros. ex-Sheriff Burt and Deputy Brass supported Bro. the Lord Mayor at a meeting of the Clay Cross Colliery Aid Fund, at the Mansion House. Bro. Burt's firm (Mowlem and Co.) have given twenty guineas to the fund.

Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury appeals for donations towards the Destitute Children's Society during the approaching winter.

Bros. Lord Balfour, of Denbigh, and Cochran Patrick, M.P., are founders of the new Scottish National Church Defence Society.

Bros. Montague Guest, M.P., Lord Carrington, G.S.W., and Lord Kensington, M.P., P.G.W., were amongst the congregation at the Chapel Royal, St. James's, on Sunday.

The will of Bro. Fawcett, late P.G.M. Durham, has been proved at £88,000. He leaves his property to nephews and nieces.

Bro. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough has presented the Rev. H. L. Roberts to an Honorary Canonry in the Cathedral.

Bro. the late John C. Cobbold's will has been proved by his son, the member for Ipswich, at over £146,000.

Bros. Capt. Youle, E. J. Barron, F.S.A., Major Sewell, W. H. Pannell, C.C., Sir J. M. Garel Hogg, Aldermen Hanson, Fowler, Whitehead, and Sir Francis Truscott, the Remembrancer, the Comptroller, ex-Sheriff Burt, R. C. Halse, and G. M. Felton, were among the guests at the Sheriff's inaugural banquet.

Bro. G. M. Felton presided at the last meeting of the Commissioners of Sewers, when the question of electric lighting was discussed, and a resolution moved by Bro. Stoneham was carried.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.W., went to Salisbury and presided at a meeting called to found Scholarships for the Royal College of Music connected with Wiltshire. Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, G.J.W., spoke on the occasion.

Bro. Baron Dimsdale, Bro. T. F. Halsey, P.G.M., Herts., Bro. Abel Smith, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, were among the guests at the Herts Conservative Association banquet held at Hitchin.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore have left London for Cannes to spend the winter there.

Bro. Dr. Richardson, president of the Slaughterhouse Reform Society, delivered an address at a meeting held at the office of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Jermyn-street, on Saturday last, on the method of killing and dressing animals intended for human food. It was resolved that as £1000 has been subscribed to at once establish a model abattoir.

Bro. Sir George Elliott, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.M. South Wales, is staying at Brighton for a short time.

Bro. Lord Fitzgerald has subscribed to the Dublin testimonial to Bro. Lord Wolseley.

Bros. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., and G. J. Palmer, have each given £10, and Bro. the very Reverend the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., £5, to the Dr. Pusey Memorial Fund.

Bro. B. Samuelson, M.P., distributed the prizes gained by the successful candidates at the science and art classes at Oxford on Friday last.

Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, late member of the London School Board, has decided to contest the borough of Finsbury at the next general election for members of Parliament. Bro. Dr. Richardson will stand as an advanced politician, and, of course, a teetotaler.

On Tuesday the embassy from the Queen of Madagascar, the members of which are blessed with names which may be justly described as sesquipedal, was presented to the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday. The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., P.G.M. for Derbyshire, was present as Secretary of State.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—All our faculties.—Almost all disorders of the human body are distinctly to be traced to impure blood. The purification of that fluid is the first step towards health. Holloway's Pills recommend themselves to the attention of all sufferers; no injurious consequences can result from their use, no mistake can be made in their administration. In indigestion, confirmed dyspepsia, and chronic constipation the most beneficial effects have been, and always must be, obtained from the wholesome power exerted by these purifying Pills over the digestion. Persons whose lives have been restored to ease and strength by Holloway's Pills, after fruitless trial of the whole pharmacopoeia of physic, attest this fact.—[ADVT.]

Bro. Lord Lonsborough and Bro. Sir Thos. Brassey, K.C.B., are patrons of the performance that will be given to-night at Sir Percy Shelley's theatre, Chelsea, in aid of the Dramatic School of Art.

Bro. the Duke of St. Albans distributed the prizes to the successful scholars at the Nottingham High School. His Grace made a most practical and useful speech, and concluded by saying, "train yourselves to act honourably, to speak truthfully, to love God, and to do your duty towards your neighbour."

A banquet in commemoration of the opening of the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, took place at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 14th inst. Bro. A. Clarke, I.P.M. 1227, presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. J. Andrews, P.M. 1227.

At the meeting of the Lonsborough Lodge, No. 734, at Bridlington, last week, Bro. Creaser, P.M., was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, as a mark of appreciation of his valuable services in the working of the lodge.

The friends of Bro. William Walford have issued a sheet containing a number of good reasons why electors of the Ward of Aldersgate should give one vote in favour of the worthy doctor. We venture to add another, he is not only a good man but a good Mason.

The Martyn Lodge, No. 1983, is to be consecrated on Monday next, at the Town Hall, Southwold, Suffolk, by the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Waveney. Bro. John M. Canova, I.P.M. of 388, is to be the first Master; A. E. Smith, P.M. and Sec. 388, S.W.; and Robert Baker, P.M. 388, J.W.; and the installation ceremony will be performed by the V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Suffolk.

Lord Suffield, P.G.M. Norfolk, was in attendance on the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their opening the new City of London Schools on the Thames Embankment.

We are asked by Bro. Rucker, P.G.D., to correct our report of what he said last week at the meeting of Grand Lodge in moving the adoption of the report of the Colonial Board. What our brother really did say was: "In moving the adoption of the report of the Colonial Board, I may mention for the information of Grand Lodge, that there are at the present moment eight lodges in Egypt on the registry of this Grand Lodge, viz.: five in Cairo, two in Alexandria, and one in Ramlah. It is now proposed to erase two lodges in Cairo, one in Alexandria, and one in Ramlah; leaving on the registry three lodges in Cairo, and one in Alexandria. The reasons for this erasure are so, &c., &c., &c."

We often call attention to the remarkable progress made by the Mark Degree. As an evidence of this the agenda paper of the Britannia Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 53, meeting at Sheffield, contained a list of thirty candidates, all of whom were unanimously elected. Bro. John Unwin, junr., is the W.M. Sixteen of the candidates were proposed by him.

Bro. G. Kirby will be installed W.M. of York Lodge, No. 236, on Monday next. The installing master is to be Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., who with Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., and R. F. Gould, P.G.D., are proposed as honorary members.

Among those present at the complimentary dinner given at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesday evening, to the Duke of Teck, were H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, P.G.J.W., Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx.; Sir J. Whittaker Ellis Bart., G.J.W.; and Bro. Sir E. Du Cane.

Bro. Lord Wolseley was entertained at a banquet at the Buckingham Palace Hotel on Tuesday evening, by the Cosmopolitan Club, this being only the second occasion on which it has thus honoured one of its own members, the first being when Lord Clyde returned to England after the suppression of the Indian Mutiny.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Derby, accompanied by the Lady Mary Cecil, have arrived at Knowsley, where they will remain till after Christmas.

The Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship of Berlin is about to inaugurate next month a new hall, in which it will hold its meetings. It is a magnificent building, especially erected for that lodge, which is the mother of forty-nine daughter lodges in other parts of Germany.

Bros. Swanborough are going to give a special performance at the Strand, probably on Wednesday next, in aid of the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Alhambra fire. Not only will the theatre be given, but the whole company, carpenters, scene shifters, and gas men, will give their services. The dramatic profession has ever borne a close affinity to the Masonic Craft—in which many of its members are—for deeds of charity and self-denial. We know of no class or profession, outside our own Craft, who stick closer together and are ever ready to help a needy and deserving brother or sister than the dramatic profession. We hope that, with the proceeds of the special performance at the Savoy on Wednesday last, the Court, to-night, and the collection at S. Botolph, Bishopsgate, to-morrow, when Bro. the Lord Mayor attends in State that these thrown out of employment, will, one and all, be kept above want. We may add, as it is specially appropriate, that the new Strand Theatre is built in exact accordance with the requirements of the Lord Chamberlain and the Metropolitan Board of Works, and as far as can be, fire is prevented. The ill-fated Alhambra was about undergoing similar alterations in conformity with the Board's demands.

In the report of Grand Lodge in the *Freemason* last week, the Grand Secretary is made to report twenty five lodges as voting against Bro. Clabon's motion re-increase of quarterages; the number given by the Grand Secretary was thirty-five, not twenty-five.

It is certain the Queen's Physician, Dr. Fairbank, has written strongly recommending LENTILLA, or IONIC DAILY FOOD. It cures Indigestion, Heartburn, Constipation, Liver and Stomach Complaints, &c., besides having such wondrous nourishing properties. Makes Soups, Porridge, Custards, Puddings, Biscuits, &c. Tins, 1lb. 1s. 6d.; ½lb., 10d. Barrels, 28lb., 30s.; 14lb., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

On Wednesday last Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser commenced to give away soup to the poor of the ward. The alderman has done this for many years. The tickets are given into the hands of responsible persons for disposal.

Lord Sandhurst has succeeded Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie as Lord-in-waiting on Her Majesty.

It is well in these days, when there is a tendency to reform, not always for the better, every institution that can lay claim to respectable antiquity, to note what the oft-threatened ancient corporation of the City of London has done of late years in promoting the cause of education. Since 1837 it has contributed £298,462 towards the City of London Schools, of which only £40,500 has come out of charitable trusts; £124,097 to the Freemasons' Orphan School, only £15,772 being from charitable funds; £7832 to middle class education; and £4000 to technical education; making a total of £435,391, of which £379,100, or all but £56,272, has been provided out of the Corporation funds.

We regret to hear that Bro. T. C. Cobbold, P.M. 114, and M.P. for Ipswich, has been somewhat seriously ill during the past few days.

Lord Houghton is suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis. The noble lord is in his 74th year.

Lady Brassey has forwarded a pack of foxhounds to Gibraltar as a present to the garrison.

Bro. J. Lobb, of the School Board for London, occupied the pulpit at the Victoria-park Tabernacle on Sunday evening.

Thursday last being the double anniversary of the death of the late Prince Consort and Princess Alice, the occasion was observed by the Queen and Royal family with the usual solemnities. In the morning a memorial service was held within the Mausoleum of Prince Albert, at Frogmore, and was attended by Her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke and Duchess of Albany, and Prince and Princess Christian, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Court.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, on Wednesday afternoon last, formally opened the new City of London Schools on the Victoria Embankment, in the presence of the Lord Mayor and other civic dignitaries, and a large assembly. The Lord Mayor gave a history of the work done by the corporation with regard to the school, on which they have altogether expended £217,000. Among those present were: Bros. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., P.G.M., Norfolk; Sir J. B. Monckton, F.S.A., President, Board of General Purposes; Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Alderman Staples, Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Alderman Stone, Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., P.G.W.; Alderman Hadley, Major Campbell (the City Marshal), Sir John Bennett, Baron Henry H. de Worms, M.P.; J. L. Toole, C. W. Thompson, A. J. Altman, J. E. Walford, Major Sewell, A. Brookman, C. R. Rivington, S. East, junr., Frank Green, G. Dresser Rogers, W. Malthouse, Horace Brooks Marshall, G. H. Mason, J. G. Sims. In the evening the committee were entertained by the chairman, Sir Pearce Morrison.

The Cripplegate Pension Society's Ball this season is expected to be unusually successful. Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor as alderman of the ward, has extended his patronage to the ball and promised to attend, with Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser and Mr. Sheriff Savory.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff De Keyser, Mr. Sheriff Savory, and the Under-Sheriffs, have consented to attend in State at St. Mary Aldemary, on Sunday morning, April 22nd, when a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Gordon Calthrop, M.A., on behalf of the Finsbury Dispensary. The Rev. Dr. White (rector) will preach in the evening.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. 1657, was present at a meeting held in connection with the Hospital Sunday Fund, on Wednesday afternoon last, at the Mansion House, and moved the adoption of the council's report for the year 1882. The Rev. Dr. Rigg seconded the motion.

Next Monday evening the pupils at the Royal National Institution for Girls, at Battersea-rose, will be treated, prior to their going home for the Christmas holidays, by Bro. Michael Mullen, of Bradford, elocutionist, vocalist, and humorist, with his entertainment called "Mirth, Music and Mimicry." He will be accompanied by Miss Malora F. Goodridge, pianist.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton, P.G.M. Londonderry and Donegal, has joined the family circle staying with Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, P.G.M. Ireland, and the Duchess, at Baron's-court.

Bro. H. E. F. Bussey was, on Saturday last, installed the second W.M. of The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton.

The Duke of Edinburgh received a deputation of the Shipwrights' Company, headed by Lord John Manners, the Master, at Clarence House on Wednesday, upon the occasion of His Royal Highness accepting a casket of heart of oak, containing a certificate of his admission as one of the free shipwrights.

"Sapo Carbonis Detergens" is a physician's name for a remedy prescribed for the past quarter-century for every variety of skin disease. The public have also adopted the same as a preventive of smallpox, scarlet fever, and measles. Purchasers should see that the Latin Brand is on every tablet, and WRIGHT'S COAL TAR SOAP on each wrapper, without which none are genuine.

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We have this week to chronicle the advent of Bro. Edward Terry once again to the Gaiety, where he has been received with even greater applause—if that were possible—than in any other year. Our distinguished brother appears, until Christmas, in two pieces, Sheridan's burlesque drama, "The Critic," and "Young Fra Diavolo," by Bro. Byron. The excellent company who portray these burlesques lose no opportunity of showing their brilliant talents, nor do the crowded audiences lose any opportunity of showing their appreciation of the playing and sundry jokes. Perhaps, of the two pieces, "The Critic" was the more amusing, disclosing to lay eyes, although burlesqued, what goes on during the rehearsal of a piece. Mr. Arthur Williams, who played *Mr. Puff*, poured such a fund of humour into his character that it is no wonder that the whole house was in a state of convulsive laughter. Bro. Dallas, the *Earl of Leicester*, of course, as always, excels. Mr. Squire, Mr. A. Onkhouse, Mr. Salisbury, and Mr. Soutar can only have said for them that they contribute in a great way to the merriment, and then full justice is not done to them. Miss Farren, as *Tilburina*, and Bro. E. Terry, as *Whiskerandos*, are, as usual, perfection; and Miss Connie Gilchrist, who plays the "niece," speaks just little enough to make every one wish to see and hear more of her. In "Fra Diavolo" Bro. Terry has more scope, as *Beppo*, the black guard, to display his talents; and, with Bro. Dallas, bears the chief burden of the extravaganza. Bro. Meyer Lutz has selected some pretty music. The songs cannot be said to be so good as often is the case at the Gaiety, although with the freshness introduced into them by the orchestra and the company, they go down well. A very taking song between Miss Farren, Bros. Dallas and Terry, "I love my love with an A," &c., came in for a double encore. Miss Kate Vaughan, who is only playing in the one piece, danced most gracefully, and was greeted with cheers from all parts. Miss Gilchrist, *Lorenzo* (a man's character), which, we think, she is best suited to, also got her share of the applause. The present programme only lasts for one week more. Bro. Hollingshead, the lessee of the Gaiety, informs the public that on the 21st inst. the theatre will complete its fourteenth year, he having opened it on 21st December, 1868, and kept it open ever since, with the exception of ten weeks, or sixty nights. Against these sixty nights he has given 673 matinees, which are equal to two years and a quarter of incessant night work.

It is a pity that a new and pretty theatre, as the Novelty undoubtedly is, should have opened with such a weak piece. On account of the beauty of the house the contrast is all the greater. We shall not say much about "Melita; or the Parsee's Daughter," further than that there is no drama in it; the melodies are suggestive of others we have heard before, and the dances are poor. Of the artistes, only Miss Leslie, Miss Burgoyne, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Hallam, and Mr. Thorne need be mentioned. They had poor material to work upon, therefore their results must not be judged too harshly. Mr. Thorne did what he could to get fun out of a hopeless part, but one cannot get blood out of a flint. No doubt the management will immediately see the necessity of changing the programme. We should like to see a house in such close proximity to ourselves and Freemasons' Hall, be a success, as failure is not known in this Masonic neighbourhood. The new theatre, designed by Mr. Thos. Verity, F.R.I.B.A., built by Messrs. Kirk and Randall, and decorated by Mr. Bradwell, cannot be too highly praised. In these days of "fire fever" a public place of entertainment, built with the latest improvements that science can suggest to defy this element, is a public boon. For the 1000 people the theatre is to contain there are various and separate exits. The staircases are of stone, and not winding. We were also struck with the "roominess" at the back of the dress circle, family circle, and gallery. No need for a panic here or trampling to death. The lobbies, waiting rooms, &c., are most handsomely furnished, but the "foyer" calls for special mention. It is the most comfortable in London. Here the intervals between the acts can be passed without one being elbowed at every turn; the room is thirty-eight feet by twenty-two feet. The stalls are covered with peacock blue, and are comfortable. The dress circle is commodious, and occupants of this part, the stalls, and private boxes are furnished with opera glasses free of cost. Both from the first circle, amphitheatre and pit, an excellent view of the stage is obtained. The shape of the theatre is not quite of the ordinary form, being more of a square. The pit seats are numbered and may be booked like those in the more expensive part of the house. Altogether, the comforts of the public are well looked after. There are absolutely no fees. Inducements like these we have referred to tend to promote the prosperity of the Novelty, and when we next notice it, we trust we shall have as much praise for the performance and performers as we have now for the building itself and its accompaniments.

Our readers will be pleased to notice that our esteemed Bro. W. Kendal Grimston and Mrs. Kendal Grimston have returned from their long and most successful provincial tour and reopened St. James's Theatre with great éclat, in conjunction with Bro. Hare. At no time probably in their career have these two distinguished artistes so thoroughly succeeded in obtaining the plaudits, and exciting the admiration of a crowded auditory, by their admirable personification of two somewhat difficult characters, which only their consummate acting has endowed with living power and overpowering reality. "Impulse" was most enthusiastically received, and, as we need hardly say, at the St. James's the "mise en scene" was perfect, whilst the parts of the other "dramatis personæ" were most accurately, effectively, and admirably filled. Bro. Hare's absence from the "playbill" was much regretted by all "habitues" of the St. James's. So we say, echoing the good wishes of many, "Floreat the St. James's Company."

Bros. Crowder and Payne, W.M. Doric Lodge, having taken the Canterbury, are doing all they can to

make it attractive to the denizens of Westminster Bridge-road, and others from more distant parts who may be tempted to go there. We think it a pity the ballet does not find a place in the entertainment, for now the Alhambra is level with the ground, there is no genuine ballet in London. A most varied and variable programme is presented to the patrons of the Canterbury; our space will not allow of a lengthy description, but to those who like a light sort of amusement, differing from the theatre, we can recommend this. We do not say it is of the most instructive or polished character, but there is nothing vicious connected with it. We only take exception to one thing, namely, the imitation by a little child of a drunken sailor. We do not like to see such things burlesqued where not necessarily a part of the play, especially by a child. Otherwise, the Adeson family of five children we do not know whether girls or boys, deserve the best commendation for their clever, laughable, and eccentric entertainment. The two youngest come in for, as they deserve, the most applause. Mr. Turner who plays three banjos at one time is well worth hearing.

Miss Kelly, the aged actress, has not lived long to enjoy the annuity we mentioned had been allowed by Mr. Gladstone out of the Civil List. Miss Kelly died on Thursday week, at the age of ninety-four. A few days before she was visited by Bros. Henry Irving and J. L. Toole.

Until the completion of the Pandora Theatre, about January, the company engaged for it will play at Her Majesty's, which will open on the last Saturday of the year with "The Yellow Dwarf," by Messrs. Reece and Thompson. Popular prices is to be a feature of the new house.



The second presentation, at the Royal Albert Hall, of the "Redemption" took place on Saturday last, in the presence of a vast audience, and under circumstances which were far more favourable than on the first occasion it was produced there. The orchestra was greatly strengthened and the contralto solos were entrusted, as at Birmingham, to Madame Patey. Of the other artistes, Madame Albani, Mr. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley, it is unnecessary to speak; they acquitted themselves in a manner worthy of their performance at Birmingham. Mr. Barnby, who conducted, deserves every praise for his contribution to the presentation. Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Beatrice and Christian, with their respective suites, were present.

To-day (Friday) an orchestral concert, at St. James's Hall, of the students of the Royal Academy of Music, will take place. Among the works to be produced are a rendering of the 137th Psalm by F. K. Hattersley, and a Concertstick, by C. S. Macpherson, both students; a new Concerto in B flat, by Brahms, and Handel's "St. Cecilia's Day." Mr. William Shakespeare will act as conductor.

The programme for to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon's concert at St. James's Hall, will include Beethoven's Quartet in D major, Haydn's Quartet in G major, Chopin's Sonata in B flat minor, for pianoforte alone, and a duo Concertante by Spohr for two violins. Miss Santley, vocalist. Executants, MM. Joachim, Ries, Strauss, Piatti, and Pachmann (pianoforte).

At Monday's "Pop" will be given Beethoven's Quartet in E minor, Schumann's Pianoforte Quartet in E flat, Barcarolle and Scherzo, by Spohr, for violin, and a selection from Chopin's studies for the pianoforte alone. The same artistes will appear.

The fourth concert by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society will be given at the Royal Albert Hall, on Monday, the 1st January, 1883. The principal artistes will be Miss Anna Williams, Madame Fassett, Mr. E. Lloyd, and Bro. Santley. Conductor, Mr. Barnby.

A grand Christmas performance of the "Messiah" is arranged to be given to-morrow (Saturday) at St. James's Hall, under the auspices of Bro. W. G. Cusins. Principal artistes: Mesdames Albani and Patey, Mr. Maas and Bro. Santley. Principal violin Herr Strauss. Mr. Pettit will preside at the organ.

The Mohawk Minstrels have returned to their old home at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. A special programme will be produced, as usual, at Christmas.

A grand evening concert will be given to-morrow (Saturday) at the Burlington Hall, Conduit-street, by the students of the London Conservatoire of Music, in compliment to the principal, Mr. Lansdowne Cottell.

The Moore and Burgess Minstrels will make their re-appearance in London at St. James's Hall, on Boxing Day.



Mr. Millais's picture of "Pomona," which is now on view at Messrs. Tooth and Son's Gallery in the Haymarket, has been successfully engraved in mezzotint by Mr. Samuel Cousins, R.A.

Telegrams have been received at the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, by Mr. Stone, directing astronomer for the Royal Society of the English Expeditions to observe

the Transit of Venus, to the effect that at the stations in Jamaica and New Zealand successful observations of the interesting phenomenon have been taken. At Brisbane clouds intervened, and prevented the success of the observations, at which Bro. C. E. Peck assisted. Elsewhere success has attended the expeditions sent out by different Governments, as at Melbourne, Hartford (Connecticut), in Florida, New Mexico, at Panama, and Puebla, as well as at Potsdam and Harvard (U.S.A.)

The Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council have confirmed the draft bye-laws of the Surveyors' Institution, prepared in conformity with the articles of the charter of incorporation, and adopted at a general meeting of members on the 26th October last. The institution will now be called upon to elect a new President and Council.

Mr. Arthur Lucas, of Bond-street, has recently published some very successful etchings by Mr. David Law, after the water-colour drawings by Mr. Oswald W. Brierly, marine painter to Her Majesty, representing the Spanish Armada setting sail from Ferrol, and its total defeat in the Channel by the British Fleet.

The Chiswick Improvement Commissioners have resolved on memorialising Bro. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., Her Majesty's First Commissioners of Works, in favour of opening Kew Gardens to the public at 10 a.m., instead of 1 p.m.

On Tuesday their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales paid a visit to the South Kensington Museum, for the purpose of inspecting the valuable collection bequeathed to the nation by the late Mr. Jones, the gallery containing which will be opened to the public to-day (Friday.) They also inspected in an adjoining room the latest gifts to the Museum, comprising a bequest of a collection of jade, crystal, and agate by the late Mr. Arthur Wells, of Nottingham, and a collection of pictures, furniture, cabinets, &c., in marqueterie of the period of Louis XIII., given by Mr. Antrobus in accordance with the wishes of the late Miss Margaret Coutts Trotter, of St. Germain-en-Laye.

Mr. Sadler, well known as the curator of the Royal Botanical Gardens, Edinburgh, died on Saturday last.

A very useful institution is that of the Ladies' Work Society, which provides work for gentlewomen whose necessities compel them to occupy their time in remunerative labour, and our readers and their lady friends who may be on the look out to buy presents for the coming festive season will do well to pay a visit to the society's annual winter exhibition, now open at 31, Sloane-street. They will see a large and varied assortment of articles, in the shape of foot-stools, music-cases, calendars, workboxes, *Punch* covers, letter-cases, &c., all of which display considerable taste in matters of colour and design, and remarkable excellence in workmanship.

On Monday evening one of the ablest members of the medical profession passed away, in the person of Sir Thomas Watson, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., who was born in 1792, and consequently had attained the ripe age of ninety. The deceased was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, whence he graduated as tenth wrangler, in 1815, M.A. in 1818, and M.D. in 1825. He was elected F.R.C.P. in 1826, and became its president in 1862. For his eminent professional abilities a baronetcy was conferred on him in 1866.

Sir Frederick Leighton presided on Saturday evening at the distribution of prizes to the successful students of the Royal Academy of Arts, there being present very many of the Royal Academicians and Associates, together with a strong muster of the students and their friends. Sir Frederick delivered a long address in which he commented favourably upon the several competitions which, he remarked, had in all cases but one, that for the Armitage prize, attained the average degree of excellence. The names of the successful students were then announced, and to each in turn the President handed the prize he had gained; Creswick prize, value £30, to R. O. Rickatson; "proxime accessit" Herbert Lyndon; cartoons of a draped figure, silver medal and £25 to Bernard E. Ward; extra silver medal, Margaret Dicksee; first Armitage prize bronze medal and £30 to Horace B. Fisher; for fresco design, an allegorical illustration of music, £40 to Mary Drew; six drawings from life, first prize of £50 to William Carter; model of the Good Samaritan, first prize of £30 to Henry Alfred Pegram; three models from life, £50, to R. T. Fallon; architectural design for public library, a travelling studentship of £60, to W. G. Blackmore.

A general meeting of the members of the Society for Psychical Research was held, on Saturday evening last, at the rooms of the London Medical Society, 11, Chandos-street, Cavendish-square. The chair was occupied by Professor Henry Sidgwick, the President, and the attendance was very large. After a long and interesting address from Professor Sidgwick, reports were submitted for consideration on "Thought Reading," by Professor Barrett, of the Library Committee, the "Haunted House" Committee, and the "Reichenbach" Committee, a discussion in each case following the reading of the several documents.

Thomas Edward, the Scottish shoemaker and naturalist, whose biography has been so graphically written by Mr. Smiles, and who is in receipt of an annuity of £50 from the fund at the disposal of the Queen for rewarding literary and scientific merit, has resigned the curatorship of the Banff Museum, after having held it for the last thirty years. In accepting the resignation, the Town Council expressed their regret at Mr. Edward's retirement, and placed on record their acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered to the Museum.

Two thousand two hundred pounds out of the sum already raised towards the Pusey Memorial Fund has been expended in the purchase of the deceased Canon's library, which has been removed to Keble College, and is being catalogued.