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THE near approach of the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution suggests some most serious considerations for all who have regard to the interests of Masonic charity, and sympathize truly with the progress and prosperity of that most useful and well-managed Charity. It is not too much to say that great as are the benefits of our noble Masonic Educational Institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is, as it were, the crown and complement of all our charitable efforts, in that it deals with those for whom we often feel the living interest of personal association, and with whom are bound up the memories and attachments of our own Masonic career. The orphan children of our brethren are dear to us and near to us, in that noble-hearted sympathy which is developed by true Freemasonry ; but the old brethren with whom we have worked in lodge, and their widows, appeal to us by many prevailing and clinging "souvenirs" of forcible and active Freemasonry. It may well be, that some whom we relieve to-day by our admirable system of annuities were once as prosperous, more so even, than ourselves; and as we also have known them and their wives in the heyday of worldly energy, welfare, and comfort, when in days of yore we were all linked together by the heartiest of lodge friendships, we must feel deeply for them now in the "sere and yellow leaf," perhaps of a changed worldly condition, and be truly concerned for them, and their widows. So great are the merits and benefits of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution that the claims upon its funds and resources constitute a great strain, and form the subject of grave anxiety for all who manage its affairs, or direct its finances. In May next it has for the two branches of the Institution 130 candidates and thirteen vacancies. Just let us pause a moment and realize this one fact. 130 candidates and thirteen vacancies. It is often said "hope deferred maketh the heart sick," but here is an hopeless outlook, a margin of disappointment and unsuccessfulness perfectly appalling ! Can nothing be done to remedy such a state of things? Can no effort be made to enable the institution to extend its invaluable benefits to a larger number of successful candidates ? LET US TRY ! It is idle to talk as some affect to do, when "strains and squeezes" of this kind arise, "Oh ! the more you do, the more you will have to do; " or " It is impossible to attempt to satisfy all claimants." The fact is before us, let us realize it; the difficulty is before us, let us grapple with it. It will be a very pleasant Masonic memory for 1883 if by the large hearted zeal of Freemasons we leave a mark which none can misread, in that untiring energy and true heartedness which lead us to seek without hesitation or grudging, to relieve misfortune, to cheer old age, and to mitigate the weakness and trials of declining years. 1. Let every brother then who feels as we do send in his name as a Steward. The sooner the better. "Bis dat qui dat cito." 2. Let us seek to have a collection in every lodge or chapter to assist this excellent Institution, and try to reduce this dreadful list of disappointed candidates. 3. A subscription of five shillings from every member, (even less,) will enable the W.M. to send up a few pounds to Bro. Terry, and on the principle that "every mickle makes a muckle," the amount may present a remarkable result in the "tottle." 4. A word here is needful to some of our *new lodges*. Excellent as they are at "work," and not undistinguished at "refreshment," we wish we could think that they are doing what they might do for Masonic Charity. The Secretaries of all the Charities will confirm us when we repeat to-day, that it is the old lodges, not the new lodges, which constitute the stay of our Institutions and the "backbone" of Masonic Charity. We trust then that the new lodges will take it kindly when we remind them, that many have never yet voted one penny to Masonic Charity, and we feel quite sure that no lodge will long prosper which ignores this needful duty of all true Freemasons. It is said that the first expenses of new lodges are many, be it so; but we have yet to learn that they have made any effort to reduce any one social expense to be able to offer a contribution to Masonic Charity. No doubt they ought to

discharge their preliminary and constituting expenses, but the duty of Charity they ought not to have left undone. In London, happily, we can point to comparatively new lodges, like the Creaton, the Earl of Carnarvon, the Aldersgate and others, which have most nobly done their duty in this respect, and practically set an example to all other of their contemporaries. We trust then, sincerely, that we shall all put our shoulder to the wheel, and endeavour to make the festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1883 a signal and triumphant success.

It seems that some remarks were very hastily made at the last meeting of the Boys' School Committee, according to the Evening News, and as reported last week in the Freemason, in respect of the action of the Freemason in admitting a letter of complaint, signed "S. X.," anent the Boys' School. Certainly a great part of the use of the Freemason would disappear if a complaint made by a well known brother, whose name is given, was refused in-sertion through private considerations of any kind whatever! We subjoin the pertinent remarks of our contemporary on the subject. "With reference to this subject the facts of the case are these. A letter appeared in the Freemason last Saturday to the effect that two visitors to the Boys' School were not courteously treated by the person who conducted them over the building. As this is contrary to the rules and practice of the Institution, it is denied, but at the same time fault is found with the editor for admitting the letter, and some opinions are expressed that as the letter is anonymous it should be treated with contempt. It is also said that if any one has a complaint to make he should make it in writing, with his name attached, to the Committee, and it would be properly inquired into. The latter would, perhaps, be the more dignified course, because it would be more clearly the evidence of bona fides. Still, it is of no use blaming the editor. There is no reason why the Masonic press should be muzzled in respect to complaints of any blots on the Masonic system; no system can ever expect to be perfect when no one is allowed to see anything but a fair outside. And then as to treating a letter with contempt simply because it is anonymous, it is to be hoped that there is far more reason in Freemasons than to listen seriously to such a proposition." We may add that the greater part of our correspondence columns must be dispensed with, if anonymous letters and complaints are objected to.

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WE may add, while we are on this subject, that we are rather surprised at the tone assumed by some of the speakers at the last Committee meeting of the Boys' School as regards the letter itself. Several paragraphs which might seem to reflect on the general School management had been carefully expunged, and we were aware of the fact that an official letter had been sent to the SECRETARY, complaining of a "compelledly hurried" visit, which had been forwarded to the resident authorities at the School. The only object of the Freemason was to afford room for legitimate complaints, and to show fair play to all. Since we wrote the above, an explanatory letter from the writer of the communication signed "S. X." has come to hand, which we print elsewhere, and to which we call attention, on every ground and for every reason of justice and consideration to all.

On Saturday last a most interesting proceeding took place on Woolwich Common, namely, the unveiling by H.R.H. the GRAND MASTER of a remarkable statue, by the Count GLEICHEN, to the memory of the late lamented Prince IMPERIAL, subscribed for by 25,000 officers and men of the English Army. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS'S speech, as ever, was replete with good sense and geniality and touching effect ; and perhaps no more remarkable event in the history of nations has taken place, than the military education of a descendant of NAPOLEON I. at Woolwich Academy, and his death in the English uniform serving the QUEEN. It is a fitting sequel to that "brave boy's" regretted fall, under such sad and solemn circumstances, "with his face to the foe," to read that the English Army, ever glad to admire heroism in others, thus commemorate him whom they loved in life, and mourn in death.

WE beg to direct the attention of our readers to a communication from Jamaica elsewhere. Though we are compelled " perforce " to refuse to make the Freemason a medium for charitable appeals as a rule, this seems to us so abnormal a one that we give it a place in our columns. If any of our brethren connected with the West Indies like to move in the matter, we shall be happy to help them in any way they desire.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly Court of subscribers and governors of this institution was held on Saturday last, at the Freemasons' Hall. There were present: Bros. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair; Frank Richardson, Eugene Montennis, Thomas Massa, A. H. Tattershall, James M. Harvey, J. H. Matthews, C. H. Webb, W. Roebuck, Peter de Lande Long, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (*Freemason.*)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Col. CREATON announced that there would be twenty-nine candidates at the next election in April, twenty-two of whom could be elected.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Vice-Patron, in rising to move "That the best thanks of the subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., for his fraternal conduct in voluntarily superintending the sanitary works lately so successfully carried out at the school buildings at Battersea; and that, as a small recognition of the services rendered by him, he be, and is hereby elected a Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges attached thereto," said it became a matter of notoriety last year that the health of the school was not good. There were several cases of fever amongst the girls and it was thought the drainage of the school was not right. After due enquiry it was found that such was the length of time the building had been erected that when it was erected the proper methods of sanitation were comparatively unknown. The neighbourhood also had greatly changed, for whereas there were at that time few buildings round about, the institution was now surrounded with buildings. It was clear that some alteration was required, and the House Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Lieut.-Col. Leach, R.E., who volunteered those services, and advised the Committee how to act. He made a thorough examination of the premises with experts, and when the Commitee voted f_{1300} for effecting the alterations, Colonel Leach volunteered to superintend the whole of the works free of charge. The alterations were now complete, and there was not at the present time a building in the country so well provided with sanitary arrangements. The House Committee thought, therefore, that the Institution should recognise in some way the services of Col. Leach, and they considered that the only way they could do so would be by constituting him an honorary Vice-Patron. If they had called in a surveyor, that gentleman's fees would have been a certain amount, but they thought they ought not to look on the services of Col. Leach in a pounds, shillings, and pence light. They ought to look on Col. Leach not as a surveyor, but as a distinguished scientist. After fully considering the matter, they came to the conclusion that the only reward they could offer him was to make him a Vice-Patron. He, therefore, moved first a vote of thanks to Col. Leach, and then that he be made a Vice-Patron of the Institution.

Bro. A. H. TATTERSHALL, in seconding the motion, said he had the greatest pleasure in doing so, as he was the brother who introduced Col. Leach to Col. Creaton. The labour and time Col. Leach had bestowed upon the building could not be compensated. Making him a Vice-Patron would not compensate him, but still it was a delicate way of recognising his services.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the proceedings were brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SCHOOL.

By the kind liberality of Bro. W. G. Harrison, Q.C., G.D., the girls of the above Institution were on Friday, the 12th inst., provided with an entertainment at the School House. Nearly all the girls had returned from their holidays and there were also present several House Committee and many other brethren and visitors.

The Pickwick Histrionic Club and Bro. G. S. Graham were engaged to give their well-known entertainments, and not only the children but the whole of the visitors present appeared highly pleased with the performance. Considerable judgment was shown in the selection of the pieces, so that young and old were equally gratified. The pieces chosen were "The Little Mother" and "A Poetic Proposal." Bro. Graham's programme included "Awfully Jolly; or, the Christmas Party," "Norma," and "The Fisherman's Daughter," &c., all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by the happy audience.

At the conclusion of the performance a vote of thanks to Bro. Harrison was proposed by Bro. DUBOIS and heartily responded to by all present.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON explained that Bro. Harrison was unable to be present, owing to professional engagements, which he and all present, he felt sure, very much regretted. It must have been a great pleasure to him to have contributed to the happiness of such a large number of children, but that pleasure would have been greatly enhanced if the worthy brother could have seen the happy faces and heard the joyous laughter of the girls who had enjoyed the treat. The children then sat down to a repast of cake, fruit, and wine, provided

for them by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., who was present. Afterwards the visitors joined the children in dancing, which was kept up for some time.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the governors and subscribers of this institution was held on Monday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present: Bros. William Roebuck, Leopold Ruf, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. F. Matier, Donald M. Dewar, F. Binckes (Secretary), and H. Massey (Freemason). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the October Quarterly Court, and the minutes of subsequent General Committee meetings for information, the list of candidates for the April election was declared to consist of sixty-five boys, the vacancies being twelve.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ENTERTAINMENT AT, WOOD GREEN.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., an entertainment was given to the boys who have remained at the school during their holidays. There are every vacation some boys who are obliged to remain at Wood Green, but the readers of the Freemason must not jump to the conclusion that the boys about forty in number on this occasion-in every instance who stay behind when their school-mates leave remain only because they have no homes to go to; because such is not the fact. There may sometimes be a lad in that unfortunate position; but the great distance from London at which the friends of many of the boys reside, and the consequent heavy expense of transit to and fro which it may readily be imagined can ill be spared in many cases, is one of the chief causes of lads remaining at school during the holidays. The wonder rather is that so many of the boys, most of whom come from the provinces, are able to go home every half year. Be this as it may, however, there always are a number who remain at Wood Green out of term, and this being so the House Committee are sure to take care that something is done to make the holidays as pleasant for them as circumstances will permit. Consequently there is always some treat or other provided for those that remain behind while their fellows are enjoying themselves with their friends at home.

Thursday, the 11th, was an occasion of this kind. Bro. Lieut. Cole, who is well known to most of us, and who is pronounced by the *Times* to be the greatest ventriloquist in the world, was engaged to give one of his exceedingly amusing entertainments, and delighted his audience with his wonderful skill. It would be difficult to decide which part of his performance excited the greatest wonder ; his imitations of mechanical sounds are perfect. His altercations with Miss Maggie Macdougall, and Mr. Tommy Treadleboyle behind the screens are surprisingly natural. The man in the box is most marvellous, and the man in the roof equally good. In fact one is inclined to pronounce each performance the best until the other is heard. His performance with the talking automata was great fun for the boys, Tommy Treadleboyle's original remarks, and above all the Black Boy's spasmodic laughs affording the greatest amusement. At the close of his performance Lieut. Cole received a well merited round of applause, and a vote of thanks which was proposed by Bro. Binckes.

After Lieut. Cole had left to fulfil another engagement in town, the entertainment was continued by various friends of the institution, and consisted of vocal and instrumental music, to which were added one or two recitations. The music especially was well worth listening to. Miss Binckes, Miss Agnes Binckes, and Miss Matier played "The Chough and Crow" as a pianoforte trio, and subsequently performed some of Meyerbeer's music, for which they were warmly applauded; and Miss Agnes Binckes performed a pianoforte solo in a very brilliant manner. Miss Coyte Turner sang two songs, "Punchinello" and "Turn again, Whittington," both of which were deservedly warmly applauded, and Bro. Richardson sang a couple of bass songs admirably. Bro. Fredk. Binckes was the tragedian of the evening, and defended his conduct before the "potent, grave, and reverend signors." Bro. C. F. Matier was the comedian, and gave an account of the voracious appetite of one of the castaway crew of the wrecked "Nancy Bell;" and Bro. W. W. Morgan was a very good utility man, for he volunteered the "Charge of the Light Brigade," which he recited with great ability. The entertainment was unpretentious, but none the less successful on that account. Everything was done in a friendly and hearty manner, and appeared to be heartily appreciated by the audience.

appeared to be heartily appreciated by the audience. Among those present were Bros. Mather, Hogard, Matier, Rowe, Binckes, Morgan, Richardson, and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*); Mrs. and Miss Matier, Miss Binckes, Miss Agnes Binckes, Mrs. Constable, Mrs. and the Misses Durrant, Mrs. Culmer, Mrs. Penny, and Mrs. and Miss Morgan.

OUR OLD FOLKS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

The customary new year's entertainment to the East Lancashire Annuitants (non-resident in the Institution) was given on Wednesday evening, 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, simultancous with the entertainment given at Croydon to the residents in the asylum

On this occasion Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.M., P.P.G.T., and Bro. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, acted as Stewards for the purpose of collecting the needful contributions to defray the cost of the entertainment; several other brethren lent willing and acceptable services in like manner in immediate connection with their respective lodges, and out of the sums so very cheerfully contributed by the brethren the Stewards were very pleased to be enabled to remit to Bro. Terry five pounds towards defraying the extra expenses of the Croydon entertainment after making due and proper provision for the estimated expenses of that to be given at Manchester. In due time very cordial invitations were issued by the Stewards, in the name of the brethren of Manchester and vicinity, to the Annuitants of East Lancashire, but it is to be regretted that owing to the infirmities of age and the severity of the weather, several were unable to avail themselves of this opportunity for mutual intercourse and general and convivial congratulations.

The dinner was ordered for 5 p.m., but some of the aged guests, determined not to miss the opportunity, had left home by midday and early afternoon trains, arriving shortly after 3 p.m., and were received by Bro. Nicholl (one of the Stewards who was in attendance) and duly provided with a light refection. By 5.15, all had arrived who had intimated their intention to be present, except one—a good old lady of over 80 summers who unfortunately found at the last moment that the weather and the journey were too much for her, The annuitants were conducted by the Stewards and other brethren to the dining room, where the table was found to be very tastefully and substantially laid out with fruits, flowers, and various appetising luxuries.

At the request of the Stewards, Bro. J. L. Hine, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. (Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee), took the chair, supported on the right by Miss Hine (who is herself, we understand, a Life Governor of all our Institutions), and on the right by one of the annuitants, Bro. Broadbent, who over thirty years ago had the honor of initiating Bro. Hine into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. Hooper assisted as vice-chairman, while Bro. Nicholl superintended the catering for the guests, and Bro. George Jackson, P.M., kindly paid due attention to the requirements of the visitors.

After grace the dinner was expeditiously served, consisting of soups, fish, roast goose, boiled turkey, roast beef, plum pudding, pastry, jellies, fruit, &c. Beer and stout was served with the substantial courses. Later on champagne was substituted, but those who signified a preference for anything else had their wants at once supplied. During the progress of the dinner a telegram was received from Bro.

During the progress of the dinner a telegram was received from Bro. Terry tendering the best wishes of the old folks in the Institution to those in East Lancashire, which was promptly reciprocated, and immediately thereafter the toast of "The Old Folks at Croydon" was given and received with enthusiasm.

After dinner the visitors, amongst whom we noticed Bro. J. E. and Mrs. Lees, Bro. and Mrs. Easton, Miss Hine, Bros. Lever, Shorrock, Thomas, R. Dottie, Forrest, Jackson, Stubbs, Chadwick, P. G. Say, Sillitoe, Jaffries, Burgess, Lawton, and others, joined the company, when tea, coffee, wines, and spirits were freely circulated at the cost of the visitors, and the usual loyal and suitable Masonic and other congratulatory toasts were given, interspersed with a very entertaining selection of glees, songs, recitations, and speeches by Bros. Lever, Shorrock, Thomas, Lees, Dottie, Forrest, and other brethren.

As many of the annuitants had to retire early, Bro. Nicholl, ably assisted by Bro. Jackson, was promptly in attendance, distributing to each their railway and cab fares and other expenses, together with a pound of tea to each old lady, and a half-pound of choice tobacco to each aged brother; and after carefully seeing all the annuitants comfortably off in cabs to their respective railway stations and other destinations, the visitors remained in mutual interchange of kindly congratulations and social enjoyment till after eleven o'clock, when all retired with expressions of delight at having had the opportunity of spending a very enjoyable evening with our Old Folk in East Lancashire.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The following address was delivered by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., C.B., D.L., R.W.P.G.M., at the quarterly meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge, held in the Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfiled, under the banner of the Lodge of Truth, No. 521, on the 10th inst.

Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers and brethren of West Yorkshire: In offering to the members of the Craft my sincere and hearty thanks for the salutation with which you have greeted your Provincial Grand Master, and my congratulations at the opening of a new year, I nevertheless feel that in asking your acceptance of my cordial good wishes for the continued prosperity of the lodges under my command, my congratulations are not free from a tinge of melancholy regret. When I look back upon are not free from a tinge of melancholy regret. When I look back upon the period since the October assembly of this Provincial Grand Lodge several valuable names have ceased to exist upon our muster roll. Death has been busy in our ranks. As Shakespeare says, "The tongues of dying men en-force attention, like deep harmony." Last month it was my melancholy duty to the grave the remains of Bro. Rothwell a Past Provincial duty to follow to the grave the remains of Bro. Rothwell, a Past Provincial Grand Officer, and a Mason who at different times during the past twenty-Grand Officer, and a Mason who at different times during the past twenty-five years filled important positions in the Craft. We have lost also Bro. Kenworthy, the Senior Warden elect of the Mirfield Lodge; Bro. Thomas Perrington, P.P.G.W., P.M. 61; Henry Gaukroger, P.M. 61; and Bro. George Davis, S.W. 61. "Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak, whispers the o'er fraught heart, and bids it break." A Past Warden, too, absent from us to-day is in sorrow; Hannah, the wife of Bro. Isaac Booth, died on the 10th December last. I mention this out of respect to him, because he and I are members of the Lodge of Probity, in which he has ever taken an active interest with me. Bro. Robert Richardson, viceconsul of the United States of America, and Provincial Grand Registrar, consul of the United States of America, and Provincial Grand Registrar, appointed to this office only last April, passed away at Bradford on the 16th November, aged fifty-one years. Brethren : "We are fellows still, saving alike in sorrow; leak'd is our bark, and we, poor mates, stand on the dying deck, hearing the surge's threat; we must all part into the sea of air." The death of our legal adviser necessitated the appointment of a new Registrar, and I have selected Bro. J. Heaton Cadman, P.M. 154, and during the course of these proceedings I shall have the pleasure of investing him with the insignia of his office. He is a member of the Advice Committee (as our late insignia of his office. He is a member of the Advice Committee (as our late esteemed Bro. Richardson also was), and has given to thisCommittee, on the revision of the new Book of Constitutions, his earnest attention. sidered I could not make a more satisfactory appointment than that of the sidered I could not make a more satisfactory appointment than that of the learned recorder of Pontefract. At our meeting at Holmfirth on the 4th October, Provincial Grand Lodge approved of the steps taken in calling this Committee together of the present and Past Officers of the Province to consider the proof of the new Book of Constitu-tions; and it confirmed the action of this Committee. This Committee, under the presidency of my deputy, Bro. Thomas William Tew, acting directly for me, and that of Bros. Gill, Craven, Malcolm, and others, met four times at Wakefield and twice at Leeds. Malcolm, and others, met four times at Wakefield and twice at Leeds The brethren have examined the 308 clauses of the revised book, and suggestions of the lodges of this province; and a report will be presented to you to-day, for your consideration. Reports have been prepared identical with that of West Yorkshire, by the two Lancashire and North and East Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodges, with whom the committee have en-deavoured to work in harmony; and this general agreement as to views will be brought to the knowledge of the Grand Secretary in London before the special meeting of Grand Lodge in February. I personally thank the members of this committee for the time they have sacrificed, and the assiduity they have brought to bear upon this complex and difficult undertaking, and their co-operation with other provinces. There is another matter of importance to this province. It was carried in last Provincial Grand Lodge, "That most strenuous opposition be offered to Bro. J. M. Clabon's proposition to increase the quarterage payable to

Grand Lodge to benevolence from sixpence to ninepence." On the 6th December Grand Lodge of England met, on Bro. Clabon's proposal. The new Registrar of this province spoke against the proposal; so did Bro. Alpass, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire ; also Bro. Cumber-Anjass, Flowincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashre; also bro. Cumber-land of North and East Yorkshire, and Bro. Tombs, Provincial Grand Secretary of Wilts. You ail know Bro. Clabon's motion was defeated by a majority of four; or 186 against the increase of quarterage, and 182 in favour of it. We may consider ourselves most fortunate at this result. Those of you who were in Freemasons' Hall on this occasion must have been gratified at this vote, and perhaps not a little surprised at the termination of Grand Lodge proceedings, to find the views of the opposing provinces successful. It shows the importance of provincial unity and combination and of being present in numbers. I hope every brother has read the convincing letter of Bro Charles L. Mason on this question in the Freemason on the increase of quarterage fifty per cent. to benevolence. Bro. Clabon, perhaps, hardly realised that it meant benevolence. Bro. Clabon, perhaps, hardly realised that it meant drawing nearly $\pounds_{5,000}$ a year from the lodges in the provinces; for had the motion been carried the quarterages of the provincial brethren would have been raised one shilling and sixpence—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 inconsistent with the constitution of the order. I may mention that on December 20th the Free-masons at their Lodge of Benevolence voted \pounds_{00} to thirty-four cases of distress; the total amount voted during the year being \pounds_{0037} ; but by this procedure the year's income of the Fund of Benevolence has been exceeded by procedure the year's income of the Fund of Benevolence has been exceeded by \pounds 1937. They must give smaller sums to each applicant, and make very careful enquiries into each case. We thank Bro. Mason for his letter and figures collated from the printed reports of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge; and we trust we shall hear no more about this motion of Bro. Clabon's for the augmentation of fees. I have touched upon the dark side of our Masonic circumstances by commencing with an obituary; let me turn to the bright side of the picture. Without our works of charity and our philanthropic institutions our feelings of humanity would lose the prop that sustains them, and we should have no Benevolent Institution for the aged and the decayed and no schools for the education of our fatherless and motherless boys and girls. These Institutions are the outcome of that teach-ing in the volume of the Sacred Law which bids us bear one another's burdens. It is these Institutions which give to Freemasons an impetus to kindness and generosity, and make us care for and value relations and neighbours as brethren. I thank the brethren of this province for their contributions during the past year, amounting to £1720. My acknowledgments are due to our Charity Committee for carrying our boy and our girls; and also for the assistance they gave to North and East Yorkshire, by which Vincent Jones was elected, this being his last chance. These elections were skilfully managed, and I thank the lodges for the spirited manner in which they have enabled the charity contribution list for 1883 to be opened, Bro. B. Hayes, of Lodge No. 139, Sheffield, having sent the names of the Stewards for the several festivals; and I hear that Bro. George Motley Wand has promised several testivals; and I hear that Bro. George Motley Wand has promised 250 guineas to the Charities as a tribute to the memory of his father. There is a new feature in the Grand Secretary's list—a fourth column is added for the Preparatory School Building Fund, with special privileges and extra votes attainable after qualifying as Life Governor of the Boys' General School Fund, to which the Grand Chapter has given $\pounds 52$ ios. and gains sixteen votes, and Grand Priory \pounds io ios. with two votes; and notice has been given to contribute a considerable sum to the same purpose in the name of this Prov. Grand Lodge, which will shortly be discussed. Should this be carried our voting power would be augmented and our losses in votes by carried our voting power would be augmented and our losses in votes by death in some measure recuperated. The installation of Bro. Thomas Hill in the W.M.'s chair of the Lodge of Hope after twenty-seven years of service as a Past Master is an incident so rare in the Craft that I beg to take this opportunity of referring to it and offering my congratulations to the lodge and to him on his again entering upon the active duties of the chair. His lodge has ever been prominent in generous and charitable actions, and West Yorkshire is indebted to the Lodge of Hope and to Bro. Hill for many valuable services rendered to the Craft. It was with many regrets that neither myself nor my Deputy could be present on that auspicious occasion, but the Bradford brethren had none the less of our good wishes and sympathies in their re-election of such an old and esteemed Past Master. We hope that he may be spared to us man rars, and give this Prov. Grand Lodge his advice and experienced influ ... in the administration of the affairs of the province. With regard to invitations to be present at installation ceremonies, I cannot reasonably take part in them. I am sensible of the kindness of the brethren in wishing me to be present, but multifarious private and public engagements press upon me so much that I feel myself obliged to ask from one and all of you a dispensation from the whole of these lodge engagements. I leave this work to my Deputy and the Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers. Our acknowledgments are due to the Worshipful Master, the Officers, and brethren of the Lodge of "Truth," No. 581, for their invitation to meet under their banner, and for the arrangements they have made for the reception of this Prov. Grand Lodge to day. This lodge was opened in 1845, at the White Hart Inn, by Bro. William Kilmer, whose portrait now hangs in the lodge-room, near the W.M.'s chair; Bro. W. Shaw Tatham, and others, founders of this lodge, all of whom are since dead, its number then being 763. On the 5th April, 1850, it was removed to the George Hotel. On the 4th of April, 1851, is was transferred to the Rose and Crown Hotel, and remained there until it finally settled on the 5th October, 1855, in its present home here in Freemasons' Hall, the corner-stone of which was laid December 27th, 1854. Lord Goderick, afterward Earl De Grey and Ripon, the then M.P. for Huddersfield, was initiated in this lodge on the 17th May, 1853, and installed W.M. December, 1854. It was during his Mastership that the first portions of these lodge premises now occupied and called Freemasons' Hall were built by P.M. Bro. John Kirk, P.P.G. Supt. of Works, and who is now the oldest subscribing member of this lodge; he was also architect for the additions made to the Lodge premises in 1873. the Earl De Grey and Ripon being installed Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire on the 22nd May, 1861, the W.M. and officers of this lodge of "Truth" had the honour of opening and closing the lodge in the Victoria Hall, Leeds. The present Mayor of Leeds, Bro. Edwin Woodhouse, was initiated in this lodge, and filled the office of W.M. in 1868. A chapter was attached/to this lodge in 1865, and is in a flourishing condition. Such, in brief, is a history of this lodge since the date of its warrant, 3rd Decem-ber, 1845. I wish it prosperity for all time to come. It affords me the utmost satisfaction to say that all the lodges; under my jurisdiction are working in the most perfect peace and harmony : therefore it gives me the working in the most perfect peace and harmony; therefore it gives me the most unbounded satisfaction to ask one and all to accept the congratulations of the new year, Anno Lucis 5883.

JAN. 20, 1883.

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Bro. John Fritwell's letter received with many thanks. It will appear next week. The following have been received, but are not inserted owing to want of space :--Masonry the World O'er. Yarrowec Lodge, No. 713-presentation, Lodges-Union Waterloo, 13; Yarborough, 554; Wel-lington, 784; Gosport, 903; Camp, 1331; Norman, 1334; The Great City, 1426; Dramatic, 1609; St. Leonard, Bromley, 1805.

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BOOKS, &cc., RECEIVED.
"The Broad Arrow," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Citizen," "The Court Circular," "Jewish Chronicle,"
"The Hull Packet," "The Keystone," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Sunday Review," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Sunday Review," "The Masonic Advocate," "The Sunday Review," "The Alexandra Palace, and what to do with it," "Triunghiul," "The Freemason (Sydney)," The Freemason's Chronicle" (Sydney), "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Gall's Weekiy News Letter" (Jamaica), "Exposicion Que Hace El Supremo Consejo XXIII. De la Republica Del Peru," "The New York Dispatch," "The Life Almanack and Diary of the British Life Association," "The Western Daily Mercury," "The New Zealand Herald," "Boletin Masonico," "The New York Independent," "The Voice of Masonry," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "The London Musical Gazette," "La Revista Masonica."



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.]

A VISIT TO THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

I have seen the report of the meeting of the Boys' School Committee in the Evening News of the 11th inst., and in the Freemason of last Saturday. I beg to say that I, the undersigned, am the writer of the letter in question.

I reiterate my original statement, every word of which is absolutely true and which has been endorsed by R.W. Bro. Col. Stewart, District Grand Master of the Punjab, in Bro. Binckes's presence, and a Past Grand Officer. Several passages (equally true) of the original letter

were omitted, lest injury might be done to the prestige of the School in public opinion.

The sole object of my letter was an honest endeavour to prevent a repetition of the unseemly treatment which visitors to the Institution may be subjected to, and to ameliorate the social regime with regard to the lads themselves. We visited the School in a regular way, with a card from

Bro. Binckes mentioning the rank of Col. Stewart. When Dr. Morris talks of our being only "ten minutes at the School," which I nowhere alleged, he admits the whole gravamen of our complaint, which is this, that owing to the brusqueness of our reception and the cynical curtness of his remarks we were obliged to abridge our visit, and had to wait three-quarters of an hour at the railway station.

I wrote originally under the initials S. X., because I did not wish to make what Col. Stewart and I considered a public matter too much of a private grievance, and also because we felt satisfied that the Committee of management and Bro. Binckes as Secretary, would trouble themselves far more about facts affecting the interests of the institution than the names of individual visitors. The original letter is at the service of the Committee or of Dr. Morris if required.

If the publication of this correspondence will eventually benefit the school our object will have been attained.— Yours fraternally, ADOLPHUS NICOLS, P.M., P.Z., and W.M. Saint Mary Abbotts Lodge, No. 1974.

94, Piccadilly, 15th January.

THE GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

To the Editor of Dear Sir and Brother,-

Bros. Clabon and James Stevens have both brought before Grand Lodge their ideas respecting the matter and manner of dispensing the benevolent funds of the Craft, and no doubt their views will be very carefully considered by those having the disposal of those funds.

Upon that matter I am not going to enter, but to point out that with a little more discretion the funds already subscribed should be ample to meet the temporary needs of distressed brethren. I would suggest that more enquiries should be made as to the causes of the applicant's distress, whether by his own fault or by unforseen calamities, the latter receiving more consideration that the former, though that by no means overlooked. But when we hear that one lodge considers that when a Past Master reaches a certain age he is entitled to apply to the Board of Benevolence, I think that Bros. Clabon and Stevens would do more good by directing attention to those matters than in trying to induce Grand Lodge'to pass a resolution which has met with so little favour. I was sorry to see the matter apparently [shelved, because we had then no opportunity of knowing whether any other reason was assigned for these Past Masters' applications for relief.

Perhaps this question will receive due consideration from the authorities, after the strong expressions used in connection with the dispensing of charity. At any rate, sir, it may not be considered strictly Masonic to bring this matter fully before the Craft in public print, neither, I most strongly assert, should it be strictly Masonic to allow the members of one lodge to participate so largely in the funds, to the exclusion of brethren perhaps quite, if not more worthy than they.

In your issue of the 23rd ult. there appears a letter, asking for relief for the proprietor of a travelling marionnette show. initiated into Masonry in, apparently, a Scotch lodge, and in your report of Grand Lodge, oth December, Bro. Birkenhead is reported to have said that "when these grants appear in the papers a certain class of men would say, 'What a good thing Freemasonry is; if anything happens to me my wife and family would be provided for,' and further remarked that the subscriptions to various lodges were very small, only in some cases eight shillings and sixpence to half a guinea. He further said that he would like to see a yearly subscription of not less than twenty-one shillings--more if possible.

With this latter remark I, for one, quite agree. I would not wish to see the flow of charity stayed, if in moderation and to bonA-fide applicants, such as the case mentioned above, but at the same time I think we may ask how it was that a travelling showman could be considered a fit and proper person to be initiated into Freemasonry, and also whether it is to be wondered at that so many applicants for relief present themselves when lodges make such small subscriptions payable as those mentioned by Bro. Birkenhead.

In your issue of 25th October you appear to thoroughly agree with the alteration proposed in the initiation fee in the revised Constitutions. As this is a very important matter, I would suggest also that an addition be made to this law, that "no annual subscription in any lodge shall be less than one guinea." I think this would prevent the more needy joining, as although our great principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth, I do not think Freemasonry should be looked upon as a gigantic benefit society. M. M. Yours fraternally,

> THE OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

I shall be obliged if you will favour me with your opinion as to the proper person to hold the office of Chaplain in a lodge. Can it be held by a layman? And if there is only one clergyman a member of the lodge is it customary that he should be appointed year after year and thus entirely monpolise one of the collars?

I am a member of a lodge so situated, and have not been able to see why any brother aspiring to the chair should not first officiate in the lodge as Chaplain. I think this office is altogether distinguishable from that of Treasurer .-Yours fraternally. w.

THE PROPOSED WOLSELEY LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,--

I beg to thank you for your kind notice in the Freemason in reference to the above proposed lodge, but am requested to officially point out an error which has apparently crept in, and to ask you to kindly set same right in your next issue.

In your notice (p. 21 Freemason, January 13), you say "The petition which the R.W.P.G.M., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, has signed, has already been sent to head quarters and the R.W.P.G.M. has promised to support the new lodge."

presume you meant to convey the following facts: "The petition has already been signed by the promoters and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary to be dealt with in the usual way, and that the R.W.P.G.M. (Col. Starkie) has consented to sign and support same.

Your kind attention to this matter will greatly oblige the forty members of the proposed lodge, and also be esteemed P. HOWARD DAVIS, 1055, by yours fraternally,

Provisional Secretary. 1, Landsdowne-terrace, Higher Broughton,

Manchester, January 15th.

IS HE LEGALLY AND REGULARLY ELECTED. To the Editor of the "Freemason." Dear Sir and Brother,-

I thank you kindly for answering the above question. I was aware that by paragraph 2, page 62, of the 1867 ed. of the Book of Constitutions "a brother must have regularly served the office of Warden in a warranted lodge " before he can be elected to the Master's chair, and I thought there was the same principle involved and the same conditions attached in the case of a Past Warden, as in the case of a Past Master, namely, that he must have

continued to be a subscribing member of some warranted lodge to preserve his work as a Past Warden ; but having for twelve months ceased to subscribe to any lodge under the English Constitution, he had lost his status, and could not regain it until he was again appointed to the office of Warden of a regular lodge to enable him to be legally and regularly elected to the chair of K.S. Bro. A having left lodge B for nearly six years, rejoined it at the beginning of last year, is now being pitchforked into the chair, which act of the lodge I thought was an infringement of the Book of Constitutions.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully and fraternally, JOHN GAMBLE, P.M. fraternally,

Lydney, January 13th [With all respect to our worthy correspondent, he will see, we think, that it would not be right to exceed in any manner or to strain the wise limitations of the Book of Constitutions.

Ed. F.M.7

THE PROPOSED MASONIC EXHIBITION. To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,-

Do you know if the idea of a Masonic exhibition has been abandoned ? It would be very interesting, and I should think well supported by the Masonic world, both by P.M. 65. loans and in attendance .- Yours fraternally,



LIFE OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER. Third vol. By his son, R. E. WILBERFORCE, Esq. Second Notice.

Notice. A still more careful perusal of this, the last volume of the story of a most eventful and remarkable life, has led us to the conclusion that our previous remarks about editorial indis-cretions were perfectly justified. Indeed, we never remember a work in which editorial reticence and editorial supervision were more absolutely needed. Many of the entries in the diary, striking and touching as it is, were penned when the good Bishop was jaded with labour, overcome by anxieties, affected by excited hopes or depressing realities, and coloured by tender sensibilities, or strong personal loving and antipathy. Some of the extracts given ought never to have been published, as they can only serve to wound deeply the feeling of others, to invoke unwelcome memories, or to excite vehement antagonism. For instance, her Majesty's name ought never to have been introduced memories, or to excite vehement antagonism. For instance, her Majesty's name ought never to have been introduced as saying this or that; and careful and competent dis-cretion would have kept from public sight words and thoughts never intended for the public eye; communications for-warded in the full faith and binding obligation of unre-stricted confidence. Much of the volume is most amusing, effective, striking, and affecting; and undoubtedly the lamented Bishop stands before us in the clear outline of a most moving personality. Still we feel bound honestly to express our regret, that a work which so many would read with delight and admiration, which might do so much real good. is marred by defects which must we fear much real good, is marred by defects which must we fear severely affect its present authority, and, above all, its lasting value.

DUKES AND PRINCESSES OF THE FAMILY OF GEORGE THE THIRD. By PERCY FITZGERALD. Tinsley Brothers.

Tinsley Brothers. This is one of the works of bye-gone gossip, which is pretty sure to be read. It is very remarkable how people who will not read anything else will study pages and revela-tions dedicated to gossip, must we not say scandal? We who turn over so carefully the dustheaps of the past, and disinter savoury relics of forgotten cynicism or idle mystery, the often childish and spasmodic utterances of a dead and buried generation, we act too often as purveyors of very inferior wares, as caterers of bad taste and worse "form." Mr. Percy Fitzgerald has been on the whole reticent and dis-creet. He has given us a readable gossipy book, marked by a friendliness of tone and loyalty of utterance which are truly commendable. Curiously enough, he does not seem to have found out that five of the sons of the King were Freemasons,—a fact very much to their honour, and a subject to have found out that five of the sons of the King were Freemasons,—a fact very much to their honour, and a subject of pride to the Craft. We see, we think, in these memoirs the secret of the great popularity of the old King and the Royal Family, despite violent assailants and political convul-sions. It was that honest homeliness of private life which so endeared the good old Sovereign to a loyal people. The great complaint of French patriots and "Destructives" has been the prodigality of the Court. In England everybody knew that the old King and Queen lived very much as they did, and among the veriest violence of the times, of which we have no idea, happily, now, nothing could sever the tie of affection and devotion which mutually bound King and people in this upright land of ours. We agree with Mr. Percy Fitzgerald, that we must rise from a perusal of the book, with a still stronger personal regard than ever for the virtues and manliness, the good and thorough English tastes and ideas of King George 111., and the simple realities of the family circle. the family circle.

MASONIC CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF HERTFORDSHIRE for 1883. Edited by Bro. J. E. DAWSON, Prov. Grand Secretary.

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CHARLES SACKVILLE.

103] CHARLES SACKVILLE. There are some difficulties attendant on Chas. Sackville being Lord Middlesex and Duke of Dorset which "G. B. A." does not seem to realize. They are these. The medal is of date, Florence, 1733; though "Natter" seems later to have settled in London. If the "Carolus Sackville" is the Earl of Middlesex, he was in 1733 only twenty-two. In 1734 he was elected M.P. for East Grinstead, and seems after that date to have lived in England. Like all young men of fashion then he would make the "foreign tour," and probably was at Florence, and may have been mem-ber and "Magister" of a Florentine lodge in 1733; but why then is he termed Charles Sackville instead of Earl of Middlesex ? The title of Earl of Middlesex was accord-in 1720. Many foreign writers call him Duke of Middlesex; some English writers term him Lord Charles Sackville, which is equally absurd. But, to say the truth, this fact of identity some English writers term him Lord Charles Sackville, which is equally absurd. But, to say the truth, this fact of identity is very doubtful. If there were any remains of "Spence" still extant, perhaps some light might be thrown upon the sub-ject. "G. B. A." seems to assume that Carolus Sackville is identical with Charles Sackville, Earl of Middlesex ; but that, let me observe, "quod est probandum." So far we are not advanced further than in "Kenning's Cyclopædia," page 507. If he was by courtesy Charles Lord Sackville up to 1720, he would be Charles Earl of Middlesex in 1733. It is acurious fact that no trace of any subsequent interest on his part in English Freemasonry occurs, though his friend, Frederick Prince of Wales became a member of the Order, nor is his name, I believe, mentioned as member of any Frederick Prince of Wales became a member of the Order, nor is his name, I believe, mentioned as member of any English lodge. Perhaps Bro. Gould can help us. On the whole I am still very doubtful whether the Charles Sackville is the Earl of Middlesex, or even if he existed at all. If he did he was a Charles Sackville; but as "Natter" is said in the "Handbuch" to have taken to St. Petersburgh a sort of High Grade quasi Jacobite Masonic Order, and to have declared this Charles Sackville the patron, &c., it almost looks as if it be what the Germans term "Ordens fabel," a fable of the Order. I am quite open to convic-tion on this point, but thus far, I repeat, I doubt. DRYASDUST.

DR. STUKELY. My esteemed friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, does not quite fully answer my query. What about the lodge at the Salutation Tavern, Tavistock-street, has it disappeared absolutely, leaving no trace behind? Why does my able brother fix on the Cooke MS. as the original of the MS. Constitution produced by Payne? Both as regards the lodges at the Fountain and at Grantham, no doubt great difficulty exists, as neither so far is actually identified, but yet some "indicite" may perhaps remain. As regards the meeting on October 4th, 1723, a copy of that tract relating to the Dorchester Amphitheatre must remain somewhere, humanly speaking. Can Bro. Lukis help us? MASONIC STUDENT.

THE MYSTERIES.

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The following interesting note connects the Elcusinian Mysteries with our country. This is a rare and very important find. I commend the letter and inscription, though incomplete, to Bro. Gould's attention. MASONIC STUDENT.

"To the Editor of the *Times.*—Sir, In the interesting letter frem your correspondent at Athens, in *The Times* of this morning, he has omitted to mention that the Archaeological Society there has recently commenced excavating at Eleusis, and is likely to bring to light much that may interest us. In company with Mr. Egerton, our Secretary of Legation at Athens, I went to Eleusis in July last, and I herewith send you a copy of a Greek inscription which was discovered during our visit. It is, as far as I know, unpublished, and the last line is un-fortunately missing. This society has at least earned the gratitude of Englishmen for having discovered this inscrip-tion, which relates, as you will perceive, to our own country. tion, which relates, as you will perceive, to our own country. The Eleusinian mysteries were introduced by Hadrian into Rome about the same time, where they probably survived until the time of Theodosius the Great. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, HARTWELL D. GRISSELL.—Brasenose College, Oxford, Jan. 10. "H. ΠΟΛΙΣ.

TON. A. ETTIAZ. MYTTHN. KAZIANON. IEPOKHPYKA. ΠΡΕΣΒΕΥΣΑΝΤΑ. ΟΙΚΟΘΕΝ. ΕΙΣ. ΒΡΕΤΑΝΝΙΑΝ. ΑΓΩΝΟ ΘΕΤΗΣΑΝΤΑ. ΑΔΡΙΑΝΕΙΩΝ. **TPATHFHZANTA**

LEWIS.

May I remind Bro. Rylands that we have been promised from his pen the result of his researches into the early use of "Lewis," architecturally? The matter is of some im-portance and of special interest to me, and if he refuses his assistance 1 do not know where to turn for any help which would be one quarter so valuable. An assurance from him that he has not forgotten the subject would enable me to "steel my soul in patience." G. W. SPETH.

HISTORIES OF FREEMASONRY-PAPAL BULLS. HISTORIES OF FREEMASONRY-PAPAL BULLS. Bro. "Bookworm's" article (94) has long been before me without my being able to carry out my intention of answering his appeal to me-seasonable festivities and other grave matters having intervened. His account of Abbé Gyr's work is interesting. I doubt its being in the British Museum, as I have not yet seen it, and I am under the im-pression that I have thoroughly ransacked this collection. From his description I have little doubt that it is a translation "pur et simple" of Eckert. Now, as to the Papal bulls. The persistency with which this assertion crops up appears to me to be founded on something more than sheepwalking. There are two obvious sources from sheepwalking. There are two obvious sources from which this tradition springs. First, the general state-ment in the "Parentalia," which is well known to all of us; and, secondly, a very detailed list of Imperial and

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other confirmations of the privileges of the Steinmetzen, given by Heideloff on page 21 of the "Bauhütte des Mit-telalters," Nuremberg, 1844; 4to. This list, as far as re-gards the Imperial confirmations, is reprinted in many works, the latest being Bro. Gould's "History," page 172; and so far is apparently not open to doubt of any sort. Amongst these confirmations in Heideloff appear two Bulls —Alexander VI., Rome, 16th September 1502, and Leo N., pridie Calendarium Januarii, 1517. Kloss, on page 5 of his "Freimaurerei in ihrer wahren Bedeutung" bewails the unfortunate fact that Heideloff omits to justify his assertions by quoting his authorities or sources of information. Never-theless, the following passage on p. 235, second edition, would seem to show, that as far as Germany is concerned, Kloss was ready to admit the above two bulls. He is speaking of the well-known statement in the "Parentalia," and says: "The statement concerning the travelling Masons, attributed to the celebrated architect Wren, should arouse all the more suspicion the closer we investi-gate the surrounding circumstances, the incredibility of other confirmations of the privileges of the Steinmetzen, gate the surrounding circumstances, the incredibility of which is at once evident, and the more we consider the possibility of the facts narrated. We may, therefore as-cribe the whole tradition thus put into the mouths of Ashpossibility of the facts narrated. We may, therefore as-cribe the whole tradition thus put into the mouths of Ash-mole and Wren to an attempt at adorning the Guild legends, which may be based on the Papal confirmations really granted to the German stonemasons in 1502 and 1517." He then confesses the inability of Pownhall, of Krause, of Kloss, and others, to discover a single bull, and concludes, from many circumstances, that such could not have existed for England; but, as we have seen, he evidently believes in the two quoted by Heideloff, as above, for Germany. This credulity on the part of such a critic as Kloss would appear remarkable, but I will presently show that he has good reasons for the belief that is in him. I will, however, first revert to Heideloff. On p. 23 he states that the German stonemasons received an indul-gence from Pope Nicholas III. (1227), which was renewed by all his successors up to Benedict XII. (1334). Bro. "Bookworn" will thus see at a glance whence Rébold and Gyr take their statements. It is difficult to prove a negative, and I am not in a position to deny this statement; but, if true, where did Heideloff obtain his knowledge? Heideloff surely could not have invented it; such a proceeding would be too barefaced and hardly possible outside the pages but, if true, where did Heideloff obtain his knowledge? Heideloff surely could not have invented it; such a proceeding would be too barefaced and hardly possible outside the pages of Fallou: there must, therefore, exist some sort of pre-cedent for the assertion, and I regret my inability to dis-cover it, despite two years of patient research. But why does Kloss believe in the bulls of 1502 and 1517? In 1518, Monday after Corpus Christi, the lodge at Magdeburg petitioned their prince for a confirmation of their ordinances, they having just accepted the Strasburg Brotherbook (1450), and declared that if any part of these ordinances displeased him, they were willing to alter them, "always excepting the chief articles, which had been confirmed by *papal and imperial* authority." The Strashurg Lodge, in their quarrel with the Annaberg Lodge (this latter had up to that moment not joined the general bond, because they upheld the term of four years' apprenticeship, and the Strasburg Brotherhood required five years'), wrote on the Wednesday after St. Valentine's Day, 1510, that the former abuse of four years' service had been put an end to by his *Holiness the Pope* and his *Majesty the Emperor*. We also find that the quarrel came to an end after the Strasburg Master had forwarded to the Duke of Saxony attested copies of the papal and imperial privileges which they possessed, and that the original documents had been pro-duced for the inspection of Saxon deputed Masons at Strasburg. Now all this is very remarkable. The dates of the supposed bulls are given as 1502 and 1517. The quarrel took place 1518--1521, and the strife is healed by the production of papal bulls and imperial charters : and all these transactions are recorded in writing and legal documents. The only rational element of doubt which the production of papal bulls and imperial charters : and all these transactions are recorded in writing and legal documents. The only rational element of doubt which remains is that the bulls themselves are not forthcoming. The probable place to find them is in the archives of the Strasburg Lodge, or perhaps in the muniment room of the Cathedral, access to which is, however, denied. Under the circumstances, if asked whether the Pope ever granted bulls I should resort to the Scotch verdict of "not proven." But what is established beyond doubt is the fact that the German stonemasons in 1510 believed in these bulls. and But what is established beyond doubt is the fact that the German stonemasons in 1519 believed in these bulls, and there we must rest for the moment. Another question is, did the writers of the "Parentalia" know of this train of circumstances—or is the allusion to the papal bulls attri-buted to Wren derived from some other and independent source? I must apologise to the editor for so far exceeding the limits of a "note," but in the absence of a magazine we must occasionably encroach on his valuable space. G. WM. SPETH.

A NOTED CELEBRATION.

A NOTED CELEBRATION. We hear that the 150th anniversary of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, Bath, will be celebrated sometime in April; and as the circumstances attending the commemoration are so special, we hope that the members of that lodge will be equal to the occasion, as they have proved to be at previous celebrations, particularly that of the centenary of the Freemasons' Hall Medal, 18So, under the genial but vigorous rule of Dr. H. Hopkins, F.C.P., when W.M., and (during the last year) of the centenary of the Royal Cumberland Chapter, Comp. Lawson Howes, the able M.E.Z., the first of its kind observed in this country. But the celebration in April, as to antiquity and importance, is really beyond the others in many respects, and though it is true one lodge (the lodge of Anchor and Hope, No. 37, Bolton) precedes No. 41, yet it must be remembered that virtually Freemasonry in Bath dates from 1724, being the first provincial city so honoured in England. Bro. Mercer, the W.M., is sure to be well supported by a goodly body of past-masters, who will be supported by a goodly body of past-masters, who will be most useful also in helping on the arrangements, and doubt-less the event will be celebrated in such a manner as to prove historically, officially, and generally all that this unique occasion deserves.

HoLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The sudden changes, frequent fogs, and pre-vading dampness sorely impede the vital functions, and conduce to ill-health. The remedy for these disasters lies in some purifying medicine, like these Pills, which is competent to grapple with the mischief at its source, and stamp it out, without fretting the nerves or weakening the system. Holloway's Pills ex-tract from the blood all noxious matter, regulate the action of every disordered organ, stimulate the liver and kidneys, and relax the bowels. In curing chest complaints these Pills are remarkably effec-tive, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent grogress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—[ADVr.]

The thirty-fourth annual Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Educational Institution-a funds of the West Lancashire Educational Institution—a festive assemblage and a charity which have for many years occupied a prominent place in the province—took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, the 11th inst. Notwithstanding the ball had to be postponed from the day at first decided upon, in addition to other unpropitious and unforseen circumstances, the Masonic gathering was financially a comparative success, and the deserved reputation which it has secured as one of the most pleasant gatherings of the season was amply maintained. There were nearly 400 brethren and ladies present, being about sixty more than last year's attendance. As on previous occasions, it enjoyed the most distinguished As on previous occasions, it enjoyed the most distinguished patronage and support, as well as that of the general body patronage and support, as well as that of the general body of the Fraternity in the province, and proved one of the most brilliant balls of the season. The members of the various lodges and chapters wore their insignia and jewels of office, and thus lent additional colour and lustre to the gay throng. The effect was pleasing and picturesque, and perhaps the gilded chambers of the Town Hall were seldom seen to better advantage, if we except the occasions of the Mayor's fancy-dress balls. As we have said, the gathering had a charitable object, being in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, a noble charity in which the brethren of the province take a laudable interest, as the practical embodi-ment of a virtue which is a distinguishing characteristic of the mystic Craft. The institution was founded in 1550 for the education and advancement in life of the children of dis-

the mysic Crait. The institution was founded in 1850 for the education and advancement in life of the children of dis-tressed and deceased Freemasons. In their last published report the committee congratulated the governors of the charity upon the abundant success which had attended its good work, and also pointed out the increasing claims upon the institution. Whilst in 1880 some ninety-three children received the benefits of the charity at an outlay of $\int G_{71}$ 17s. 10d., in 1SS1 the number of children who participated χ_{33} , χ_{44} , and the cost to the institution amounted to χ_{937} 3s. Sd. The large expenditure was attributable to the adoption of new bye-laws entitling children to be claimants at the age of six instead of eight years, permiting them to remain at school until fifteen, and allowing one-forth the amount gravity data to expend in a deliving the second to be compared to be a second in a deliving the second to be a second in the second to be the second to be the second to be the second to be second to be a second to be the second to be the second to be second to b The increase, as compared with 1880, was alone equal to the The increase, as compared with 1850, was able equal to the total expenditure ten years ago. In the year just closed there was a further increase, the number of children provided for being 169, at a cost of \pounds_{1212} 105. 8d. The invested funds at the end of last year amounted to \pounds_{16} ,839,

vested funds at the end of last year amounted to £16,839, as against £16,518 in 1881. Bro. H. H. Smith, W.M. 1005, was captain of the Stewards. The music was under the direction of Bro. Martin, Lodge 1609. The catering of Bro. Capper gave universal satisfaction. Amongst those who merit special mention was Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M. 823, who once more contributed so largely to the enjoyment and comfort of the company in his capacity of voluntary Master of Ceremonies. Bro. Counsellor Edward Grindley, the Chair-man of Committee, also deserves the highest praise for the interest and hard work he gave in connection with the fulfilment of the duties of his office, thereby contributing very largely to the measure of success which attended the gathering. Bro. T. Whitchead, W.M. 21, the Hon. Sec., also performed his duties with great courtesy and much success, well meriting the approbation of the brethren. The Stewards' badges-models of artistic design-were supplied by Bro. G. Kenning, of London and Liverpool.

JOTTINGS FROM THE ANTIPODES.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The propriety of allowing the freethinkers (otherwise atheists) the use of the Melbourne Masonic Hall has at last entered upon a controversial phase. Far too long has the sacrilege been suffered by the numerous English, Irish, and Scotch Masonic bodies that assemble therein, and some decided action will doubtless be taken to stop so flagrant a decided action will doubtless be taken to stop so flagrant a breach of the landmarks of the Craft, seeing that a notice of motion has been already tabled, calling the attention of the directors to the matter. Some shareholders of the Hall Company plead it to be a simple case of pounds, shillings, and pence, and that it is no business or concern of theirs who rents the building so long as they (the shareholders) get their dividends. Suppose we accept this plea. We now ask, "are the numerous lodges and chapters, who supply five-sixths of the receipts from rent, to have no considera-tion shown them? and are their conscientious scruples as good Masons to, be set at nought, merely for the acquisition good Masons to be set at nought, merely for the acquisition of a few pounds per annum from an infidel association?" Again, suppose the Grand Lodge authorities in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin were to order every lodge meeting in the Masonic Hall to remove to more suitable premises, where would the \pounds s. d. plea come in then? I trust I shall be able in my next communication to announce that the freethinkers—and I am sorry to say they are a numerous body in this part of Victoria—will have received notice to body in this part of Victoria—will have received notice to quit the premises of the Melbourne Masonic Hall Company. It is hardly consistent with the fundamental principles of Masonry to find that at one and the same time a lodge is working on one floor, and that the volume of the Sacred Law is being ridiculed in another part of the building. Let us now turn to some more congenial topics of colonial Masonry. The announcement by cable, that her Majesty the Queen, had been pleased to confer the honour of a baronetcy of the United Kingdom on the Hon. William John Clarke, M.L.C., was received by Victorians in general, and members of the Craft especially, with feelings of the deepest gratifi-

of the Craft especially, with feelings of the deepest gratifi-cation. The intelligence arrived in Melbourne, a few days after Bro. Clarke's return from the old country, and at a time, too, when he was receiving cordial congratulations from all sorts and conditions of men. The honour conferred on our brother is accepted as a distinct compliment to Victoria, he being the first native of that colony to receive an hereditary distinction. Connected with all the great institutions of this part of Australia, Sir William Clarke's most prominent position was that of chairman of the Mel-bourne International Exhibition. He is one of the largest state upon international and the state of the largest estate proprietors in Victoria, a most generous landlord, and no man south of the line has done more for agriculture than he. Then he is a liberal benefactor of every public insti-tution, as witness $\pounds_{20,000}$ to Melbourne University, and latterly, his foundation of a Victorian Scholarship in connection with the Royal College of Music in London.

JAN. 20, 1583. As a Freemason, it will be known to but few of your readers, that Sir William Clarke is R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Victoria, under the Irish Constitution. The emposed of brethren who have "passed the chair," held a meeting, last week, at which Bro. Clarke was present, and very properly, part of the business was to fraternally welcome the P.G.M. back to Victoria. I had the honour of an invitation, and must say I was very much impressed with our R.W. brother's reply, both in the lodge, and at the banqueting board. The celebrations terminate with a complimentary ball, on the 20th inst., in the Melbourne Town Hall, particulars of which will reach you in good time. The District Grand Lodge of Victoria under the Scottish Bro. Joseph Cahill, P.M., No. 595, R.W. Substitute Grand Master, presided. This district is without a governing head at the present time, the R.W. District Grand Master and Depute Grand Master both being deceased. The question of a new chief was fully discussed ; and overtures to two leading brethren in the colony having failed, a further report was left in the hands of a committee. All to bodges in the district are generally in a flourishing condition. The work of the Melbourne lodges is a reflex of the lodges in Melbourne. It occurred to me, therefore, that hough to say, as I am a joining member of two English lodges in Melbourne. It occurred to me, therefore, that hough I am still a member of the Grand Lodge in London, the Past Master's rank is lost here, both in lodge and ster. However, I mentioned the subject to our i strict Grand Lodge until I again serve the office of Master, and he holds that, so long as a Past Master's name eb returned to the Grand Lodge, in accordance with Clause a Master in his new lodge and district or province is for a store endition, of 1803–he has all the privileges of a master weak gain. This, Bro. Lempriere tells me, has here the practice, so far as he understands, during the many years he hasheld the office of District Grand Secre-tary. Clause 1, pag inc, though, that procedure would conduce to an increase of unaffiliates, for brethren in a foreign land would under the circumstances gradually lose all interest in Masonry, and finally not deem it worth their while subscribing any longer to their mother lodge at home. I have joined a chapter, and Comp. Lemprice's ideas on this head are precisely identical with the other.

BRO. COL. MARK RICHARDS MUCKLE. Forty years ago, Bro. Colonel Mark Richards Muckle entered the service of the *Public Ledger*. During his long career he has been errand boy, clerk, cashier, and business manager. Bro. Muckle was born in Philadelphia, but early in life sought the whirlpool of New York to make his fortune. At the solicitation of his mother, who was one of the best of the good old German mothers, he returned to Philadelphia to take a place in the *Ledger* office. For twenty-three years he helped Messrs. Swain, Abell, and Simmons to make their fortunes. Mr. G. W. Childs made him his cashier and business manager, and Bro. Muckle has seen the *Public Ledger* in its dullest and best times. The amount of cash he has handled weekly rolls into the tens of thousands, and the millions which he has computed would make one's head swim. Having a peculiar faculty for keeping accounts, he has been for twenty-six years the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, and for thirteen years he has been the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampmentof Knights Templar in this jurisdiction. As soon as he joins an the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in this jurisdiction. As soon as he joins an organisation he is made Treasurer, and the number of them would present a dazzling array. Bro. Muckle derived his title of colonel from being attached to Governor Bigler's staff, and is therefore entitled to military honours at all times. He is very popular with the Germans, a member of most of the leading societies, and a participant in all events which tend to the advancement of Philadelphia's interests. He is ever the genial gentleman, and a model of accuracy in his accounts and of method in his business dealings. May his friends present their congratulations at his semi-centennial in the Ledger office, unless he should prefer to quit sooner with a superfluity of cash.—American Paper. aper.

SWORD OF HONOUR VOTED BY THE CITY OF LONDON TO ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK BEAUCHAMP PAGET SEYMOUR, G.C.B.

The hilt is surmounted by a lion's head, the emblem of the British navy. The grip is ornamented with an ivory figure of "History" recording the eventful engagement. On the centre of the guard is the monogram of Sir Frederick Beauchamp Paget Seymour, whilst its sides are composed of winged figures with trumpets and torches, emblematic of "fame." The scabbard is enriched with emblematic of "Fame." The scabbard is enriched with the Imperial crown, above two dolphins entwined, illus-trating the service of the sea. After these is a figure of "Victory" pointing to "Alexandria"; then follow a naval crown and a trophy of flags, together with the arms, crest, and motto of the Admiral, richly enamelled. Under these are the Cross of the Bath, and the arms, with crest, motto, and supporters of the City of London, following which is a "Union Jack," the emblem of British naval supremacy. Immediately below, upon an Egyptian obelisk, stands "Peace," holding an olive branch. A sphinx and globe complete the enrichments. The presentation inscrip-tion is chastely embossed upon the blade. The scabbard, guard, and hilt are of 18-carat hall-marked gold. The above sword was designed and manufactured by George Kenning, sword was designed and manufactured by George Kenning, of Little Britain, London.

BRO. COL. MARK RICHARDS MUCKLE.

The Freemason.

RAPORTSLALEL REASONIC MAATINGS.

Craft Masonry.

UNITED MARINERS LODGE (No. 30). The meeting of this ancient lodge took place on Tuesday, the r6th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, under the able presidency of Bro. Crossley, W.M. After the confirma-tion of the minutes of the last meeting and the report of the Auditary with the meeting and the report of presidency of Bro. Crossley, W.M. Atter the confirma-tion of the minutes of the last meeting and the report of the Auditors, which showed a very good balance in hand, the W.M. elect, Bro. J. Shipley, S.W., was presented for installation, and the ceremony was most impressively per-formed by the retiring Master. The following brethren were appointed to office : Bros. J. W. Crossley, I.P.M.; T. E. Davey, S.W.; J. Linscott, J.W.; J. Harting, P.M., Treas.; J. Driscoll, P.M., Sec.; L. Steingraber, S.D.; A. Couldery, J.D.; S. Lampen, D.C.; C. Davey, P.M., W.S.; and W. Boyce, A.W.S. There were also present Bros. W. Ansell, P.M.; J. Clarke, P.M.; G. C. Smith, J. Lanckeman, O. Thomas, J. H. Morgan, Thos. Oblein, J. Rotheroe, A. Field, W. Boyce, J. Hildreth, H. Meyer, F. W. Sanders, C. W. Howard, J. Lewis, F. Campbell, and the following visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.M. 228, P.P.G.S.W. Herts; W. H. Rudderforth, P.M. 1668; W. Martin, S79; W. T. Manger, P.M. 1314; C. H. Gray, 1704; J. H. Dodson, P.M. 55; L. P. Turner, W.M. 1598; W. Gill, W.M. 612; S. Richardson, S.D. 183; D. C. Long, 768; F. H. Harting, 1139; L. Solomon, S.W. 1732; R. Frewin, 1655; and R. Lawson, 1426. The business of the evening being concluded, the bre-thren adjourned to the large banqueting room, where a

thren adjourned to the large banqueting room, where a splendid repast was served, to which ample justice was

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. said, in giving "The Health of the Installing Master," that it afforded him considerable pleasure to have the privilege of proposing this toast, as it was to one who had not only done his duty well during his year of office, but had brought his work to an excellent finish by the admir-able way he had performed the ceremony of installation that evening. The W.M. said it was the first time, and might be the last, he had ever pinned a jewel upon the breast of a brother, but he should always feel that he never presented a better carned jewel than the one he now offered, in the name of the lodge, to Bro. Crossley, P.M. The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Health of the Secretary," said he had also great pleasure in making a presentation, in the name of the lodge, to this esteemed brother, who had been identified with the United Mariners for a period of over twenty years, during which time he had never considered it a burden to help forward any good work for the welfare of the lodge; ie therefore felt it a great privilege to present him with a handsome clock and emblazoned scroll subscribed for by the several brethren. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.N

brethren

Bro. Driscoll, in reply, said it would be affectation on his part were he to attempt in words to express his thanks for the generosity of the brethren. He said that, although he felt he had done his duty to the best of his ability, there were many shortcomings; but what he could see were errors in the past would be amended in the future. His age made him feel that he was not so young as he once was, but the brethren might rest assured that every energy he had left should always be exerted for the welfare of the lodge that first received him into Masonry. Bro. Terry made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and during his speech informed the brethren that there were 136 candidates for election and only thirteen vacancies.

thirteen vacancies. Bro. Shipley, W.M., having offered to go up as Steward, the lodge voted fifteen guineas to his list, which was after-wards increased at the banqueting table by private sub-

The pleasures of the evening were very much enhanced by singing and recitations from Bros. Driscoll, Harting, Gill, Crossley, Gray, and Morgan.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE (No. 59) .- The in-ROYAL NAVAL LODGE (No. 59).—The in-stallation meeting of this old and prosperous lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present: Bros. S. B. Wilson, W.M.; H. W. Homann, jun., S.W.; J. Hart, J.W.; G. R. Ousey, S.D.; W. Winnett, J.D.; MacIntosh, as I.G.; and the following visitors: Bros. G. Plucknett, P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greecc; F. Binckes, P.G. Std.; Dewar, P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.M.; Patrick, P.M.; L. Artus, P.M.; T. G. Smith, W.M. 194; A. Woods, W.M. 1853; Sidney C. Yates, 49; J. Bell, 181; and others. others.

others. After the confirmation of the minutes Bro. H. W. Homann was presented for installation to the W.M., who with the accumstomed solemnities duly placed him in the chair. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and in-vested his officers as follows: Bros. Joseph Hart, S.W.; G. Ryder Ousey, J.W.; S. B. Wilson, Treas.; J. Healey, Sec.; W. Winnett, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; MacIntosh, I.G.; and Walkley, Tyler. After the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and breth-ren, which were delivered in the masterly manner we should

After the addresses to the Master, wardens, and bren-ren, which were delivered in the masterly manner we should expect from one who bears the honoured name of Stephen Barton Wilson, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served at the Holborn Restaurant under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp,

Restaurant under the personal supervision of Bro. Hamp, the courteous and energetic manager. After grace the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M.; "The Grand Officers" being responded to by Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., an old Past Master of the lodge, although not now a member. Bro. S. B. Wilson then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and hoped he would follow in the footsteps of his other when cume wants are parsed the chair of the body to the

W.M.," and hoped he would follow in the footsteps of his father, who some years ago passed the chair of the lodge to the satisfaction of all. The Worshipful Master returned thanks in suitable terms. After a song by Bro. Winnett, Bro. Wilson, by request of the W.M., gave "The Visitors," and said the Royal Naval Lodge was always pleased to see visiting brethren, and especially old friends. They had present several distinguished members of the Fraternity, who had been at every installation for the past

eight or nine years, and he assured them that so long as it pleased the Great Architect to spare them they would ever be welcome guests at the Royal Naval Lodge. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W. Greece

Greece. A capital song by Bro. Hanson, P.M., then followed, "The Queen and the Navy for ever." Bro. Matier, in responding, thanked the brethren one and all for the kindly and genial hospitality with which the lodge was accustomed to greet the presence of visitors. The high character and reputation of the lodge had been maintained and upheld during the past year by the I.P.M., his old friend, Bro. S. B. Wilson, whom it was his (Bro. Matier's) proud r privilege to have installed on the last occasion, and the brethren might be sure the present W.M. would leave nothing undone to promote their happiness and prosperity. In the name of the visitors the would thank the lodge for the compliment they had received.

would leave nothing undone to promote their nappiness and prosperity. In the name of the visitors the would thank the lodge for the compliment they had received. The next toast was one to which we are glad to notice great prominence is always given by this lodge, "The Masonic Charities," and was given by the Worshipful Master and responded to by Bro. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., in most forcible terms. He said he trusted the valuable services rendered by the lodge in the past would stimulate them to still further exertions in the future, and that they might ever cherish the memory of one of their Past Masters of old, Bro. Sir Francis Columbine (Daniel, who was the founder of the institution whose prosperity he personally had so much at heart. The Royal Naval Lodge were the inheritors of a glorious past. They were one of the two lodges to whose liberalty and energy the Craft were in-debted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, whose claims the W.M. had kindly undertaken to advocate as Steward at the festival in 1883. And now (continued Bro. Binckes) by the unanimous wish of the Past Masters there devolves on me one of the most pleasing and yet one of the most arduous tasks it has ever been my flot to under-take. At the last meeting of your lodge a Past Masters take. At the last meeting of your lodge a Past Master jewel was voted to Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. This jewel was voted to Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson. This I understand is the first jewel presented for the last quarter of a century by your lodge, and I must bear my unqualified testimony to the merit and worth of the recipient of your handsome testimonial. The sincere friendship which for thirty years has existed between us, and the splendid services which Bro. Wilson has rendered to the great cause of Masonic charity, are the source, in my mind, of justifiable pride that I should have been invited by you to be the means of presenting to him this mark of your approbation. The resolution of the lodge has been engrossed on vellum, and I will read it, as it will tell you what Bro. Wilson's services are: "That the hearty and cordial thanks of the lodge are due, and are hereby given to W. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson for the highly important and valuable services has rendered in the thirty years of his membership, during which time he This highly important and valuable services he has rendered in the thirty years of his membership, during which time he has filled the office of W.M. in 1857, 1870, and 1882, the office of Treasurer for twenty-two consecutive years, and has also represented the Royal Naval Lodge as Steward to the great Charities of the Craft on eight different occa-sions; and that as a small token of the high appreciation in which he is held by his brethren of the lodge a Past Master's jewel, with three clasps, be presented to him, with a copy of this resolution engrossed on vellum." I have therefore, Worshipful Master, most sincere pleasure in your name of handing this resolution to our distinguished brother, and in placing this jewel on his breast, with the hope that he may wear it for many years among you, and continue his career of usefulness. Bro. Binckes then affixed the jewel on Bro. Wilson's breast, the brethren all rising and cheering most heartily.

breast, the brethren all rising and cheering most heartily. Bro. Wilson responded in most graceful terms, and said he hoped the brethren would take the will for the deed, as words could not express his feelings; but that his actions in the future would, he trusted, more amply express his gratitude to them for this unprecedented mark of their

gratitude to them for this unprecedented mark of their approval. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," responded to by Bros. Healey, Homann, sen., Hanson, and Nichol-son, and "The Officers," responded to by Bros. Hart, S.W., and Ousey, J.W. The Tyler's toast brought this most pleasant gathering to a close, and the brethren separated in peace and harmony. The jewel consists of a fouled anchor in 18-carat gold, with the emblem of a Past Master pendant therefrom. On the ribbon are three clasps, one for each year in which Bro. Wilson acted as W.M., and on the back the following inscription: "Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, P.M. and Treasurer, a token of respect, esteem, and regard from the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59, 1852 to 1882.

LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174).— The anniversary festival of the above old lodge was celebrated on Wednesday last, at Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock by Bro. F. Brown, W.M., who was ably supported by Bros. James S. Fraser, S.W., W.M. elect; A. H. Brown, J.W.; C. Lacy, P.M., Treas.; J. Newton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; T. J. Harvey, S.D.; W. M. Fraser, J.D.; F. J. Dellow, I.G.; H. J. Cant, D.C.; J. Miller, W.S.; P.M's. J. Appleby, J. Bulmer, G. T. H. Seddon, Org.; C. H. Webb, G. Jones, W. C. Barlow, E. J. Moore, and the following brethren : Bros. C. Blain, J. A. Keable, J. J. Whitin, J. Benson, J. Thomas, W. J. Higgs, H. Maga, J. G. Goll, J. Gower, T. Huntley, J. Gayton, C. S. Halls, H. Fay, H. R. Yates, J. G. Mustart, J. Bailey, W. Norman, G. Blashford, J. Spill, W J. Cane, W. A. Bennett, H. Nichol, W. Richardson, W. Taynton, W. C. Norris, J. W. B. Wilson, J. W. Crawford, W. Mills, T. Scott, T. E. Wilkins, J. Elves, and others. Visitors: G. F. Dix, P.M. 1421; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554, &c.; G. Brooks, P.M. 902; A. M. Scefels, 1107; G. B. Chapman, P.M. 229, 27; F. F. Twining, 1487; H. W. Clark, 1625; B. H. Pearson, 453; J. Terry, P.M. 228, Secretary, R.M.B.I.; T. S. Taylor, P.M. 554, 1421; E. J. Anning, P.M. 1625, &c.; S. W. Timson, 751; C. W. Bowley, 245; C. Beckett, 1310; Fred. Bevan, 1706; R. Hill, (Invicta); T. W. Hanson, 1706; H. W. Schartau, 1706; H. Guelcken, 72; and G. H. Stephens, J.W. 1623, 1352, 808 (*Freemason.*) The minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. G. A. Bashford, of LODGE OF SINCERITY (No. 174) .-- The

The minutes of the previous regular lodge meeting having been duly confirmed, Bro. G. A. Bashford, of 1602, was balloted for as a joining member, and duly admitted into the membership of the Sincerity Lodge. Bro. Clifford was next passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Brown, whose working was up to the usual degree of proficiency.

The next business—" the piece de resistance "—of the evening was proceeded with. Bro. James S. Fraser, W.M. elect, being presented to Bro. F. Brown for the benefit of in-stallation. That ceremony—so frequently described in these columns—was subsequently performed in a really efficient manner by Bro. Brown, P.M., and the newly-installed Mas-ter appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. A. H. Brown, S.W.; Capt. T. J. Har-vey, J.W.; F. Brown, I.P.M.; W. Newton, P.M., Hon. Sec.; Charles Lacey, P.M., Treas,; W. M. Fraser, S.D.; F. G. Dellow, J.D.; H. J. Cant, I.G.; C. Blain, D.C.; John Miller, W.S.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org.; and Very, Tyler.

D.C.; John Miller, W.S.; G. A. ... and Very, Tyler. An excellent rendering of the three ancient charges con-cluded a very impressive ceremony, and the lodge proceeded to transact the usual incidental business, including the re-port of the Auditors, applications for relief, and apologies

for non-attendance from distinguished brethren. During the lodge a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge to Bro. Brown, I.P.M., recognising the value the brethren placed upon his services as W.M.

apon his services as W.M. All business being happily ended, lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet excellently served by the proprietor of the Guildhall Tavern, under the superinten-dence of Bro. H. Mills, which gave entire satisfaction. After grace had been rendered by the musical brethren engaged, the Worshipful Master in pithy and concise terms gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, in which the virtues of Her Majesty the Queen, the benefits attaching to the zea-lous Grand Mastership of the Heir Apparent, and the many services of the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters and other illustrious Grand Officers, were duly noted and heartily appreciated by the brethren. In giving "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Brown, I.P.M., expressed his great regret that the toast had not fallen into the hands of some brother more able to give it that weight of importance it deserved. He was however

that weight of importance it deserved. He was however quite convinced that the brethren who had in many past quite convinced that the brethren who had in many past years had opportunities of witnessing the manner in which their W.M. had worked up through the various ollices in the Sincerity Lodge would feel with himself that nothing would be wanting on the part of their W.M. to conduce to the benefit of the good old Sincerity Lodge, and he asked them to drink the toast of the W.M. and prosperity to his year of office. He had known him both in the lodge and out of it, and from what their W.M. had shown in lodges of instruction the brethren might expect capital working. Bro. Fraser, in responding, thanked the brethren tor the hearty reception the toast had met with, and Bro. Brown for his kind remarks. The brethren had conferred a great honour on him in appointing him W.M., for which he was very thankful. He trusted that, although there was a laxity as regards their funds, the brethren would unite with him to make a prosperous year, so that when he was rele-

him to make a prosperous year, so that when he was rele-gated to the position of a P.M. no brother would have occasion to regret the choice they had made for their W.M. The Worshipful Master next gave in felicitous terms the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. J. J. Berry in reply said it was not the first time he had responded as a visitor in the Sincerity Lodge, but now, being desirous to respond for all, he felt in an awkward position. However, it was well known that the Sincerity position. However, it was well known that the Sincerity Lodge was famous for its excellent working, and also during its labours in the lodge paid a large attention to the Charities. At the banquet table also he had to acknow-ledge the same good quality, and looking round upon the many good brethren he knew, it seemed very much like a happy family party. As the lodge was well known for its support of the Charities he would not say any more, but would leave that to abler hands—to a brother whose name only differed in one letter from his, and thank them on behalf of the visitors for the hearty recention of the toget. only differed in one letter from his, and thank them on behalf of the visitors for the hearty reception of the toast. In proposing "Success to the Masonic Institutions" the Worshipful Master gave notice of the fact of his being a Steward for the ensuing festival of the Aged Freemasons, and asked the brethren to strain a point so as to enable him to go up with such a list as would be worthy of the brethren of the Sincerity Lodge. The toast was coupled with the name of the energetic Secretary of the R.M.B.I., Bro. J. Terry, P.M., &c. In response to an enthusiastic recention of this toast

In response to an enthusiastic reception of this toast, Bro. Terry said it was an easy task to reply to the toast of the Masonic Benevolent Institution in the Sincerity Lodge, Bro. Terry said it was an casy task to reply to the toast of the Masonic Benevolent Institution in the Sincerity Lodge, which had at all timesbeen steady supporters of the charities. After deducing some striking figures to prove the claims of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, Bro. Terry bespoke of a large measure of support for the excellent Institution which pro-vided annuities to some 350 Aged Freemasons, and which with vacancies for only thirteen, had already applications from 130 deserving candidates for the privileges of the institution. These were all over sixty years of age and some indeed eighty, and had stood eight, nine, and ten elections. He trusted the response of the brethren of the Sincerity Lodge to the appeal of their W.M. and of other lodges would enable the Committee to extend the number of admissions to many aged and deserving applicants, thereby doing honour to the lodge and credit to the Stewardship of their W.M. "The I.P.M." was next toasted, Bro. Fraser ably dwelling upon the manner in which Bro. Brown, P.M., had borne the heat and burden of the day during his year of office, and always since he was in the lodge. At this stage Bro. Terry announced that the result of Bro. Newton's canvass on behalf of the W.M.'s list had attained the esum of $\pounds 111$, which announcement was received with cheers. Bro. Brown, I.P.M., in replying to the hearty compli-

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ment paid him, said it was many years since he had began to work on the right-hand side of the W.M., and he had now just arrived at the left-hand side. He would promise them that in the future as in the past he should take a warm interest in the Lodge of Sincerity, and trusted to be spared many years to be with them, and to render service to the lodge.

"The Past Masters" were next honoured, the W.M. "The Past Masters" were next honoured, the W.M. cordially recognising the services of Bros. Lacey, P.M., Treasurer, and J. Newton, P.M., Secretary, both of whom had administered the affairs of the lodge in a manner greatly conducive to its prosperity. The W.M. also acknowledged the services of Bros. C. H. Webb, P.M.; G. Jones, P.M.; W. C. Barlow, P.M.; and others. Bro. Newton replied, explaining in kindly words the relative duties which the members and Secretary owed to their lodge; also bespeaking, in view of the state of the funds, that the brethren would not expect too much from

the W.M. during the ensuing year, so that the lodge might be enabled to gain a better financial footing, and continue their liberal support to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Lacey, P.M. and Treasurer, also replied, expressing an opinion that in the past year the W.M. had been too indulgent. This, however, had not been done to the detri-ment of the Masonic Institutions, as the lodge had given it annual grant to the Acad Fragmasons of the minnes

ment of the Masonic Institutions, as the lodge had given its annual grant to the Aged Freemasons of ten guineas, ten guineas to the Boys' School, and had also entertained several applications made to the lodge for relief. The next toast was that of "The Officers," Bro. Fraser briefly dwelling upon the promise which the career of the brethren whom he had appointed had previously given, of an efficient discharge of their duties

an efficient discharge of their duties. The Senior Warden said if it was a pleasure and honour to be a member of dear old Sincerity Lodge, how much more was it an honour to be officer of the lodge? He was sure every officer would strive to give satisfaction in the office he held, and do all in their power for the good of the lodge.

office he held, and do all in their power for the good of the lodge. The Junior Warden thanked the W.M. for appointing him as J.W., and as the S.W. had so ably replied he felt that as children should be seen and not heard, he, occupy-ing the baby chair of the lodge, would content himself with thanking them for so cordially receiving the toast. The Tyler's toast was given by Bro. Very, who also, by desire, gave his capital recital of the "Adventure of three flies," and the brethren separated. The musical arrangements deserve a word of recognition, being especially good. Under the direction of Bro. Fredk. Bevan, assisted by Bros. Schartau, Hanson, and Beckett, some capital songs and English glees were rendered in a thoroughly able and enjoyable manner, the brethren pre-sent testifying after each number their heartiest approval.

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DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. James McLean, W.M., presiding. The gathering, as usual in this lodge, was large. All the officers were in their places, besides the following P.M.'s: Bros. W. Harris, W. J. Ferguson, H. Bowman Spink, Edward White, W. F. Smith, Isaac Buscall, J. E. Walford, and Frederic Kent. The visitors were Bros. Carl Riechelmann, P.M. 515; Alfred H. Bisley, 901; W. H. Harrison, I.G. 1805; B. Lyons, P.M. 1227; Robt. Thornton, 217; Samuel Brooks, P.M. 1608; Thos. Read, 1420; C. Donaldson, 1763; J. T. Pilditch, P.M. 1420; W. Banberry, 217; Robt. George, 1524; G. W. Clement Smith, 1319; B. Simner, P.M. 1406, 1095; P.D.G.W. British Burmah; W. Iron, S.W. 1579; Henry Stiles, W.M. 1507; J. Van Essen, 171; C. Parsons, Steward, 1637; C. H. Everett, 1507; Fred. Crockford, P.M. 515, P.D.G.R.; W. P. Webb, W.M. 1381; Courtenay M. Gray, I.G. 1706; Cleveland Phillips, I.P.M. 320; P.G.D.; G. P. Brotheridge, 1649; W. Rudsell, P.M. 77; James Terry, P.M. 228, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Henry J. Tucker, W.M. 1602; R. Underwood, 780; J. Batting, P.M. 1501, P.G. Reg.; B. Phillips, W.M. 1305; J. Clarey, 511; W. M. Stiles, I.P.M. 1507; Heury M. Graga, J.W. 1107; John Plenderleeth, 1595; E. Bowles, 1056; J. F. Hallet, 907; T. W. Williams, 1601; F. Briggs, 25; T. C. Edmonds, I.G. 1507; Howard Reynolds, 1772; Heury Cox, 144; C. H. Abrams, 511; J. Coppen, 1719; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (*Freemason*).

(Freemason). The W.M. raised Bros. F. Cole and A. H. Wilson to the Third Degree, and afterwards passed Bros. T. D. Scott, L. Busmer, and J. E. Spurrell to the Second Degree. At the conclusion of this portion of the lodge business Bro. E. White, P.M., was requested to install the new W.M. Bro. White then took the chair and installed Bro. William Herbage, W.M. elect, as W.M. for the year ensuing. Bro. McLean was invested as I.P.M., and after the customary salutes Bro. Herbage invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Wm. M. Foxcroft, S.W.; Robert Pierpoint, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Morris, Secretary; Harry Price, S.D.; Abel Simner, J.D.; H. Montague (High Constable of West-minster), I.G.; Chapman, D.C.; Harvey, W.S.; and John Daly, Tyler.

minster), I.G.; Chapman, D.C.; Marrey, John Daly, Tyler. The new Worshipful Master, who is an expert Craftsman of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, im-mediately afterwards showed his proficiency by initiating Mr. Walter Bonwick, a bank manager, into Freemasonry, performing his work in admirable style. On the motion of Bro. Walford, P.M., seconded by Bro. McLean, I.P.M., a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. E. White, P.M., for performing the ceremony of installation. The vote was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

mnutes. Bro. Everett, P.M., Treasurer, said the W.M. would represent the lodge as its Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he moved that twenty-five guineas be placed on his list from the funds

of the lodge. Bro. Ferguson, P.M., seconded the motion, which was The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The toasts were afterwards proposed and

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Earl of Carnarvon," &c., said the brethren had present a Grand Officer (Bro. T. Fenn, P.G.D.,) whose name was a household word for everything good in connection with the Craft, for he had diffused Masonic light and knowledge to an enormous number of brethren. The light diffused by him would be spread by other centres of light. Every brother going to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement endeayoured to communicate the knowledge he got there brother going to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement endeavoured to communicate the knowledge he got there, and consequently the brethren owed Bro. Fenn a deep debt of gratitude. He (the W.M.), as an attendent at the lodge, willingly bore testimony to the benefit he had derived from the instruction of Bro. Fenn. Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., in acknowledging the com-pliment said it was extremely gratifying for Grand Officers on occasions like this to feel that the poor services they were able to render to the Craft were acknowledged by their brethren. It was now nearly nineteen years since

were able to render to the Crait were acknowledged by their brethren. It was now nearly ninetcen years since he received the blushing honours of the purple, and he therefore might be credited with some little knowledge of his brother Grand Officers; and although he must admit that there were some among them who when their year of office had expired, felt that they had no more to do in the Craft and disappeared, such, however,

was not the case with all; and he was happy to think the majority of them felt that the honour which had been con-ferred upon them carried with it a sort of obligation to give what time they could, either in one direction or another, to the interests of the Craft. One of the members of the lodge was a Grand Officer of this descrip-tion, whose absence he much regretted, because he was a brother for whom he entertained great respect—Bro. James Brett, P.G.P. Bro. Brett had devoted his time not only to instruction in Masonry in former years, but he still adhered Brett, P.G.P. Bro. Brett had devoted institute not only to instruction in Masonry in former years, but he still adhered to his duties in the distribution of the Benevolent Fund. It was his (Bro. Fenn's) ambition to be among that class him-self, and it was for them more particularly that he responded self, and it was for them more particularly that he responded that evening. If the brethren would permit him he would now digress a little—because the W.M. had made some personal allusion to him which would justify a digression on the immediate object of the toast—to say how gratified he felt to be present, not so much as a Grand Officer as one of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The W.M. had been a constant attendant at that lodge, and it was not some the and the output member of the and it was extremely gratifying to every member of the Committee of that lodge to be allowed to be present at the installation of a brother who had learned his work there; in fact, he did not know that there was any higher reward after fact, he did not know that there was any higher reward after the constant attention they gave every Friday evening at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Still, although he was born and bred Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he was not so blind as to ignore the beauties of any other description of work when it was done as it had been that evening in the installation ceremony of Bro. White. He quite appre-ciated the beauties of that ceremony, although it was not the Emulation work; in fact, he appreciated all work that was done earnestly and well. It was a great pleasure to see a brother installed in the chair who would follow the work to which he (Bro. Fenn) was peculiarly attached, and from the moment Bro. Herbage got into the chair he (Bro. Fenn) could perceive the officers under the W.M. did Emu-lation work likewise. He congratulated the brethren upon having a Master not only so able to perform the duties of his lodge, but so excellent a Master in presiding over the brelodge, but so excellent a Master in presiding over the bre-thren at the table: he was quite sure the brethren had made a good selection, and that the lodge would have a brilliant

Bro. James McLean, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master

Master." In reply, the Worshipful Master assured the brethren of the poverty of his words adequately to thank them. He would briefly state a few impressions on his mind. It was many years ago he sat on the immediate right of the posi-tion he now occupied when he came among the brethren as an initiate, and so great was the impression made on him by Bro. Brett's performance of the ceremony that, although he had he are previous potton whethere are by Bro. Brett's performance of the ceremony that, although he had had no previous notion whatever of Freemasoury, in rising to respond as an initiate he said that it appeared to him that the embodiment of the principles of Masonry were heard firstly in the anthem of Bethlehem, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace, goodwill towards men." And now when he looked back on his connection with the Craft of many years he felt more confident than ever that to a great extent they summarised those principles. Free-masonry was something like the gentle rain that fell from heaven filtered through the earth and found its way into little rills, and thence to brooks, and from brooks to rivers flowing by cities to the sea, and binding together all nations of men. Those principles to carry out, to enforce, and to encourage it would be his privilege as Master. He should do all he could to advance the honour and reputation of the lodge, to maintain its prestige; and he was quite sure that do all he could to advance the honour and reputation of the lodge, to maintain its prestige; and he was quite sure that he should not lack the hearty support of one and all the borthren. He would be brief, though he should like to say a few more words on the principles of Freemasonry. How-ever, he would think of his duties and his work and his responsibilities, and would endeavour to discharge them in when a we that when his work of office came to an end they

responsibilities, and would endeavour to discharge them in such a way that when his year of office came to an end they would all say he had done his duty, and that on looking round be capable of using Shakespeare's words that he had "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends." The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master, and the rest of the Past Masters," specially mentioning Bros. E. White and Ferguson, and the great work the latter had done during the whole of last year. He looked upon the Past Masters with reference to the lodge in the same light as the pillars of that beautiful church in their neighbourhood—the Temple church—stood to that church. church.

Bro. E. White, I.P.M., in reply said it was a mere acci-Bro. E. White, I.P.M., in reply said it was a mere acci-dent that he was called upon to perform the installation ceremony, but he appreciated the honour and would not wish the brethren to suppose that any member of the Board of Masters would not discharge those duties in a creditable manner. Therefore he felt doubly honoured that the lot fell to him. The brother he had installed that night was one to whom they looked with great expectations. He thanked the brethren very much for the great attention they had given to the ceremony. This rendered his duty more every. He thanked also Bro. Ferguson for his services. It thanked the brethren very much for the great attention they had given to the ceremony. This rendered his duty more easy. He thanked also Bro. Ferguson for his services. It was well to have a thoroughly good D.C., and the thanks of the brethren were equally due to Bro. Ferguson. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M.," to whose breast he affixed a handsome Past Master's jewel, the discussion and attention with which he disc

for the diligence, zeal, and attention with which he dis-charged the difficult duties of Master of the Domatic Lodge. The brethren thanked him most heartily and sincerely for his work, and wished him long life and health to wear the jewel which had been unanimously voted by the lodge.

the lodge. Bro. James McLean, I.P.M., acknowledged the toast, and said he hoped he had given satisfaction to the brethren of the lodge in general. At all events he tried to do his best for Freemasonry, and he should do so as long as he should live, particularly in the Domatic Lodge, his mother lodge. Bro. Ferguson had been his father in the lodge, and the brethren knew what assistance that brother had lodge. Bro. Ferg and the brethren knew what assistance that brother had

and the Without Bro, Ferguson ne day been, Without Bro, Ferguson ne day Bros, Phillips, Tucker, and other brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and congratulated the lodge on electing such a W.M. as Bro, Herbage.

on electing such a W.M. as Bro. Herbage. Bro. James Terry replied for "The Charities," and reiterated the statements recently given in these columns of the amounts collected during the past year and the large number of applicants coming forward for assistance. He also thanked the lodge for the grant they had voted to Bro. Everett's list for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. George Everett, P.M. and Treasurer, congratu-lated the lodge on being in the happy position of enabling

him to propose, as he did that night, 25 guineas to the Benevolent Institution. This made too guineas in the last five years. He also congratulated the lodge on having this year so able a Master, who had gone step by step up to that position. He thanked the W.M. for taking a Stewardship, and he hoped next meeting to make an appeal to the lodge on his behalf, when he would do all in his power to induce the brethren to support him. He was pleased to know after the fow years he had occupied the

power to induce the brethren to support him. He was pleased to know after the few years he had occupied the position of Treasurer that his endeavours to carry out his duties had been considered satisfactory. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been enlivened by some charm-ing singing by Madame Ricchelman, Madame Clever, Mr. James Budd, and Mr. H. Edward Cockell, under the direction of Bro. Carl Riechelman, the Organist of the lodge. lodge.

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE (No. 180).— The installation meeting of this excellent working lodge was held on Tuesday, the oth inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The W.M., Bro. G. A. B. Fletcher, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. Stoner, P.M., S.W.; W. H. Baker, W.M. elect; J. W. Maxted, S.D.; Chester, J.D.; Denne, I.G.; C. Wade, I.P.M.; E. Farwig, P.M.; J. Robinson, P.M.; J. Miles, Treas.; W. Parsons, P.M., Sec.; Bishop, Bur, Russell, Sarti, White, Shout, Spence, Van Duren, Symons, Dibley, Adams, Staden, and many others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Ccl. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Buss, Assist. Grand Sec.; Woodrow, P.M. 1207; Cantle, P.M. 1257; R. Baker, P.M. 188; Everett, P.M. 177; Shand, P.M. City of 1563; Failly, W.M. 1470; Taylor, Rolfe, Sir E. Lee, Lord H. Bruce, W. Hudson, J. Andrews, and several others. The lodge being opened in due form and the minutes of

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the previous meeting and the report of the Auditors having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. G. and N. Hemsted, initiates, also for Bro. Smead as a joining member, this being unanimous. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to pass Bro. Paillard, who having answered the usual questions satis-factorily, was duly entrusted and passed. The initiation of the Messrs. Hemsted was then completed by the W.M., whose perfect work deserves especial praise. Bro. W. H. Baker was then presented and duly installed into the chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. C. J. Wade, P.M., in a manner which left nothing to be desired. The follow-ing brethren having been appointed to their several offices by the W.M. were invested with the collar and jewel of office, and suitably addressed by him on the nature of the duties to be performed by them; Bros. Maxted, S.W.; Chester, J.W.; Denne, S.D.; Staden, J.D.; Bishop, I.G.; Sarti, W.S.; Miles, Treas.; Parsons, P.M., Sec.; and Farwig, P.M., D. of C. Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned, and enjoyed an excellent banquet. The Worshiful Master, who makes a capital president, proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toast. The "National Anthem" was sung by Miss Amy

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Ronayne. In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master," the Worshipful Master said if evidence were needful of the loyalty of Freemasons to the throne, we have it completed in the fact that our beloved chief the M.W.G.M. is himself the heir apparent; his Royal Highness has connected himself with our Order, thereby affording an undoubted guarantee that Freemasonry has, even to the outside world, that something in it which men must respect, for the country may be proud in the belief that H.R.H. would not connect himself with any institution which had not for its object the welfare and benefit of his fellow countrymen. The toast was "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." "God bless the Prince of Wales" was then sung by Mr. Mills.

Mr. Mills. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnaryon; the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," and said! it must easily be understood that a body so well organised as that of the Freemasons, possessing as it does such power over the habitable globe must be subject (in degree) to other men and other minds whom they knew to be as they always had been, the Grand Officers. Masons love order and discipline, because they are the very concrete of the system; and the body did well at that and similar banquets to know where and to whom honour was due, and they were further honourcd with the pre-sence of two Grand Officers and in calling upon Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke to respond to the toast he would be able to tell them more of the inner work of Grand Lodge. Bro. W. Bolton then sung "Largo al factotum," which was capitally rendered.

Bro. W. Bolton then sung "Largo al factotum," which was capitally rendered. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it gave him infinite pleasure in being present at the working of the lodge. Having previously heard of its excellence, he was de-lighted to bear witness not only to that fact, but he also thanked Bro. Wade, P.M., for the very perfect way he had installed the W.M. With reference to the Grand Offi-cers, he was always delighted to bear testimony to their worth. In all matters connected with the best interests of the Craft they were the life and soul; and he trusted the day was far distant when they would become unworthy of the respect, honour, and esteem in which they were at pre-sent held by the St. James's Union Lodge and the Craft generally. generally.

Bro. Fletcher, the I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in doing so observed it was an especial pleasure to him, as not only had Bro. Baker worked up through the different offices in the lodge to qualify himself, but he was an old, tried, and valued friend; and Bro. Baker having been unanimously elected by the brethren in open lodge assembled, he felt he was only giving the toget Baker having been unanimously elected by the brethren in open lodge assembled, he felt he was only giving the toast in welcome to their W.M., as the mouthpiece of the breth-ren; but, in addition thereto, he not only congratulated Bro. Baker upon the position he had that day attained, but also the brethren upon the wisdom of their choice. He felt cer-tain that the honour, influence, and lustre of the St. James' Union Lodge would be transmitted to the W.M.'s successor pure and unsullied; and he would content himself by observ-ing that as in the pasts oin the future the W.M. would continue to merit the good opinion and esteem of every brother of the St. James's Union Lodge.

Mr. Miles then sung "Cœur de Leon." The Worshipful Master, in reply, said : Brethren, I acknowledge with gratitude the very kind and flattering expressions which have just fallen from my old and valued friend, and our esteemed brother, the I.P.M., Bro. Fletcher. I feel it is due more to his generous nature than any merit of my own. A man in any new position, and especially if that position be one of responsibility, naturally feels anxious, if not to some extent troubled. Anxious, in the first place, that he may not disappoint the kind expec-

that position be one of responsibility, naturally feels anxious, if not to some extent troubled. Anxious, in the first place, that he may not disapoint the kind expec-tations of his friends; and troubled when becoming Mas-ter of his lodge that its interest might suffer somewhat through his inefficiency. On the other hand, nothing gives strength and confidence so surely as the knowledge that, judging by the kind expressions of the I.P.M., I shall start with the sympathy, encouragement, and help, not only of those who have preceded me, but of those who will, I trust, succeed me in the proud position 1 now occupy. I again thank you, Bro. Fletcher, for the flattering manner in which you have proposed my health, and you, brethren, for the very hearty way in which you drank it. The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Fletcher," and said : Brethren, if the labour and anxiety of the chair be great upon an installa-tion night, the pleasures and privileges undoubtedly counter-poise them. The greatest of my pleasures to-night is cer-tainly the proposition of this to ast—the health of our I.P.M., Bro. Fletcher. Brethren, this is not the place to give precedence to the very natural feelings of regard for a personal friend, and I resist the temptation. My first duty to him, as representing the brotherhood of this lodge, is to express to him our unqualified appreciation of the very ear-nest and kindly manner in which he has performed the duties of the ancient and honourable position of the Master of the St. James's Union Lodge. Brethren, you all know how ably he has performed his dutics as Master in the lodge, and how gracefully he has presided over us at our social gatherings. Bro. Fletcher, I have great pleasure, on behalf of the brehe has performed his duties as Master in the lodge, and how gracefully he has presided over us at our social gatherings. Bro. Fletcher, I have great pleasure, on behalf of the bre-ren, to present you with this jewel, which is the token and only the symbol of the high estimation in which you are held by every member of the lodge Gifts are the beads in memory's rosary, and in the hope that this gift may long hang on the chain of your memory, and ever link you with the traditions of the Craft and the still more sacred remem-brance of the brethren of the St. James's Union Lodge. Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding and drink this toast Brethren, I ask you to be upstanding and drink this toast with all the warmth and cordiality which is always accorded to popular members of the St. James's Union

Miss Amy Ronayne here sang "The Lost Chord."

Miss Amy Ronayne here sang "The Lost Chord," with great feeling. The Immediate Past Master in responding said, W.M. and brethren, for the first time in my life 1 feel utterly unable to reply as my heart dictates; to you, Worshipful Sir, I tender my heartiest thanks for the very high eulogiums you have been pleased to pass upon my labours of the preceding twelve months, and to you brethren (I would I could do it individually) for the generous way in which you received it. It is a source of great gratification to me to mark the progress we have made during the past year, not only in numbers and finances, but in that happy concord without which no lodge can be permanently successful. Brethren, as we are now once more fairly launched, I feel perfectly certain lodge can be permanently successful. Direction, as we are now once more fairly launched, I feel perfectly certain that we shall continue our even passage for many years to come, and brethren I trust I may live long with you to verify the very pleasant prophecy of our Worshipful Master. W.M. and brethren, again I thank you.

Master. W.M. and brethren, again I thank you. The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Initiates," as follows: Brethren, the next duty I have to perform is one which all Masters take great pleasure in doing, that is welcoming the Initiates. I am pleased to say we have two to-night (and one joining member), and it gives me additional pleasure to say, they are three personal friends of mine. Brethren, I call upon you to welcome the Initiates now with the social glass, and as I know them to be good fellows, may they prove equally good Masons, and I feel sure they will always look back with pleasure upon their intro-duction into Freemasonry. Brethren, I give you the toast of "The Initiates." Mr. Miles then grave the song "Gipsy John."

Mr. Miles then gave the song "Gipsy John." Bros. George and Nathaniel Hemsteds then suitably and in well chosen terms replied, as did also Bro. Smead,

the joining member. In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said there is still another toast 1 have much pleasure in placing before you, and is always a welcome one in the St. James's Union Lodge--the Visitors--we are always pleased to see them at the working of our lodge, and equally so to meet them at our social board. We have to-night a very distinguished and numerous company of visitors, and having so many, I know they will excuse my not reading all their names, but with their permission, I will call upon Bros. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary; Everett, P.M.; and Sir Edward Lee to respond. Miss Amy Ronayne then sang "The Gates of the West."

West," Bro. Buss in replying for the Visitors stated it gave him much pleasure once more to visit the St. James's Union Lodge, and to endorse the remark of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke as to the working of the lodge, and he specially wished to express his satisfaction and thanks to Bro. Wade, P.M., for the very excellent way in which he com-pleted the installation, and on behalf of the visitors generally for the sumptuous hospitality with which they were received. were received.

Bro. Everett, P.M., had great pleasure to bear testi-mony on behalf of the visitors and himself for the very pleasurable evening they had all experienced. Nothing could exceed the perfect way in which the ceremonies had been performed, and he had the greater interest in witness-ing the progress and general excellence of the St. James's Union Lodge, as it was exactly twenty-four years ago since he was raised in this lodge by the kindness of the then W.M. He thanked Bro. Fletcher for giving him this opportunity of again coming amongst hem.

of again coming amongst hem. Bro. Sir Edward Lee, on behalf of himself and visitors, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the great Masonic treat accorded them, and assured them all it would long afford him kenture.

 so much valued and respected as the Past Masters. I am sorry Bro. Wade, P.M., has been obliged to leave, as I wished to express to him my sincere thanks for all his many kindnesses, more especially for installing me. Our Trea-surer, Bro. Miles, you all know and we all highly esteem. We can always rely upon him; and he informs me he has a larger sum in hand than he has had before; and, breth-ren, we know he is the man to guard it jealously. Long life to him. Our Sccretary's absence must be a source of regret to us all. The efficiency with which he performs the duties of his office is patent to all, and I would he had been able to be present with us at our banquet; and now, breth-ren, I ask you to be upstanding and drink to the health, long life, and prosperity of the Past Masters; and I couple with the toast the names of Bros. Farwig and Miles. Bro. Bateman (visitor) then sang one of his extremely

Bro. Bateman (visitor) then sang one of his extremely humorous songs, much to the amusement of the brethren. Bro. Farwig, in response, assured the brethren of the continued interest felt by the Past Masters of the St. James' Union Lodge, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind expressions; and he felt confident the future would warrant a continuance of their interest. Bro. Miles characteristically accounded for himself and Bro. Miles characteristically responded for himself and

Bro. Miles characteristically responded for himself and Secretary. The W.M. next gave "The Officers of St. James' Union Lodge." He felt himself in a very proud position, for were they not all qualified not only to fill their present position, but also that of the Master's chair? He would only urge them to continued diligence; and, inviting each officer to respond, he asked the brethren to drink with all heartiness to the officers of the lodge. Bro. Matthews again greatly interested the brethren by

Bro. Matthews again greatly interested the brethren by inging "Little brown jug," and, as an encore, "Is it pos-ible ?" sible

The Officers severally having appropriately responded, the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most plea-sant evenings experienced by the members of the St. James' Union Lodge.

DALHOUSIE LODGE (No. 860) .--- This highly successful lodge held its meeting on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. There was a goodly number of members and visitors present, the especial attraction of the evening being a soirce dansante instead of the ban-quet which usually follows Masonic lodge meetings. The ladies also mustered in strong force.

ladies also mustered in strong force. The lodge having been opened—all the officers were in attendance—Bros. Hall and Poole were raised to the Sub-lime Degree and Mr. Geo. Heritage received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M. All business of the lodge being ended, the brethren then retired with the ladies and visiting brethren to a room especially set apart for their reception for the purposes of music and dancing. The musical entertainment was commenced by a song from Bro. Taylor, entitled "Queen of the night." He also afterwards sang in a duet with a Miss Bartram, entitled "To the woods." Bro. Seymour Smith (Organist of the lodge) was in his usual form, and gave "Lord Mayor's Day" and "The evening party." After this, "Auntie" was given by a Miss Coulthard. At this time an interval occurred for supper, about 100 being present. Supper being ended, Detertion the W.M.

occurred for supper, about 100 being present. Supper being ended, Bro. Robert Burleton, W.M., proposed "The Health of the Queen," and with this toast he coupled "The Craft," which was heartily responded to. Bro. Burleton, in proposing "The Ladies," said that he thought this was really the toast of the evening, for without the ladies the entertainment then in progress would have been a failure. He also stated that he was glad to see so many present, and was sure that when they had finished the evening they would no longer think that Masons were such selfish persons as sometimes they were thought to be. But this was an innovation upon Freemasonry, which, if it should prove a success, would doubtless be carried out by other lodges. He begged to couple with this toast the name of Bro. Walter Johnson. Bro. Johnson responded for the ladies in an able manner, and hoped that the gathering that had taken place under the auspices of Bro. Burleton, W.M., might induce other Masters as they succeeded to the chair to carry out the execllent example he had set them. Dancing was then resumed. Shortly after this Bro. Howard Reynolds arrived and enlivened the company with a solo on the cornet, entitled "The exile's lament," which was rendered in that masterly manner so well known to all musicians, and despite the Stewards' endeavours to restore silence (encores being wished to be avoided) he obtained an encore, replying to which he gave "The last

to an indistance (encores being wished to be avoided) he obtained an encore, replying to which he gave "The last rose of summer." Several other songs were given during the evening, and Bro. Reynolds gave a selection from "La Sonnambula," and gained another encore, to which he re-

the evening, and box Reynolds gave a selection from "La Sonnambula" and gained another encore, to which he re-sponded with "Home sweet home" as the small hours of the morning were rapidly approaching. Shorly after this the brethren and their friends retired having spent an enjoyable evening. Bro. Henry Tinney's band officiated during the evening, and the enjoyment of the visitors was carefully looked after by Bro. Clemow, the proprietor. proprietor.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901). CITY OF LONDON LODGE (No. 901). — The annual installation meeting of this progressive lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Amongst those present were Bros. G. A. Cundy, W.M.; Jno. Hughes, W.M. elect; Beaumont, I.P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; Darcy, P.M., Treas.; J. Hughes, J.W.; T. M. Lelland, S.D.; E. T. P. Harris, J.D.; R. Clinch, D.C.; H. Harbras, I.G.; E. Hand, Org.; R. Gillard, D. W. Hughes, J. E. Finister, A. Bisley, R. Stevens, H. Smith, J. Watkins, J. Vale, A. W. Prince, R. Diamond, G. Lawson, G. W. Frost, W. Havelock, J. Newman, C. Bates, G. Chivers, H. Gooch, G. Cundy, A. J. Sheflield, R. Fletcher, W. Little, G. Brittain, C. Huisch, F. Eade, H. Barwill, J. Hoskin, H. W. Taylor, A. Parker, W. Dance, F. Barnes, W. Waller, T. James, T. Hosking, J. Hardwick, P. J. Walker, P. C. Rogers, and Woodstock, Tyler. Tyler.

Amongst the numerous brethren who had accepted the thanked the W.M. and brethren for the great Masonic treat accorded them, and assured them all it would long afford him happy reminiscences. The Worshipful Master, in giving the next toast—"The Past Masters"—linked with it the Treasurer and Secretary. In speaking of them he said: We as members know how much we owe the Past Masters of this lodge for the great care, time, and attention they always devote to the interests of the lodge; and I am sure there is no section of the lodge

Wills, 1853; S. Etherington, W.M. 1305; J. Barter, W.M. 933; H. Champness, I.G. 18; H. F. Green, S6; H. Garrett, 173; V. Borg, 515; W. Woodward, 1728; C. W. Cox, 188; R. W. Herring; 144; E. Kroz, 554; and G.

Cox, 188; R. W. Herring; 144; E. Mroz, 504, and C. Symons, 45. After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Wat-kins to the Degree of F.C. The installation of the S.W., Bro. Jno. Hughes, was next performed, and that in a most faultless and efficient manner, by Bro. Cundy. His manner of giving the charges to the W.M. and explaining the working tools of each Degree cannot but have had a most lasting effect on the whole lodge, including the visit-ors, many of whom we are sure had not seen the ccremony worked before without hitch or nervousness. We heard Initiating leffect on the whole lodge, including the visit-ors, many of whom we are sure had not seen the ceremony worked before without hitch or nervousness. We heard the Installing Master say to a brother later on that he had felt every word he said, and they came from the bottom of his heart, and impressed him as much as the other brethren. The Worshipful Master having been regularly saluted in each degree by the brethren, proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, who were led to the dais by Bro. Cundy. The following are the new officers: Bros. Hughes, S.W.; *J. M. Lelland, J.W.*; E. T. P. Harris, S.D.; H. Harbras, J.D.; Darcy, P.M. Treas.; J. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; D. W. Hughes, I.G.; E. Hand, Org.; R. Clinch, Dir. of Cers.; R. Stevens, W.S.; Woodstock, Tyler. To each officer the W.M. addressed the usual words and added something appropriate to each office. Bro. Candy, I.P.M., proposed "That two Assistant Stewards be appointed to help the Sccretary, Wine Steward, and D.C., as the lodge is now so large, and the duties of these officers consequently heavy. This having been agreed to, the W.M. called Bros. Gillard and Werner before him and appointed them Assistant Stewards.

Stewards.

Stewards. Bro. Candy proposed a vote of thanks should be placed on the minutes of the lodge to Bro. Darcy, the late Secretary, for the very efficient manner in which he had performed the duties for two years, and regretted that he had been obliged to resign owing to ill health. Ballot was taken for Mr. Richard Fletcher, proposed by Bro. Vale, and seconded by Bro. D. Hughes, which proved unanimous, and Mr. Fletcher being in attendance, was then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient Freemasonry.

then initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Auction Freemasonry. After the Installing Master's working, we anticipated a reduction in the efficiency of the working, but not so. Bro. Cundy's mantle seems to have fallen upon Bro. J. Hughes. The W.M. initiated the candidate in a style which augurs well for the year 1883, and shows to the brethren that none of the traditions of the lodge shall be lost while is heade in his hands.

in his hands. After hearty good wishes from the numerous brethren the lodge was closed and the brethren proceeded to the banqueting room, when justice was done to the good things prepared for them. After grace had been said, the Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Queen," remarking that the highest lady in the land recognised and supports the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. The Worshipful Master next gave "The M.W. the Grand Master," and said he is the first gentleman in the land, and of all the things he takes an interest in, he did not know of any he took a greater interest than in Masonry. Masonry. A trio, "Hail to the Prince of Wales," was here sung by

A trio, "Hail to the Prince of Wales," was here sung by Bro. Hand and Messrs. Sandford and Murton. In giving "The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters (the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom), and the rest of the Grand Olficers," the Worshipful Master said he did not purpose to take up their time then with speeches, as they had a long programme to get through. A solo on the pianoforte by Mr. F. Laughlin, "Lurline," followed.

followed. The Immediate Past Master then took up the gavel, and said : Brethren, once more you are compelled to listen to me, though during the last twelve months you have had too much of me. 1 am going to ask you to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He is, I feel sure, an honour to any lodge, but specially to the City of London Lodge. "The peasant's morning song," a trio, was here inter-

spersed.

The Worshipful Master, who was received with deafening cheers, in response said: I am sure I thank you heartily for your kindness. When I entered this lodge, four years ago, I did not think I should so soon occupy this proud position. If I have given you satisfaction in the past, I hope to do so still more now still more now.

still more now. The Worshipful Master again rose to take the gavel into his own hand, and gave "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Fletcher." He said: I did not think I should have any work to do when installed, but fortunately an initiate turned

up. I give you his health. A glee, "Banish, oh maiden," was here sung, and met with loud applause.

Bro. Fletcher returned thanks, and expressed a hope that they would not regret having made him a member of their

they would not regret having made him a member of their lodge. The Worshipful Master said the next toast I have to sub-mit is that of "The Installing and Immediate Past Master," Bro. G. A. Cundy, very little is needed from me to enhance him in your opinions; throughout his year of office every-thing he has done he has done for the good of the lodge, and before he took office he was an efficient member of the lodge. I have much pleasure in affixing this Past Master's jewel to his breast, I am sure you will agree with me, never did jewel adorn a more worthy breast. Bro. Cundy, said in reply: W.M., Past Masters, Wardens, and brethren, believe me, as you know I have stood up many times during my year of office yet I have never felt greater diffidence than now; you will excuse me

stood up many times during my year of office yet I have never felt greater diffidence than now; you will excuse me if I cannot give expression to my feelings. I have been treated with so much kindness that I have much diffidence in responding. This jewel will be worn with pride and pleasure. I feel it is by the unanimous vote of the lodge I receive it. I shall always wear it with the good feeling of the lodge. Brethren, I thank you most sincerely. The Worshipful Master next gave "The Health of the Visitors," the reading of whose names occupied several minutes, and called on Bros. Jeffs, Chalfont and Thomas to reply.

intellectual treat, and from the W.M. initiating Bro. Fletcher you may look forward to a happy and prosperous yea

Bro. Chalfont endorsed all the others had said, and Bro. Chalfont endorsed all the others had said, and thought on an occasion like this and at this hour, brevity is the soul of wit and therefore sat down. "The Past Masters" was then given from the chair. Bro. Darcy, P.M., in responding, first thanked the bre-thren for drinking his health, and hoped he would be for many years among them.

many years among them. Bro. Ginger quoted a very good song that had just been sung, "What, When, and Where," and said he had to say something, and he didn't know what, nor why, but he thanked them kindly. Bro. Beaumont said: It gives me great pleasure to assist in unching the later to the host of my ability. I hope to

Bro. Beaumont said: It gives me great pleasure to assist in working the lodge to the best of my ability. I hope to see all the members go through the chair. Though some may feel slighted at the W.M. not having appointed his officers in strict rotation, he happened to know that each one's merits had been carefully weighed, and some had declined from pressure of private affairs to serve, and so for various reasons, rotation had not been altogether followed. Bro. Cundy wished to call the attention of the brethren to the City of London Lodge ball, fixed for the 31st inst., and hoped to see each member there, and bringing with him a lady. If all did this they would number about 200. "The Officers" toast followed, and a pretty glee, "Oh who will o'er the downs," was introduced. The Senior Warden replied, and said he thought the W.M. had been too kind in his speech, but he would do the best he could while he occupied his post. The Treasurer thanked the lodge for the confidence they had placed in him, and hoped that confidence would never

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At a late hour the members dispersed, after spending a most agreeable and instructive evening.

ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827) .- The usual ALLIANCE LODGE (No. 1827).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Bro. H. Wildey Wright, W.M., pre-sided, supported by Bros. Major Sewell, S.W.; Bowley, J.W.; Lieutenant Henry Wright, S.D.; J. Perkins, C.C., I.G.; W. Squire, C.C., W.S.; Henry Clarke, C.C., A.W.S.; R. J. Pawley, Treas.; J. E. Turner, Sec.; F. Jewson, Org.; L. F. Littell, A.G.P.; Sir John Monckton, P.M., President of the Board of General Pur-poses; Frank Green, I.P.M.; G. R. Johnson, C.C., P.G. S.I.; Jackson, Godfrey, Major Wilde, H. Cooper, Barrow Emanuel, Rev. W. Smith, J. G. Fitch, and J. C. Whid-dington.

Emanuel, Rev. W. Smith, J. G. Fitch, and J. C. Whid-dington. The minutes of the lodge at the installation meeting in November were read, and after an alteration, at Sir John Monckton's suggestion, were duly passed. Ballot was taken separately for Bro. Gabriel Prior Goldney, Prince of Wales Lodge, the City Remembrancer, and Bro. Jex, C.C., as joining members, and proved in both cases unani-mous. Both these brethren were nominated by R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, who made a few remarks about them. Ballot was then taken for Mr. H. Charles Richards, Mem-ber of the London School Board, City division, which also proved unanimous, and the candidate was introduced to the lodge and regularly initiated, Bro. Henry Wright acting as J.D., in the absence of Bro. Garnet Man. The visitors, Bros. James, 901; Isaacson, Clement's Lodge; and Davis, Crichton Lodge, greeted the W.M. with "Hearty good wishes." Bro. Sir John Monckton proposed that Bro. the Rev. Jas. Scott, who was initiated in the lodge, and travels from Cornwall for each meeting, should be appointed Chaplain, if the Master thought fit, which Bro. Wildey Wright did think, and promised to invest Bro. Scott with a collar on the next occasion. The lodge was then closed and the herthren adjourned to

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the W.M. made some excellent speeches, for which he is so specially qualified. Unfortunately, the initiate had to leave early in the evening, owing to ill-

health. Bro. Littell, P.M., A.G.P., replied for "The Grand Offi-cers, Present and Past;" Bro. G. N. Johnson, C.C., P.G.S., for "The Past Masters;" Bro. Bowley for "The Offi-cers;" and Bros. James and Isaacson for "The Visitors." The latter also gave a recitation from Shakespeare. The brethren dispersed, after spending a most agreeable evening in one another's company, as is their wont.

BOLTON.—Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37). —The installation meeting of this old lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Swan Hotel, Bolton, on Monday, 15th inst. The lodge was opened at 4.15 p.m. by the W.M. (Bro. E. M. Garstang), assisted by his officers, the following brethren being present on the occasion : Bros. John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, J.W.; G. P. Brockbank, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, Sec.; Jas. Newton, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon; Saml. Crowther, P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works; Reuben Mitchell, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; W. H. Horrocks, P.M.; Jas. Walker, P.M.; R. K. Freeman, P.M.; Walter Pennington, P.M.; Rooke Pennington, P.M.; Walter Pennington, P.M.; Rooke Pennington, P.M.; Walter Pennington, P.M.; Rooke Pennington, P.M.; Walter Strain, Golding, Robert Nightingale; also, the fol-lowing visitors : Bros. E. G. Harwood, S.D. 1723, Mayor of Bolton; Wm. Nicholson, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; J. W. Taylor, P. Prov. G. Org.; R. Duxbury, W.M. 146; J. Boothroyd, W.M. 221; W. Crankshaw, W.M. 343; Dr. W. Court, W.M. 1723; Thos. Morris, P.M. 221; Jas. Richardson, P.M. 21; J. M. Rutter, P.M. 221; Jas. Richardson, P.M. 1723; John Priestley, Chap, 1723; Nathl. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; John Priestley, Chap, 1723; Nathl. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; John Priestley, Chap, 1723; Nathl. Nicholson, P.M. 1723; John Priestley, Chap, 1723; M. Bentley, Mus. Doc.; and John A. Orr, P.M. 950. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the lodge proceeded to the second degree, when the chair was assumed by Bro. Jas. Newton, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon (the Installing Master), by whom the W.M. Elect (Bro. G. P. Brockbank) was duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom, and proclaimed and saluted accordingly. The Auditors' report on the lodge finances was read and BOLTON .- Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37)

and saluted accordingly. The Auditors' report on the lodge finances was read and adopted, and the retiring Treasurer, Bro. Wm. Slater, P. Prov. S.G. Deacon, was unanimously re-elected to that

othce. The ballot was taken for the election of Bro. J. M. Bentley, as a joining member, the result being that he was unanimously elected. Bro. Walter Pennington then proceeded to invest the officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. John Booth, S.W.; F. W. Pacey, J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon, Chaplain; Wm. Slater, Treasurer; James

Newton. Sccretary; J. W. Poyntz, S.D.; John Hard-castle, J.D.; Walter Pennington, M.C.; J. M. Bentley, Org.; W. H. Lomax, I.G.; Jas. Naylor and R. Nightin-gale, Stewards; J. W. Roiley, Tyler; and Thos. Higson, Assistant Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were delivered by Bro. Johnson Mills, P.M. Bro. John Morris, P.M., was rc-elected representative of the lodge on the East Lancashire Charity Committee. The W.M. on behalf of the lodge, presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Bro. Dr. Garstang. Bro. James Newton referred to the recent decease of Bro. Thos. Entwisle, P.M. 221, P.Prov. G. Supt. of Works, and the great loss which the Craft in this district had thereby sustained, and proposed a resolution expressing the deep sense of regret of the motion was seconded by Bro. Walter Pennington, and unanimously adopted. Two brethren were proposed as joining members of the lodge. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed at 5.45 p.m. and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table. It is a singular coincidence that Bro. G. P. Brockbank was initiated into Freemasonry on 15th January, 1546, and that in preciscly thirty-seven years after, viz., on the 15th January, 1883, he should be installed as W.M. of No. 37 Lodge.

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HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A most successful meeting of this old and flourishing lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, Hastings, on Monday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened punctually at 3.45 by the W.M., Bro. Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, supported by the following officers: Bros. John Pearce, S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Russell, J.W.; Rev. I. Puttick, Chap.; G. W. Wellerd, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Wood, Sec.; F. H. Hallett, Org.; J. Plowman, S.D.; W.m. Lambourn, P.M. 1184, acting J.D.; H. F. Crossthwaite, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Arthur Wells, I.P.M.; T.H. Cole, P.M.; C. M. Morris, P.M., P.G.S.B.; F. Rossiter, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Duke, P.M., W.M. 1154, P.P.G.J.D.; John Howell, P.M. The members present included Bros. T. Markwick, C. J. Lewis, W. Hudson, J. Bray, A. Gush, H. Gloyns, A. H. Knowles, J. D. Hunter, S. C. chandler, H. Hill, W. S. Allen, T. H. Case, W. J. Rhodda, together with a large contingent of visitors from Sussex, Kent, London, and elsewhere, including Bros. the Rev. Faithful Davies, Prov. G. Chap. Hunts; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec; James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; Gcorge Wilson, P.M. 173, 1351; C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, 1540, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Fryman, P.M. 345, 1540, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Fryman, P.M. 345, 1540, Prov. G. Dir. of Cers.; E. Fryman, P.M. 342; F. P. Campbell, 1842; P.P.G.S.W. Kent; Edgar Lewis, P.M. 335; C. W. Tomes, W.M. 110; Wm. Braithwaite, 673; J. S. W. Jones, N.M. 110; Wm. Braithwaite, 673; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; A. D. Womersley, S.W. 1184; J. A. D. Womersley, S.W. 1184; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; A. D. Womersley, S.W. 1184; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; A. D. Womersley, S.W. 1184; J. A. Middlemas, 1184; Freemas, hen presented for installation, and having assented. to the ancient charges; was, on the withdrawal of the brethren below the chair, duly inducted in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being merformed in a very able manner. With the usual formali

were delivered very impressively by Bro. Arthur Wells, P.M. The W.M. elect, in a few appropriate remarks, pre-sented the retiring W.M. with a valuable Past Master's jewel in recognition of services during his year of office. Bro. C. W. Duke, P.M., was deputed to represent the lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After some formal business had been transacted and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren to the number of nearly fifty then adjourned to the banqueting hall, which presented a most brilliant appearance, the tables being de-corated with some choice flowers, fruit, &c. At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic complimentary toasts were given and responded to. The lodge possesses considerable musical capability and on this occasion it was exemplified to a degree. The thanks of the lodge are due to the able Organist, Bro. Hallett, F.O.C., under whose direction a most enjoyable programme was carried out and highly appreciated by the brethren. Altogether the whole proceedings were of a very pleasant and successful nature.

SOUTHAMPTON .- Royal Gloucester Lodge SOUTHAMPTON.—Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, when the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight placed in the chair Bro. James Robertson, the board of installed Masters number-ing nineteen, including representatives of the Peace and Harmony, Southampton, Shirley, Clausentum, Albert Edward, and Prosperity (London) Lodges. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following as officers :=-W. Bro. G. Davies, I.P.M.; Bros. C. Marshall, S.W.; T. Dartnall, J.W.; R. Sharpe, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Sec.; Rev. A. A. Dupont, Chao.; C. W. Bemister, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; C. A. Dyer, D.C.; J. Ridgway, Org.; T. M. Stiles, I.G.; and Stead and R. W. Lees, Stewards.

At the close of the Lodge business, the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided in excellent style by Bro. Dartnall, the newly-installed W.M. presiding. The usual Masonic

LANCASTER.—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281). —The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms Athenceum, on the evening of the 10th inst., when a good number of the brethren assembled to welcome the newly-installed W.M., Bro. B. Gregson's accession to the chair of K.S., and who was supported by the whole of the officers, namely, Bros. Bayley, S.W.; Stanton, J.W.; McKaith, S.D.; Nicholson, J.D.; Thistlethwaite, I.G.; and Heald and Shaw, Stewards. The lodge having been opened in due form, it was unanimously resolved on the motion of Bro. John Hatch, P.M. and Sec., seconded by Bro. John Atkinson, P.M., "That the sum of ten guineas be given to the Masonic Charities;" the particular charities to which the money should be devoted being left in the hands of the Charity Committee. After the transaction of other business, the usual proclamation was made, which elicited hearty good wishes from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was sub-sequently closed in peace, love, and harmony. LANCASTER.-Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292). —The brethren of this lodge met at the Adelphi Hotel on Monday, the Sth inst., for the purpose of raising a brother to the Third Degree, and also to install the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Reginald Young, P.M. 807, and the ceremony of raising to the Third Degree was performed by Bro. W. O. Jones, I.P.M., after which Bro. W. Constable, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. Bro. Constable afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. Reginald Young, I.P.M.; Christopher Wadsworth, S.W.; G. B. Taylor, J.W.; W. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; W. O. Jenes, D. of C.; Robt. Crockett, Sec.; Fredk. T. Foulkes. S.D.; J. Page, J.D.; J. R. Evans, I.G.; C. H. Jones and J. W. Playford, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Ball was unanimously elected Tyler. The lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the ball room, where they partook of an ex-cellent banquet provided under the superintendence of Bro. Ludlow, manager to the Adelphi Hotel Company. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner. The evening's proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations given by the brethren of the lodge. The following distinguished visitors were also present . LIVERPOOL.-Lodge of Sincerity (No. 292).

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SOUTHAMPTON.-Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The installation of Bro. J. Patstone as W.M. of this lodge was performed on Monday by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman, and the W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. Longland, S.W.; H. Webb, J.W.; J. R. Weston, P.M., Treas.; J. Adams, P.M., Sec.; J. Aldis, S.D.; Wilson, J.D.; A. P. Young, I.G.; and Biggs, Vare, and Harrington, Tyler. Before the lodge closed ten guineas were voted to the Royal Ma-sonic Benevolent Institution. The subsequent banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnell, was

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AXMINSTER.—Lodge of Virtue and Honor (No. 494).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, January oth, when there was a large muster of brethren, including many visitors from the neighbouring provinces of Somerset and Dorset. Amongst those present were Bros. E. J. Jarman, W.M.; T. Pickering, S.W.; L. G. Derrick, J.W.; A. P. Reecc, S.D., Sec.; Wm. Forward, J.D.; J. R. Reynolds, I.G.; W. J. Jefferd, I.P.M.; T. N. Webber, P.M., Org., P.P.G.O. Devon; R. Radford, P.M., P.P.G.O. Dorset; M. C. Harris, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Somerset; S. G. Loveless, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Devon; S. Toms, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Somerset; J. G. Pinney, P.M.; W. B. Parsons, W.. A. L. Paul, L. M. Gater, F. Perryman, A. W. Stroud, and J. Wakley, O.G. Visiting brethren: George Evans, P.M. 1181, P.P.G.S.D. Devon; Rev. T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.G.C. (Middx.); John Brown, P.M. 1181; F. England, 1953; G. R. Stevens, S.W. 106; F. H. Mitchell, 1953; G. O. Snell, P.M. 665; J. Walter, 665; Wm. Prosser, J.W. 665; James Martin, 665; George H. Bealby, J.D 665; Joseph Lawrence, 1953; Henry Grimsby, 1953; and Edward Smith, 1181.
The lodge being duly opened, the usual routine of business was transacted, after which the principal work of the evening was proceeded with, viz., the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. Pickering, S.W., which ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. V. J. Jefferd, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Pinney, P.M., Org.; and F. M., Sec.; J. G. Dinney, P.M., Org.; and F. Perryman, Steward.
Hearty, good wishes from the visiting brethren concluded the business and the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then repaired to the banquet, which was excellently served and well attended. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thomas Pickering, and the vice-chair by Bro. L. G. Derrick, S.W.
The Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Mason toasts in most felicitous terms, and they were most heartily accepted. AXMINSTER.-Lodge of Virtue and Honor

heartily accepted. The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," paid a complimentary tribute to the efficient manner in which the ceremony had been performed, and also remarked upon the services rendered by Bro. Jefferd, P.M., to the lodge throughout his Masonic career. He hoped that the authorities of the Prov. Grand Lodge would soon confer uravincial because upon him in recorr-

would soon confer provincial honours upon him in recog-nition of his eminent services and Masonic skill. Bro. Jefferd returned thanks in a suitable manner, and expressed his pleasure that his services had been appreci-ated, that he felt well rewarded by the knowledge that he had given satisfaction to the brethren.

had given satisfaction to the brethren. Bro. E. J. Jarman, J.P.M., then proposed the toast of the evening—"The Newly-Installed W.M., Bro. Pickering," He had not the least doubt, from the highly efficient manner

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the gavel to his successor they would all feel that the year had been one of prosperity and usefulness. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. In returning thanks, the Worshipful Master said he felt how much it was a matter for congratulation that the lodge was in such a prosperous condition and thorough good order, and that it was recognised so by the Craft was proved by the number of distinguished visiting brethren who had honoured the lodge by their company there that day. He heartily thanked all the brethren for the extremely kind way thay had received the toast and he assured them that it they had received the toast, and he assured them that it would be his constant aim and effort to promote the welfare and unanimity of his lodge, and that when the time came to hand over the jewel which had been entrusted to him that

to hand over the jewel which had been entrusted to him that day it would be as pure and unsullied as when he received it. Bro. Jefferd, P.M., ably proposed the toast of "The Wardens and Assistant Officers of the Lodge," which was cordially received and suitably responded to by Bros. Derrick, Recce, and other officers. The Worshipful Master supplemented the remarks of Bro. Jefferd by particularly referring to the great and zealous services of the late Secretary, Bro. Reece, who had during the last three years so ably and satisfactorily conducted the business of the lodge. He had hoped to have had his assistance in that capacity during the coming year, but he was sorry to find that owing to the new regula-tions he would not be able to fill two offices. He also ten-dered the thanks of the lodge to the retiring Treasurer. tions he would not be able to fill two offices. He also ten-dered the thanks of the lodge to the retiring Treasurer. He regretted Bro. Harris found himself unable to devote the necessary time to the office, but he felt that in the two brethren who had succeeded them they had efficient officers and well-proved Masons. He wished to pay the highest tribute of honour and affection to the Organist, the senior member of the lodge, whose services to Masonry were too well known in this and the neighbouring provinces to render any eulogium on bis part necessary. and as regards the well known in this and the neighbouring provinces to render any eulogium on his part necessary, and as regards the D.C. his skill in the Craft and Masonic enthusiasm were so well known that he felt perfectly sure that the ceremonies of the lodge could not be under safer guidance. "The Health of the Visitors," given by the chair, was warmly received by the members of the lodge, and ably responded to by several brethren. The grand old Masonic sentiment "To all poor and distressed Masons," by the Tyler, concluded the toast list.

list. During the course of the evening several capital songs were rendered by Bros. Pickering, Forward, Stevens, Derrick, Gater, and others; a most enjoyable evening was spent, and harmony reigned supreme.

ST. AUSTELL.—Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 496).—The annual meeting of this lodge to comme-morate the Festival of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, on the 9th inst. The first business was to confer the Second Degree on a brother, and then the W.M. elect, Bro. John Brewer, was most ably and impressively installed by W. Bro. John W. Higman, I.P.M., in the presence of the following Board of Installed Masters: W. Bros. Sir Charles Brune Graves - Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M.; Thomas C. Stephens, 1151, P.P.G.J.W.; Rev. F. B. Paul, 496, P.P. G.C.; Wm. Guy, 496, P.P.G.D.C.; Jonathan Hugill, 856, P.P.G.D.C.; Thomas H. Lukes, 496, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Charles Truscott, jun., 496, P.P.G.S.B.; Philip Giles, 496, P.P.G.S.; Wm. Mason, 499, P.G.S. S.; Thomas J. Smith, P.M. 496 ; and George Varcoe, W.M. 977. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren his officers for the ensuing year: W. Bro. Charles Tozer, I.P.M.; Bros. Houseley, S.W.; Wm. J. Tredinnick, J.W.; W. Bros. Rev. F. B. Paul, Chap.; W. Guy, Treas.; Bros. W J. Watts, Sec.; J. G. Bunt, S.D.; S. Truscott, Org.; S. Tank, S.S.; J Connett, J.S.; and Wm. Real, Tyler. W. Bro. Guy was re-elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. Among the wijeting methern in addition to those hofere ST. AUSTELL.-Peace and Harmony Lodge

Wm. Real, Fyler. W. Bro. Guy was re-elected Steward of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund. Among the visiting brethren, in addition to those before mentioned, were Bros. J. Doney, S.W., and G. Louth, 856; and Richard Parson, J.W. 987. The banquet, which was well attended, was served at W. Bro. Luke's, White Hart Hotol

CHESTER.--Independence Lodge (No. 721). -The Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, on the Sth inst., when the follow-ing brethren were present : Bros. T. E. Nabb, W.M.; H. J. Lloyd, I.P.M.; R. C. Edwards, P.M.; J. Dennis, P.M.; Wm. Johnson, P.M.; Herbert Ellis, S.W.; T. Knowles, J.W.; W. H. Finchett, Treas.; John Edwards, Sec.; Anthony Stevenson, S.D.; Wm. Hughes, J.D.; I. M. Jones, I.G.; John Humphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Humphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Humphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Humphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Mumphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Mumphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Mumphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Mumphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Mumphreys, Org.; F. Thomas, Stwd.; E. Jones, I.G.; John Masser, P.M. 477; Thos. Hart Davies, 477; S. Spencer, W.M. 425; I.S. M. M. Smith, W.M. 1336; E. Smith, P.M. 1336, P.P.A.D.C. North Wales; John Williams, Treas. 1336; J. Chadwick, J.D. 1336; J. F. Edisbury, S.W. 1336; S. Whaley, 823; H. J. Little, I.G. 1674; H. A. Steer, J.W. 1674; W. Hackforth, J.W. 1674; J. S. Swift, W.M. 1477; G. H. Adams, S.W. 1477; and Chas. Dutton, P.M. 435, P.P.G.S.W. The lodge was opened at 4 p.m. by the W.M., in ancient form. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Herbert Ellis, S.W., was then proceeded with by Bro. H. J. Lloyd, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner. The W.M. the spectrated the ceremony in a most efficient

Ellis, S.W., was then proceeded with by Bro. H. J. Lloyd, L.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a most efficient manner. The W.M. then elected the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. E. Nabb, I.P.M.; T. Knowles, S.W.; Anthony Stevenson, J.W.; John Edwards, Secretary; W. H. Finchett, Treasurer; Wm. Hughes, S.D.; I. M. Jones, J.D.; Felix Thomas, I.G.; John Humphreys, Organist and S. Steward; W. H. Kelly, J.S.; W. Johnson, D. of Ceremonies; W. H. Richmond, Almoner; Edward Jones, Tyler. At the close of the lodge the W.M. presented Bro. Nabb with a very handsome P.M. jewel on behalf of the lodge, as a token of their appreciation of his conduct in the chair during the past twelve months. A banquet of a most recherché character was afterwards held in the Town Hall. After the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master

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proposed the following toasts : "The Queen," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England," H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The R.W.P.G.M., Lord de Tabley, and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge." In pro-posing the latter toast the W.M. expressed his regret at the continued illness of the Prov. G.M., and felt sure that all the brethren had been pleased at the receipt of the gracious message from him that evening; they also all cordially hoped that his health would by the divine good-ness of the Great Architect of the Universe continue to improve, so that he might be so far convalescent as to be able to join them at their Provincial Grand Meeting in September next. This toast was very heartily responded to by the

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brethren. The I.P.M. hadjcharge of the next toast, "The W.M.," which was duly responded to. The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Installing Master," referred to his exemplary zeal as a Mason, and to the excellent way in which he had performed the cere-mony that evening

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Visiting Brethren" in a neat speech, in which he expressed the pleasure their lodge always had in fulfilling the hospi-table part of their duties. Bros. Spencer, W.M., and C. W. Duncan, W.M. elect of Lodge No. 425, and Hackford, J.W. of Caradoc Lodge, Rhyl, responded, and expressed their delight at the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained. "The Officers of the Lodge" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the Junior and Senior Wardens.

Wardens. In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. thanked them all for the assistance they had ren-dered him, and more especially were his thanks due to the I.P.M. for his helpful services in the arrangement of

the I.P.M. for his helpful services in the arrangement of the proceedings of that evening. The toast was responded to by the I.P.M. and Bros. Dennis and Cunnah. "The Masonic Charities," proposed by the Installing Master, Bro. H. J. Lloyd, was the next toast, in submitting which Bro. Lloyd referred to the London Charities. The Lodge of Independence, Chester, he said, although doing its duty towards those Charities, and more especially the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, of which, as most of the brethren would be aware, they were large supporters.

most of the brethren would be aware, they were large supporters. Bro. J. J. Cunnah responded to the toast, and referred to what the lodge had done in the past for the above men-tioned Institution, of which he himself was a Vice-Presi-dent, and of which nearly thirty of their members were Life Governors. He hoped the brethren generally would assist Bro. Lloyd in endeavouring to return as large a sub-scription as they had done in past years. The speaker said he was proud to say that he had taken up as much as 100 guineas as the result of one year's exertions. Bro. Johnson, P.M., proposed "The Ladies," on whose behalf Bros. Yardley and Powell replied. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant and successful meeting to a close. During the evening the pleasure of the brethren was

During the evening the pleasure of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the selection of a number of beau-tiful glees and songs by Bro. John Humphreys (who had the charge of the musical arrangements), Bro. E. Cuzner, and Messrs. Millward and Robinson, of the Cathedral Choir, whose services were highly appreciated.

and Messrs. Millward and Robinson, of the Cathedral Choir, whose services were highly appreciated. SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting of this lodge and St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 1oth inst., at the Masonic Hall, Peel-crescent. Bros. Jas. Corney, W.M.; J. Heyworth, I.P.M.; G. W. Bingham, S.W.; J. G. Edge, Treas.; Thos. Batley, Sec.; C. H. Wheeler, S.D.; Jos. Young, J.D.; S. W. Ballantyne, I.G.; Wm. Carter, Chap.; Wm. Riddell, P.M. Tyler; Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robt. Holland, P.M.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robt. Holland, P.M.; C. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Robt. Holland, P.M.; C. A. Packwood, P.M., P.Yan, S. H. Smith, John Blackwell, John Hamer, R. W. Bowring, T. Williams, Walter Briggs, L. Hughes, J. Westall, John Barnes, J. A. Smith, W. Rowlinson, John Knott, T. W. Porter, and Joseph Ogden. Visitors: Bros. I. H. P. Lercsche, P.P.G. Reg.; J. L. Hine, W.M. 1009, P.P.G.S.W.; A. H. Allen, P.M. 325; W. Hardcastle, W.M. 1773; Forrester Fothergill, P.M., D.C. 78; J. W. Nicholls, S.W. 1134; Elias Nathan, P.M. 1798; J. S. Nutchin, 1773; Wm. Ollier, W.M. 935; C. Scholield, W.M. 1219; C. J. Burch, 555; Allen Avison, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason). No better accomodation could be provided anywhere than that which is enjoyed at the Salford Masonic Hall, for there visitors may enjoy the sight and comfort of a com-modious lodge room, well furnished, and when labour is finished may retire to an equally large banquet room, where the good things of this life are dispensed with an ungrudging hand by a thoughtful and experienced com-mittee, who purchase the various requirements themselves, and thus effect a considerable saving. The committee have also erected a kitchen, where the culinary art is practised with great skill. The cost of converting the original building into a Masonic Hall, together ing about this desideratum, and have spared neither time or labour for months in ensuring such satisfactory results. To mark their appreciation of Bro. Packwood's assiduity and zeal the members of the club presented him with a handsome tea and coffe service some two months since, an account of which appeared in the *Freemason* shortly afterwards. We wish the lodge every success in its venture, and should certainly like to hear of other lodges following the example

example. The lodge was opened at 3.30, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. After the usual proceedings the chair was vacated by the W.M., Bro. Corney, in favour of the Installing Master, Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P. The retiring W.M., Bro. Corney, then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. G. W. Bingham, to the Installing

Master, who, after the usual preliminaries and with due rite and coremony, inducted him into the chair of K.S. After the installation Bro. Bingham was duly proclaimed and relief the fills of the fills. After the installation isro. Bingham was duly proclaimed and saluted. The following brethren were appointed oflicers for the year and were invested as follows: Bros. C. H. Wheeler, S.W.; J. Young, J.W.; J. H. Edge, Treas.; T. Pike, Sec.; G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., D.C.; S. Ballantyne, S.D.; Walter Lee, J.D.; J. Westall, I.G.; W. H. Fulford, Chap.; Walter Briggs and R. A. Woolley, Stewards; Wm. Riddell, P.M., Tuler

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Nicholls, Packwood, and Holland, and the ceremony terminated. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visitors, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony. The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John, and when dinner was finished the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. J. L. Hine, P. P.S.G. W., said the toast was one quite comprehensive enough for him to grapple with, but it would have been more so if he had had a longer acquaintance with Bro. Bingham. Unfortunately he did not know anything of the W.M.'s antecedents, but apprehended the brethren would not have placed him in that position if they had not found him worthy of it. His duties were certainly onerous, and the honour and reputation of the lodge materially depended on the manner in which the W.M. managed its concerns, consequently they must give him due credit for all he did, and neither be too particular or critical with the work done. Bro. Hine went on to say he had been associated with the Zetland Lodge since its commencement. The ship, he continued, was launched twenty-two years ago, and the captain (Bro. Leresche) was now present. Bro Hine concluded by remarking that though he was not often present amongst them he always took a great interest Bro Hine concluded by remarking that though he was not often present amongst them he always took a great interest in the lodge, and assured them he felt very glad when he heard that the members had a home of their own, and con-sequently would reap more advantages than lodges which were held in hotels, and was sure the difference to them would be very marked. He hoped the members would enjoy their meetings in that hall for many years to come, and he would at any time do what he could to promote the interests of their lodge. Bro. Hine finished by wishing the W.M. every success. After the brethren had responded to the toast, the W.M. said that in acknowledging the toast of his health, which

said that in acknowledging the toast of his health, which had been so ably proposed by their esteemed Bro. Hine, he would only say as he had said when they elected him to the honourable position he now occupied, that he would en-deavour to do his duty with honesty of heart and principle, and if he did that well he trusted well would be thought of him of him.

and if he did that well he trusted well would be thought of him. Bro. Uriah Nicholls, P.M., P.P.G.P., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Jas. Corney, I.P.M.," said he did so with some diffidence, inasmuch as he felt there were others who could do more justice to it. He felt, however, much plea-sure in giving utterance to his feelings respecting Bro. Corney's merits; and he felt sure in becoming an addition to the roll of Past Masters their I.P.M. would prove a very valuable addition indeed, and if others would only follow in Bro. Corney's footsteps they would do very well, as he had striven hard to make the lodge a success, and had not spared his time or labour to bring that result about. Bro. Nicholls went on to say that no W.M. could do more than Bro. Corney had done, and if future W.Ms. could be relied upon to do as much for the lodge it would be sure to pros-per. In conclusion, Bro. Nicholls said he would call upon Bro. Packwood to say a few words on the same subject. Bro. Packwood accordingly rose, and said he would much rather the last speaker had finished commenting on the health of Bro. Corney, as no ne could do it better. How-ever, in supplementing Bro. Nicholls's remarks, he would say that he felt certain all the brethren duly appreciated the many valuable services that Bro. Corney had rendered to the lodge, and their appreciation had taken a tangible form in the shape of a handsome Past Master's gold jewel, which, in the name of them all, he had much pleasure in presenting him ; and, addressing Bro. Corney while pinning the jewel on his breast, said : No one is more entilted to the to the

which, in the name of them all, he had much pleasure in presenting him; and, addressing Bro. Corney while pinning the jewel on his breast, said: No one is more entitled to this mark of our esteem than yourself, and no one has worked more zealously and arduously for it, and I earnestly hope

more zealously and arduously for it, and I earnestly hope that you and your good wife may enjoy many years of happiness and prosperity. The jewel, which was much admired and made of 1S-carat gold, was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester. The concluding words of Bro. Packwood were received with loud applause from the brethren, which having sub-sided Bro. Corney rose and said that was the first time in his life he felt the want of words to express his feelings, but after the kind remarks that had falled from Bros. sided Bro. Corney rose and said that was the hist time in his life he felt the want of words to express his feelings, but after the kind remarks that had falled from Bros. Nicholls and Packwood he felt very proud indeed. Bro. Corney then gave a résu me of his Masonic career, relating how he and two other brothren were initiated some years back, that the two brethren took their degree before him, but although in that respect they were in advance of him, he mentally resolved in future he would be in advance of them, and told the brethren as much at the social board, in response to the toast of his health. Bro. Corney con-tinuing said the sequel proved he was correct, inasmuch that after he had taken his Third Degree, he was appointed I.G., and had the satisfaction of admitting his two con-fréres to take their Second Degree, they having been somewhat tardy in putting in an appearance for that event; and from that time he had steadily advanced until he be-came W.M. of the lodge. His reason for giving these details was to encourage the younger brethren to perse-vere in their efforts to reach the goal, which laudable aim should be ever prevalent in every true-hearted Mason's should be ever prevalent in every true-hearted Mason's breast. In conclusion, Bro. Corney said he had never been absent from the lodge but once since he joined it; and, reverting to the handsome jewel which had been just pre-sented him, said that if his services to the lodge had been appreciated and valued by the members, as the inscription on the jewel implied, it would be a greater satisfaction to bire the other interactions.

on the jewel implied, it would be a greater satisfaction to him than the jewel itself. Bro. Hardy, P.M., proposed "The Health of the In-stalling Master, Bro. Uriah Nicholls," and said the cere-mony of installation had been performed that day in a highly creditable manner, and if the brethren had noticed the working of their Installing Master as he (Bro. Hardy) had done, they would come to the same conclusion as him-self, viz., that his whole heart and soul was given to the prosperity of the Zetland Lodge, and in asking the brethren

to heartily respond to the toast Bro. Hardy concluded by hoping the G.A.O.T.U might long spare Bro. Nicholls to fulfil that honourable duty.

fulfil that honourable duty. Bro. Nicholls suitably replied. The toast of the "Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. G. A. Packwood, P.P.G.A.D.C., who stated that the lodge had not contributed so much to the charities as they would have wished in consequence of the large amount of money required to place them in their present abode, no less a sum than \pounds_{400} having been expended for that purpose. They had had a sharp struggle to reach the present satis-factory result, but with the noble efforts of their brethren they had overcome all difficulties, and he therefore trusted the lodge would contribute more to the charities in the future than in the past.

than in the past. Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.S.G.W., responded to the toast in a very eloquent and exhaustive speech. Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

LANCASTER.—Rowley Lodge (No. 1051).— The annual installation meeting of the above lodge and celebration of the Festival of St. John was held on Mon-day, the Sth inst. The brethren assembled in the lodge room at the Athenæum when the lodge was opened with the usual formalities by Bro. J. E. Hannah, the W.M., who had also undertaken the duty of installing his successor in the chair. Among those present were Bros. Capt. Garnett, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.W.; H. Longman, P.M., P. Prov. S. of W.; E. Simpson, P. Prov. G. Purst.; Past Masters W. H. Bagnall, J. Hatch, T. Atkinson, J. Aldous, and J. Atkinson. Atkinson.

W. H. Bagnall, J. Hatch, T. Atkinson, J. Aldous, and J. Atkinson. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. Drinkall, 1353, as a joining member, and proving unanimous he was duly admitted into the lodge. The report of the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts for the past year was then read, and at its conclusion the installation ceremony was pro-ceeded with, and Bro. John Cutts, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the working being gone through in an able and impressive manner. The 1.P.M., Bro. Aldous, presented the working tools in each of the Three Degrees. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers for the en-suing year as follows : Bros. J. E. Hannah, L.P.M. ; A. Stanley, S.W.; J. H. Irvin, J.W.; N. W. Helme, Treas.; H. Longman, Sec. ; Capt. Turner, S.D. ; W. Drinkall, J.D.; J. G. Curts, I.G. ; and A. K. Allinson, Tyler. The ceremonial of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Capt. Garnett giving the address to the W.M. Bro. Longman to the Wardens, and Bro. J. Hatch the brethren. Before the lodge was closed Bro. Hannah presented the Worshipful Master, on behalf of the lodge, with a very handsome silver cup as a memento of his year of office and of the kindly feeling which had been extended to him by the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the gift,

and of the kindly feeling which had been extended to him by the brethren. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the gift, briefly referred to the efficient manner in which Bro. Hannah had carried out the duties pertaining to his office, and hoped that as the cup was transmitted year by year through the lodge it would ever be associated with plea-sant reminiscences of the donor. Bro. Baynall, in proposing a vote of thanks to Bro. Hannah for his handsome gift, spoke of the abilities which he had displayed in all matters relating to Masonry, enlarged on his many good qualities, and said the genial manner he had displayed in fulfilling the various offices he had gone through, had endeared him to them, whilst the gift he had made them proved that he also was a good iriend to the lodge.

gift he had made them proved that he also was a good friend to the lodge. Bro. Capt. Garnett, in seconding the proposition, added his testimony to the worth of Bro. Hannah as a Mason, of whom any lodge might be proud. The motion was carried with hearty acclamation. The cup, which is very tastefully chased with representations of various kinds of ferns, has engraven on one side of it the arms of the lodge and on the reverse the following in-scription: "Presented to Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, by Bro. J. E. Hannah, W.M. 1882." The lodge was afterwards duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the County Hotel, where the installation banquet was held under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M. Tht banquet was of an excellent character, and served in that style for which Host Ducksbury has become

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noted. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Ma-sonic toasts were given, including those of "The Deputy P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The Worshipful Master," "The Installing Officer," "The Visitors," &c., the Tyler's toast bringing a pleasant meeting to a close.

SHIRLEY.—Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).—The St. John's day, was held last week when Bro. Mayoss was in-stalled as W.M. for the ensuing year. Theceremony was im-pressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Brooks, assosisted by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Chas. Crew. The new W.M. invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. P. Sharp, S.W.; G. F. W. Mortimer, J.W.; W. Rolfe, Treas.; G. Greenslade, Sec.; Rev. A. J. Wilson, Chap.; W. Pearce, D.C.; Dr. J. H. Allden, S.D.; G. G. Beau-mont, J.D.; J. Simpson, I.G.; E. T. Chamberlain, Steward; W. Vare, Tyler; and T. Godden, Assistant Tyler. SHIRLEY .- Shirley Lodge (No. 1112) .- The St.

INSTRUCTION.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bro. James Smith, W.M. of the mother lodge, occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Hyam Aarons, S.W.; J. E. Fells, P.M., J.W.; J. B. Biddle, P.M., Preceptor; Hy. Morris, D.; J. G. de Save, I.G.; J. K. Pitt, Sec.; Gilderstere, P.M.; and J. T. Maidwell. The lodge was opened in due form and the

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The cere-mony of raising was worked, Bro. Gilderstere being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in order, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt being the

month, at Bro. Maidwell's Masonic rooms, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. All labour ended, the lodge was closed and adjourned in due form to 24th inst.

UNITED PILGRIMS LODGE (No. 507).— At the meeting held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 12th inst., Bro. M. E. Stokes officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Richard Poore, S.W.; C. H. Wiltshire, J.W.; A. J. Style, S.D.; H. H. Wilt-shire, J.D.; and J. N. Bate, J.G. Bros. James Stevens, P.M. and Preceptor; J. Willmot, and others were also present. The lodge having been opened in F.C., the First Section was worked by the brethren, the ceremony of passing by the W.M., and the charge in that degree by Bro. Bate. The lodge was then lowered, and after the election of Bro. Poore as W.M. for the ensuing week, was closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned.

CAPPER LODGE (No. 1076) .- This lodge met CAPPER LODGE (No. 1070).—Inis loage met on Tuesday last at the Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, when Bro. W. Harris was W.M., supported by Bros. Tapley, P.M., S.W.; W. G. Crow, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas., Deacon; Capt. Spencer, I.G.; Thompson, W. L. Crow, Job, P.M.; G. H. Stephens, and atters and others.

The evening was devoted to the working of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. L. Crow being candidate, after which the lodge was closed, a profitable evening having been en-joyed. Bro. H. Tapley, P.M. 1076, will preside on Tuesday next, when brethren are cordially invited.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No. 1259).—A successful meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th inst., at Bro. Moore's, Bricklayers' Arms, Lime-house, E. Bro. Moore, P.M., being W.M., supported by Bros. Rolfe, S.W.; Ellingford, P.M., J.W.; Hallett, S.D.; Ettling, J.D.; Hancock, P.M., 1.G.; Dixon, J. Anderson, Atkins, P.M Preceptor; Stephens, and others. Bro. Moore having opened the lodge in due form, worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Dixon candidate. The cere-mony was next worked, Bro. Atkins candidate, in both ceremonies Bro. Moore acquitting himself in an able manner. Bro. J. Anderson, 190 (S.C.), was admitted a member, and Bro. Rolfe, S.W. 1250, was elected as W.M. for next lodge meeting and lodge was closed. DUKE OF EDINBURGH LODGE (No.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1488).

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1488). —A meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Pembury, Tavern, Amherst-road, Hackney, when there were present Bro. Frankel, W.M.; Evans, S.W., Martin, J.V.; W. Clifford, Treas.; Loring, Sec. (pro tem.); Gray, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; Upjohn, I.G.; Badkin, and visitor, Bro. Pope. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Gray was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees, when Bro. Martin proposed and Bro. Evans seconded that Bro. Gray be elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting. The motion was carried.

The motion was carried. On the proposition of Bro. Gray, seconded by Bro. Evans, Bro. Pope, 1364, was unanimously elected a member. The lodge was then closed in due form.

TREDEGAR LODGE (No. 1625).—This lodge met on Monday last at the Royal Hotel, Mile End, when Bro. W. H. Hubbert occupied the chair. Present: Bros. Brittain, S.W.; A. Jones, J.W.; Moss, Preceptor; Clark, S.D.; J. West, J.D.; Anderson, I.G.; T. J. Barnes, P.M., Treas.; B. Stewart, Hon. Sec.; Stephens, and others

others. After usual formalities, the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Clark being candidate, well deaconed by Bro. Stewart. The First Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Barnes, P.M., and opening up and closing was practised. Bro. Brittain was elected to preside on Monday next, and lodge was closed, a very instructive evening having been passed.

Royal Arch.

LION AND LAMB CHAPTER (No. 192).— The January meeting of this chapter was held on Wednes-day last, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. The members present were Bros. C. Arkell, Z.; E. F. Storr, H.; C. B. Cheese, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Herbert Cuff, S.E.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z.; J. Archer, W. Medwin, T. Kent, J. Gibbs, J. C. Carr, T. Perry, Darnell, Hughes, Dixon, E. L. Walford, Fred. Orchard, T. Cohu, Henry Muggeridge, P.G.S.B.; and others. Visitors: Comps. Wm. Birdseye, Wm. Massa, and others.

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The minutes of the last chapter were read and confirmed and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. F. Orchard, of Percy Lodge, No. 198, and E. L. Walford, of De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 905, were exalted, and the following officers were duly installed; Comps. E. F. Storr, M.E.Z.; C. B. Cheese, H.; T. Cohu, J.; George Kenning P.Z., Treasurer; H. Cuff, S.E.; T. Perry, S.N.; W. Medwin, P.S.; Darnell, 1st Asst. S.; H. Birdseye, P.Z., Steward; and Marsh, Janitor. The installation ceremony was performed by Comp. Henry Muggeridge in a very able manner.
In accordance with a notice of motion, Comp. F. D. Rees Copestrick, P.Z., then proposed that the usual jewel be presented to Comp. M. E. Arkell, M.E.Z., on leaving the chair.

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This was carried unanimously, and Comp. Arkell duly received it from the hands of the M.E.Z. Teceived it from the hands of the M.E.A. The companions then sat down to dinner, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. During the evening Comp. Muggeridge gave the "Charge of the Light Brigade" in excellent style.

BATH.-Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).

-We lately recorded the proceedings at a most en-thusiastic and unique meeting, attended by distinguished companions of the order from London and elsewhere, to ceremony of passing was renearsed, into. Fut being the candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected to the chair of K.S. for Wednesday next. Notice of motion was made to subscribe one guinea to the Aged Freemasons' Asylum to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list, to which many to assist Bro. W.M. Smith's Steward's list down to a genial spread on the 31st inst., the last Wednesday of this

was determined to present a gold centenary jewel to our distinguished Grand Superintendent, as he signified his desire to become a joining member, which would entitle distinguished Grand Superintendent, as he signified his desire to become a joining member, which would entitle him to wear it. It need hardly be said that his accession to our ranks was hailed with delight and that he was duly elected. His convenience having been consulted, he fixed Thursday, January 11th, as a date when he could visit Bath for the purpose of receiving this token of the esteerm in which he is held. Accordingly, circulars were issued for a convocation of emergency on that day at the Masonic Hall, and it was arranged that a candidate should be exalted, in order that the head of the province might have an opportunity of witnessing the form of ritual adopted, of judging as to its propriety, and as to the com-petency of the officers. The following were among the principal companions present: M. Ex. Col. A. W. Adair, Prov. Grand Superintendent; Lawson Howes, M.E.Z.; E. Wilkinson, H.; C. W. Radway, J.; T. B. Moutrie, P.Z., Treas.; E. J. B. Mercer, E.; F. Glover, N.; W. Peach, P. Soj.; R. B. Cater and J. Knight, Asst. Sojs.; Macfarlane, P.Z., Org.; Bigwood, Janitor; Past Z's. T. P. Ashley, T. Wilton, C. Becket, J. Hearne, E. L. Hill, S. G. Mitchell, W. Williamson, T. S. Keene, Dr. Hopkins, 41, P.Z. 328, 587, 710. As visitors, there were Comps. J. A. Timmins, E. 53; E. Phillips, P.Z. 79 and 1000; W. A. Scott, P.Z. 61; R. E. Peach, P.Z. 41; Col. G. V. Law, 53; J. B. Wilson, 53; and W. J. Wilkow, 53. The Board of Installed Principals having been opened, the com-panions were admitted, and the chapter was opened. A most efficient choir then gave in very good style the anthem "Behold how good," &c., to the music composed by Pyne. The circular of summons was read by Scribe E., as were

Pyne.

The circular of summons was read by Scribe E., as were also several letters of apology for unavoidable absence, notably from Ex. Comp. R. C. Else, Prov. G.H., owing to notably from Ex. Comp. R. C. Else, Prov. G.H., owing to a Masonic engagement elsewhere to perform an installation ceremony, in consequence of the sudden death of the bro-ther who had been expected to officiate; from Ex. Comps. Colonel Ford, Prov. G.J.; White, 41, the venerable senior member of the chapter, who was M.E.Z. in 1841; Rev. C. R. Davy, 53; E. T. Payne, P.P.G.H.; Major Long, Prov. G.E.; R. Bull, and C. E. Davis, 41. A ballot was taken for Bro. Thos. Ames as a candidate for exaltation. This proving unanimous in his favour, he was admitted, and duly exalted by the regular officers, who all acquitted them-selves admirably, although, with the exception of the M.E.Z., they performed their respective duties for the first time, the annual installation having taken place only three weeks previously.

Schees adminably, although, with the exception of the M.E.Z., they performed their respective dutics for the first time, the annual installation having taken place only three weeks previously. On the conclusion of the ceremony the First Principal called on Ex. Comp. Thomas Wilton, one of the oldest P.Zs. of the chapter, who advanced to the dais, and ad-dressing the presiding officer said that owing to the unfor-tunate absence of their very old and esteemed P.Z. Edmund White, who at his advanced age had been unable to under-take the journey from Weston-super-Marein such unfavour-able weather in order to be present on that very interesting occasion, it had fallen to his lot to occupy a position which Comp. White would no doubt have filled with more ability and efficiency than himself. He must at the outset congra-tulate the First Principal upon the very distinguished position which the Royal Cumberland Chapter occupied in being the first under English constitution able to prove a continuous working of no years. They were assembled on that day to celebrate the first year of another century ; and it must be gratifying to all present to see the chapter in so vigorous and prosperous a condition, for there were some among them who could remember a time not very remote when it was far otherwise in regard to the working of the ceremonics. Having obtained a centenary charter from the Supreme of Wales, it had been thought desirable that the event should be celebrated by electing Colonel Adair, the Prov. Grand Superintendent, as a member of the chapter. Turn-ing to the gallant colonel, Comp. Wilton, addressing him personally, said that as he had graciously consented to join the chapter, the companions determined to mark their sense of the honour conferred upon them by his kind com-pliance with their wish by presenting to him a gold centenary jewel, of which in the name of the chapter he now re-quested his acceptance—this being the first of the kind offered to any Grand Superintendent in England—as a token of the ki

birted to the kindly feeling entertained for him, and in recognition of the good Masonic work he had done in the Province of Somerset, not only recently in his present high position, but when connected with it some years ago in another capacity equally eminent. Although his dear friend, Edmund White, was not there personally to testify his appreciation of that ceremonial, he had deputed him on his behalf to present the accompanying illuminated scroll commemorative of that jewel, and which would serve as a lasting record of the kindly feelings and generous sentiments entertained by the companions towards Colonel Adair, not only in Bath but by the province generally. Comp. Witcon then called upon Comp. Ashley to read the address, which he did with that impressiveness of style and suavity of tone and manner which are so peculiarly characteristic of him, thus:
"Royal Cumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 41, Bath. Warranted 11th January, A.L. 1782; Centenary Charter granted August, A.L. 1882.
"To the most excellent Comp. Colonel Alexander Wm. Adair, Grand Superintendent of the Province of Somerset, and P.P.G.M. Somerset.
"We, the Principals, Past Principals, officers, and companions of the Royal Arch Cumberland Chapter; No. 41, respectfully request your acceptance of the accompanying centenary jwel—the first of the kind issued—as a small though marked testimonial of the great esteem in which you are a distinguished ornament, and more especially of our own affection and respect for you personally, and for the manly and Masonic virtues of which you have given us so many proofs in all the high offices to which you have been appointed, especially in that of Grand Superintendent of this province, in which we pray that the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe may long preserve you in peace, happiness, and prosperity."

Architect of the Universe may long preserve you in peace, happiness, and prosperity." (The signatures of all the members of the chapter will be appended to this address. It should be mentioned that it was beautifully illuminated in different colours, and that when thus completed, it will be enclosed in a very hand-some frame, carved with appropriate Masonic emblems.) The jewel having been pinned upon Col. Adair's breast, and the address having been pinned to him the Creat

occasion, and also by the thoughtfulness of Comp. White, who has for nearly fifty years been a member of the chapter, at the commencement of his reply expressed the great gratification it afforded him to accede to the wishes of the companions that he should become a joining member of the chapter. He desired most heartily and masonically to thank them for their kindly expressions towards him, and thank them for their kindly expressions towards him, and assured them that the jewel would ever be worn by him as a pledge of that Masonic friendship for him exhibited by the members of the Craft in Bath, and that the illuminated address which had been prepared by the thoughtful con-sideration of Comp. White would most certainly find a suitable and conspicuous resting place in his own dwelling. He trusted that in years to come—when perhaps he shall have passed away—those who follow him will view with satisfaction the testimony of those who had that day Masonically banded themselves together to do him honour. satisfaction the testimony of those who had that day Masonically banded themselves together to do him honour. He regretted exceedingly that Comp. White was not pre-sent in person, but he felt assured that he was there in heart. Every companion would with himself sincerely regret increasing age and declining strength had pre-cluded him from a personal participation in the pleasurable occupations of that day. He himself could look back to Masonic friendships formed in Bath during a period of more than thirty years, in the early portion of which he paid frequent visits to relatives whose place of residence it then was, and since that time he always felt when he came paid frequent visits to relatives whose place of residence it then was, and since that time he always felt when he came into the good old city, though less frequently than formerly, that hewas sure of meeting many friends with whom he had had much intercourse, and who, equally with himself, were pleased to renew old associations. He most heartily repeated his thanks, and trusted that at no distant date he should be able to came amongst them against

should be able to come amongst them again. It should be added that in the course of his address the Grand Superintendent expressed his gratification at finding the ceremonies so efficiently worked, in a style which would compare favourably with the best, and though there were some portions which were new to him they had his thorough

some portions which were new to min-they due to the approval. No other business could be entered upon, this being an emergency meeting with a specified object. Consequently the chapter was at once closed and the companions adjourned to the Grand Pump Room Hotel, where an elegant repast was served. The M.E.Z., of course presided, supported by Colonel Adair and his officers, the vice-chair being occupied by the P.S., who merits a special notice on the style in which he performed his duties both in the chapter and at the banquet. Between the toasts some capital songs were given by Comps. Cater, Robinson, Knight, Wilter and at the banquet. Between the toasts some capital songs were given by Comps. Cater, Robinson, Knight, Wil-liamson, Reynolds, and Mercer, accompanied on the piano by the Organist, Comp. Marfarlane. Thus an important event in the annals of this chapter, of which all who had the privilege of being present will have grateful reminiscences, was brought to a most satisfactory conclusion.

Red Cross of Constantine.

LANCASTER. — Red Rose of Lancashire Conclave (No. 12).—The regular meeting of the above conclave took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the County Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the M.P.S. the conclave was duly opened by Sir Kt. R. Stanton, P.S., assisted by Sir Kt. Aldous, V.E. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Edward Armitage, B.A., 859, and it having proved unanimously in his favour, he was duly installed a Knight of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine by Sir Kt. R. Stanton, P.S. and Re-corder, the duties of Prefect being undertaken by Sir Kt. Longman, P.S. A senate of Sovereigns was then opened and Sir Kt. Aldous enthroned M.P.S. Sir Kt. Hannah having been elected Viceroy, and being out of town, the ceremony of inducting him into the chair of V.E. was postponed till the next meeting. The M.P.S. having ap-pointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year the conclave was closed in due form.

The Sir Knights then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast had been prepared. The M.P.S. presided and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN ENTWISLE.

BRO. JOHN ENTWISLE. We briefly noted last week the death, on the 10th inst., of Bro. Entwisle, a conspicuous brother of the Province of East Lancashire, who for many years past had taken an active part in all the various branches of Freemasonry, and was also a strong supporter of our Charitable Institutions. Bro. Entwisle was initiated in January, 1856, in St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton, and having successively filled the Junior and Senior Wardens' chairs, was elected W.M. in 1859. For his services in the latter capacity he received a Past Master's jewel, and was subsequently appointed Prov. G. Supt. of Works East Lancashire. He was exalted in the St. John's Chapter, No. 221, and rose in time to be its M.E.Z., being also a joining member of the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, of Bolton, and a Past Prov. G. Scribe N. He was a Past Master of the St. John's Mark Lodge, No. 2, under the Scotch Constitution, having been advanced in 1856, and Past Prov. Grand Master of Lancashire for that Degree. He was perfected in the Palatine Rose Croix Chapter, as well as a member of the 30°. He was also a Past N. of the Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, a founder and P.S. of the St George's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Crose of Constantine Past Past N. of the Mount Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, a founder and P.S. of the St George's Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Preceptor of the St. James of Jerusalem Preceptory, K.T., a founder and Past Master of the St. John's Council of Royal and Select Masters, Past Grand Junior Warden Lancashire and Cheshire, of the Royal Order of Scotland, a member of the Order of St. Lawrence, and an hon. IN^o of the Rosicrucian Society and Chief Adept of the Lanca-shire College. As to the Institutions, he was a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life-Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, besides having served the office of Steward at several of the anniversary festivals. Brief as the foregoing record is, it will suffice to show that our deceased brother had during the seven and twenty years of his Masonic career taken a deep interest show that our deceased bronner had during the seven and twenty years of his Masonic career taken a deep interest in all that related to the Craft, and that he had achieved a most enviable distinction in its ranks. His memory will long be respected as that of a most worthy brother and genial man.

BRO. SPENCER FREEMAN.

BRO. SPENCER FREEMAN. The funeral of the late Bro. Spencer Freeman took place on Monday amid universal expressions of respect. The fact of his being a medical practitioner for nearly a half century had created a large circle of friends, many of whom attended his obsequies. The funeral cortége was formed, and marched to the church. The sides were lined by mem-bers of the Freemasons and Oddfellows, who, closing up, followed the mourners, the principal of whom were the Rev. Freeman (Saxmundham), Misses Simpson, Mr. R. Simpson, and Mr. Thomas Simpson (Stowmarket). The coffin, which was placed in the principal aisle, was overlaid with a velvet pall, upon which was placed some beautiful wreaths. Upon leaving the church the "Dead March" in "Saul" was played upon the organ by Mr. William Lan-kester, the organist. Between Go and 70 members of Temple of Friendship Lodge of Oddfellows headed the procession, followed by the Freemasons. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Waveney, was unable to be present, being in Ireland, and the Deputy Grand Master, Rev. C. J. Martyn, was prevented by illness from attending, but sent a most beautiful wreath, composed of stephanotis, lily of the valley, white illac, white roses, ferns, &c. The Provincial Grand Lodge was represented by Bro. F. Long, P.G.S.W.; Bro. W. H. Lucia, Prov. Grand Secretary ; Bro. Robert Woodward, Prov. G.S., the latter also representing the Phœnix Lodge as W.M. The other Past Masters of the lodge present were Bros. F. R. Betts, W. G. Ransom, George Tydeman, J. D. Larkin, J. W. Sheridan, E. Be-veridge, J. K. Sidgwick, and S. H. Wright. Amongst the brethren from the lodge were Bros. S. Page, E. Bridges, A. Tillott, O. Andrews J. Mills, J. Lockwood, J. Robin-son, M. Bloomfield, S. K. Woodward, and W. Matthewas, Amongst the visitors from the other lodge weas Bro. R. M. Phipson, of Norwich. During Monday evening the bells The funeral of the late Bro. Spencer Freeman took place Amongst the visitors from the other lodges was Bro. R. M. Phipson, of Norwich. During Monday evening the bells of the parish church rang out a muffled peal.

Jamaica.

A terrible fire occurred in Kingston on the 11th December A terrible fire occurred in Kingston on the 11th December last, by which at least one third of the city was destroyed in the short space of twelve hours, several lives were lost, and thousands of persons were left homeless, without food, or clothing, or the means to procure either. The published accounts show that 160 wharves, bonded warehouses, and stores, and 446 retail shops and private residences, with their contents, representing over one million of pounds sterling, have been entirely lost, there being only a few thousands of pounds covered by insurances. The Colonial Bank, the Governent Savings Bank, and the Ordnance Department have all been completely burnt. The excitement in the city is still very great, and it is fearful to contemplate the state of things that will be con-sequent on this deplorable catastrophe, scores of merchants

fearful to contemplate the state of things that will be con-sequent on this deplorable catastrophe, scores of merchants ruined, hundreds of clerks out of employment without the prospect of getting anything to do for a long time to come, their homes destroyed, their furniture gone, their wives and children starving, themselves powerless to afford relief. Among the sufferers we regret to mention that there are a number of our Masonic brethren with their dependant families. With the view of relieving their dire distress, the Jamiaca Masonic Benevolent Association have issued the following circular to the fraternity in that province. "Kingston, 12th December, 1882. "Dear Sir and Brother,—The calamitous fire which occurred in this city yesterday (and which to a great extent still con-tinues) has left a very large number of our brethren and their families in utter destitution. The Committee of the General Masonic Benevolence, on behalf of the sufferers, hereby appeal to the members of the Fraternity throughout the province for immediate pecuniary aid.

hereby appeal to the members of the Fraternity throughout the province for immediate pecuniary aid. "I cannot address each brother individually, because the lists last sent to the Grand Lodges are not at present available. The communicate with the members of your lodge and urge them to send their contributions at once to any of the brethren whose names appear below. Every Mason in this case will, the committee are persuaded, be ready to help our suffering brethren.—I remain, yours fraternally, A. C. SINCLAIR, Secretary, "R.W. Bros. Altamont DeCordova, President; the Hon. S. C. Burke, M. P. Cormac McCormack, Vice-Presidents? "R.W. Bros. Altamont DeCordova, President; the Hon, S. C. Burke, M. P. Cormac McCormack, Vice-Presidents; Bros. J. C. Ford, Treasurer; A. C. Sinclair, Secretary; R.W. Bros. the Hon. J. C. Mackglashan, J. L. Ashenheim, C. W. Tait, G. C. H. Lewis, B. Mortimer Dias, A. H. Jones, William Duff, D. P. Ross, the Hon. A. H. Alexander, E. X. Leon, W. G. McFarlaine, and C. L. Campbell." This appeal has been responded to in a manner that was coarded to be anticipated under existing circumstances and

scarcely to be anticipated under existing circumstances, and has enabled the special Fire Relief Committee to meet the immediate and most pressing needs of the unfortunate suf-ferers; but as the assistance required is beyond the means of those now granting aid, the Association have to appeal to the brethren outside of Jamaica in the following circular, copies of which have been sent to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and the Grand Lodge of Mark

Ingland and Scotland, and the Grand Louge of Mark Master Masons: "79, Duke-street, Kingston, Jamaica, "12th December, 1882. "W. Sir and Brother,—The devasting fire which has just destroyed the greater part of the commercial and a large portion of the residential sections of this city having left a very large number of our brethren and their families in wher destitution, the Committee of the Iamaica Masonic in utter destitution, the Committee of the Jamaica Masonic Benevolence, on behalf of the sufferers, hereby appeal to the members of the Fraternity throughout the United King-dom for immediate pecuniary aid. "Not having a list of the lodges at hand, the Committee

cannot address each lodge individually, but they beg that you will, without loss of time, communicate with the other lodges of your province, and urge them to join you in send-ing contributions at once to their distressed and afflicted brethren in Jamaica.

Remittances can be made in form of bills on London, endorsed to the manager of the Colonial Bank in this city, by whom the amounts will be paid over to the Committee.--

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Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and Bro. Lord Wolseley, honoured the Olympic with their presence last week. * * *

The M.W. Grand Master and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales with their suite went to the Comedy on Monday to witness the performance of "Rip Van on Mona Winkle.' * * *

H.R.H. the Duke, and H.I.H. the Duchess, of Edinburgh and children went to the Avenue on Monday afternoon to the see pantomime of "Dick Whittington," and in the evening left for Berlin to take part in the festivi-ties of the silver wedding of Bro. the Crown Prince and the Princess of Germany.

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A burlesque by Mr. F. C. Burnand, editor of *Punch*, will we believe shortly make its appearance at the Gaiety. "Valentine and Orson" on the first eleven nights produced £ 4000.

The Criterion is likely to bring out Bro. Sims "Mother-in-Law," originally produced at the Opera Comique. We do not know yet who will be in the cast. It is a piece just suitable for the Criterion, and it is a won-der it was not whould show Gent der it was not played there first.

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Bro. J. L. Toole could not have done better than revive at the present time the ever popular "Dot." We are wanting just now such pieces as these. It is by Mr. Dion Bouccault, and is founded on Mr. Charles Dickens's "Cricket on the Hearth." It is twenty years since this was first put before the public at the Adelphi, when Bro. Toole, then a young man, showed by his rendering of Caleb Plummer something of the stuff he was made of, and made his first impression on the stage public, which he has fully justified. Mr. Samuel Emery, Miss Woolgar, and Miss L. Keeley also played at this time. Bro. Toole has announced it only to be played for twelve nights; but we should not be surprised if before "Dearcer than Life" is again played our brother may see the fitness of leaving "Dot" a hittle longer on the programme. Miss Eliza Johnstone is the excitable Tilly, the nursemaid, a fair type of a country yokel. Miss Emily Thorne, at all times a favourite, is Mrs. Fielding, and her daughter is represented by Miss Mellon. The blind girl, Bertha, is feelingly and naturally played by Miss Effle the honest John Perrybungle of Mr. Billington is only sur-passed by Bio. Toole himself. Mr. Billington continually brings a tear into the eyes of his audience. "Mr. Guffin's Elopement" still follows as the after piece, in which Bro. Toole sings "The Speaker's Eye;" but when an encore was demanded the evening of our visit the singer had to ask the indulgence of his audience to be excused, owing to a bad cold which made his voice hoarse. Bro. J. L. Toole could not have done better than

* * * We are glad to welcome Miss Genevieve Ward once more to the London stage. This lady is now playing at the Olympic, of which she has become the lessee. We believe Miss Ward has appeared nearly a thousand times in her character of Stephanie in "Forget me not." We believe we may safely assert a complete success has attended the new venture. "Forget me not" is full of interest and holds the audience from beginning to end. We need not give the detail of the story, as it is not by any means new. Stephanie carries on the combat with Sir Horace Welby pleasantly, but coldly, with occasional earnestness. One of the finest parts is when Stephanie pleads on her knees to Welby to allow her to wipe out the past and enter the world penitent and resolved to lead a better life and not to be the despised of all pure women and honest men. But when Welby refuses to keep her, looking upon her as an abandoned woman, who has dragged her better nature too low to lift it up again out of the mire of sin, then Stephanie turns round, dries up her tears, assumes a haughty defiant attitude, and endeavours to im-press on Sir Horace that her penitence was unreal, that she had been only mocking, and was content to go on in the old way she had long ago carved out for herself of living for herself, and fearless of any one or of what people may say abouther. Here Miss Ward moves her audience, and fixes their attention her to the end. Another thrilling portion is when Welby informs this woman that he has found out about the murder of her husband, and he knows who the murderer way, who killed the husband only to get at the wife, who had ruined him in a gambling hell she kept. But Stephanie, after being frightened with past memories, draws herself up and refuses to believe that the murderer is close at hand and thirsting for her blood, for, says she, he is safe in jail for life. Welby had hoped by telling her of her unsafety, to move her to leave the house of Alice Verney, but she has played all her life with dan-gerous tools, and is not to We are glad to welcome Miss Genevieve Ward She now believes, and is willing to accept any conditions to be allowed to fice the country. Welby assures her of her safety from Rome on condition that she signs a document safety from Rome on condition that she signs a document consenting to her son's marriage, which by the law of France is null and void unless the consent of the parents is given to a minor's marriage. She makes good her escape from the room wherein is Barrato, who is ordered by Welby to look straight in front of him, as a lady wishes to make her exit unseen. Mr. W. H. Vernon, who plays Sir Horace Welby, does so with earnestness; he is always pleasant to see on the istage. Miss Buckstone is Alice Verney, and is gentle and ladylike. Mrs. Leigh Murray's Mrs. Foley is particularly dignified and yet amusing, and only in accordance with Mrs. Murray's usual style. "Forget me not" is a piece to be seen.

Bro. Lord Wolseley has been a guest lately of the Earl and Counters of Bembroke and Montgomery, and joined in the shooting parties.

We regret to announce that Bro. Lord Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devonshire, while playing racquets with his sister at Castle-hill, Devonshire, ruptured the achilles tendon and will be confined to the house for some weeks.

Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgeumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, is busy raising a mounted infantry volunteer force.

Bro. the Hon. F. Leveson Gower has been staying at Hawarden Castle with Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone.

Bro. Sir James Ferguson, Governor of Bombay, has returned to Bombay from his Kandush tour, and has received congratulatory addresses from several municipal bodies for his action in connection with the scheme of local self-government.

Bro. the Hon. Mark Napier, junior counsel for Arabi in his trial, taking leave of Arabi formed the subject of an engraving in the *Graphic* last week. Arabi and his fellow prisoners have arrived in Ceylon.

Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., has become a member of the Forth Yacht Club.

Bro. C. Gregory Hutton, 33°, presented Dr. Percy to the master for the presentation of the freedom and livery of the Turners Company last week. Dr. Siemens, C.E., was also made a member of the Guild.

Bro. Cochran Patrick, M.P., P.G.M. Ayshire, addressed the Glasgow students in St. Andrew's Hall, in that city, on Thursday last week.

Bro. Sir George Elliott, M.P., P.G.M. South Wales, is staying at the Lord Warden Hotel, Dover.

R.W. Bro. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk, has arrived in town from Ipswich.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., has been appointed receiver by the Court of Bankruptcy in the estate of Mr. C. J. Abud, of Harrow-road.

Bro. the Marquis of Hamilton and his brother, Bro. Lord Claud J. Hamilton, together with the marchioness and Lady Claud, are staying with their father, the M.W. G.M. Ireland, at Baron's Court.

Bro. Lord Brabourne has been elected a member of the Board of Directors for the Submarine Continental Railway Company.

The Ducke of Northumberland, father of the R.W.P.G.M. Northumberland (Earl Percy, M.P.), has, with the Duchess, arrived at Albany Park from Alnwick Castle, and attended the funeral of Lady Rokewood-Gage, the Duchess's sister.

Bro. the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for the Colonies, returned to Knowsley from town last week, and has again left for St. James's-square.

The yacht Sunbeam with Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., on board, reached Malta from Messina towards the close of last week.

The first meeting in the new year of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 45S, Goole, was held on the 12th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Ezra Gooderidge, passed Bros. Fratson and Fogg to the Second Degree, the working tools being explained by Bro. Brook, J.W., and the tracing board given by Bro. Gardiner, I.P.M. Bro. John Sled, 1301, was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously accepted.

A pleasant instance of the recognition of kindness was witnessed on the third inst., at the New Year's entertainment to the old people of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. The annuitants of the institution subscribed out of their small annuities for, and presented one of their number (Mrs. Bonorandi), with a handsome parlour clock for her musical services. Mrs. Bonorandi is in the habit of playing the pianoforte to her co-annuitants at a little weekly meeting they have among themselves every Thursday evening.

At the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Urmston, Bro. Dr. Fiddes was installed W.M. for the ensuing.year by Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.M., P.P.G.P. Cheshire. A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

Mr. Kenning, of Little Britain, has submitted to the Queen of Great Britain the sword about to be presented to Admiral Lord Alcester by the Corporation of London. In the language of Burns and Brown, this was to give her an opportunity "o' Kenning what it was like." —Referee.

Bro. W. H. Pannell, C.C., presided as Master at a dinner of the Pattenmakers Company on Monday. Amongst the Masonic brethren present—who predominated —were Bros. Captain Youle, C. W. Thompson, P.M.; Major Gant, and George Lambert, P.G. Sword Bearer. A more 'genial gathering we could not mention. To Bro. Captain Youle, the busy and courteous clerk, much of the success of the company during the last few years is to be attributed. What he takes in hand he does thoroughly. Bro. the Lord Mayor a few days ago acknowledged his services in public by a warm culogy as to the assistance Bro. Youle gives at quarter sessions to the magistrates. The Pattenmakers Company is now, though one of the poorest, second to none of the City Guilds for hospitality and friendship.

How TO SECURE GOOD HEALTH. — MARTIN'S CURATIVE MAGNETISM.—Health secured, Health restored, and Health promoted by the use of this Natural Agent, now so extensively used. See Press opinions, testimonials, and fullest particulars in 48 page pamphlet, which is sent gratis to all by John Hugh Martin, Inventor and Maker of the Improved Appliances, 272, Regent-circus, London, W.—[ADVT,]

Bro. Sir John Bennett was the subject of the cartoon in *Vanity Fair* last Saturday. Bro. W. Harrison, O.C., was one of the mem-

hers of the Court of the Feltmakers Company who attended at the Guildhall to distribute the pensions.

Bro. the Rev. A. J. D'Orsey's son (Rev. L. Ambert Murray D'Orsey) was married by his father, at St. Paul's, Canterbury, to Miss Annette Grace, fifth daughter of the late Admiral George Hathorn, of Dover, on the 9th inct

inst. Bro. Captain Bedford Pim has been appointed a co-optative governor of Dulwich College, under the Act of 1857. The proper title of the school is "Alleyn's College of God's Gift at Dulwich."

Bro. Sir John Bennett lectured at Ely on Monday, in the Corn Exchange, on "The watch : its history, mechanism, and mode of manufacture."

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire, will stay with his colleague, Mr. F. W. Grafton, M.P., when visiting his constituents in East Lancashire. Bros. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.P., and E. W.

Bros. Sir James McGarel Hogg, M.F., and P. W. Brydges Willyams, M.P., spoke last week at the Truro Agricultural Exchange before their constituents.

Bro. Colonel J. P. Knight, General Manager of the Brighton and South Coast Railway, has expressed his willingness to arrange for the due transit of volunteers should Brighton be selected for the Easter Monday Review this year.

Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q. C., M.P., is taking a great interest in the establishment of the Orleans Residentiary Club at Brighton, which has now opened. Its success seems secured already.

The Duchess of St. Alban's, wife of the Prov. Grand Master of Notts, gave a fancy dress ball at Bestwood Lodge on Tuesday.

Bro. Lord Suffield attended the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his unveiling the Prince Imperial Memorial at Woolwich. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Sir Henry Edwardes was one of the honorary secretaries.

We last week announced that Mr. R. Caton Woodville, has been commissioned by Her Majesty to paint Tel-el-Kebir. A correspondent calls attention to the fact that Bro. Woodville is a member of our order, which we are pleased to note.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap. The Great City Lodge, Incumbent of Curzon Chapel, Mayfair, preaches on Sunday morning at St. Peter's Church, Cornhill, before Bro. the Lord Mayor.

Bro. A. Bucknall was installed W.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool, on Tuesday last, the 16th inst. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Two scientific exhibitions have recently been sanctioned by the French Government. In one Dr. Paul Rey will explore Lake Copaïs or Livadia in Greece, and in the other MM. Aubry and Hamon will visit the Shoa and Gallas country to the south of Abyssinia.

On Monday H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at a meeting, in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, of the Archbishop Tait Memorial Committee. The Duke of Albany, the Lord Mayor, and Sir J. Mowbray, Bart., M.P., were among those present.

The twentieth annual dog show of the Kennel Club was opened at the Crystal Palace on Tuesday, and is the largest that has ever been held under the auspices of the club, the entries being in excess of 1300, while no less than 250 animals were declined.

The Goldsmiths' Company has voted £1000 to each of the following: The Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity Institution, the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution, and the Silver Trade Pension Society.

Bro. the King of the Netherlands has conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion of the Netherlands on Prince Mirza Maelsolm Khan, special ambassador from the Shah of Persia.

Her Majesty has graciously bestowed a pension of \mathcal{L}_{200} per annum on Mrs. Palmer, widow of Professor Palmer, who in the autumn of last year was murdered by Arabs when on a mission from the Government.

The Hon. Sir Henry Vincent died last week at a ripe old age at Cannes, whither he had just gone for the winter. He will not be buried with his ancestors at the family seat in Sussex, but at Cannes, in the churchyard Lady Vincent has made so neat and pretty. He is succeeded in the title and estates by his eldest son also in holy orders. Another son, Col. Howard Vincent, is the Director of the Criminal Department in the Metropolitan Police, where he is most popular. He a few weeks ago married Miss Maynard, sister-in-law of the new P.G.M. Essex (Lord Brooke, M.P.) and step-daughter of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn.

The following quaint notice has been sent out by the New Cross Lodge of Instruction: "New Cross to wit. To the Meinbers of our Order to whom these Presents may come. Whereas our Brother WALTER MARTIN, S.D., 870, &c., assisted by fifteen well-known and learned Members of the Craft, will work the Fifteen Sections in the "Star" Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275. These are therefore to command you to appear at our said Lodge, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, 1883, at 7 o'clock in the evening, at the "Five Bells" Inn, New Cross Gate, and then and there to help, aid, and assist in the working of the said Fitteen Sections, and herein fail not at your peril. Given under our hands and seal this 1st day of January, 1883. GEORGE ANDREWS, P.M., &c., 871, Preceptor. WALTER MARTIN, S.D., 879, Hon. Sec."

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Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, had the honour of submitting to the Prince of Wales, at Marlborough House, on Monday last, the sword which has been manufactured by his firm for presentation to Admiral Lord Alcester, by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation.

Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart, P.G.M. Middx., and Lady Burdett have gone to Foremark, Derbyshire, for the winter.

Bro. Sir Edward and Lady Colebrook are pending the vacation at Cannes. Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore is also there.

Lady Holmesdale, the estimable wife of the P.G.M. Kent, gave a ball last week at their seat.

Bro. the Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath, has addressed a letter to the *Guardian* on "The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church."

Bro. Lord Wolseley has been the guest this week of General Fielden, M.P., at Blackburn, and taken part in the rejoicings at the coming of age of the General's son.

Bro. His Grace the Duke of Manchester, K.T., takes the chair on Tuesday at the Grosvenor Gallery, when a paper will be read by Sir Wm. Fox., K.C.M.G., of Westoe, N.Z., entitled "A Chapter in the History of New Zealand."

Bro. the Earl of Bective, the P.G.M. of Cumberland, and the Countess of Bective have been staying at Shelburne's Hotel, Dublin.

Bro. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., presided at a ballad concert on Thursday week at Hackney, in aid of the Early Closing Association.

Bro. Sir John Bennett will lecture at Southampton, on Wednesday, on "Our Schools and Schoolmasters since 1870."

At five minutes after noon on Saturday last the Duchess of Connaught was safely delivered of a son, and both have gone on progressing favourably. The Duke of Connaught was on the point of setting out to accompany the Prince of Wales to Woolwich when the news arrived, and his Royal Highness left at once for Windsor Castle.

The Prince of Wales will leave London for Berlin on Monday next, in 'order to attend the silver wedding of the Crown Prince and Princess of Germany.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., left London on Sunday evening for Holker, where the Duke of Devonshire and family are staying.

Tuesday being the anniversary of the Battle of Corunna, the colours of the three battalions of the Grenadier Guards which took part in the memorable engagement were decked with laurel.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a Court of Aldermen on Tuesday when, a double return having been reported in the election of a Common Councilman for the Ward of Vintry, Alderman Sir Thomas Gabriel moved that the Lord Mayor should issue his precept for holding another wardmote, and it was agreed to.

Mr. R. Oakley, of 235, High Holborn, has propounded a scheme for making the Alexandra Palace the head-quarters of the Temperance body, and in a pamphlet just issued, he educes some clever statistics in support of his assertion that it could be made to pay. If the double purpose could be achieved of resuscitating such a gigantic undertaking and promoting the cause of temperance it would be an immense boon to the north of London.

Bro. Capt. Lord Charles Beresford, R.N., has had conferred on him by the Khedive of Egypt, the 3rd class of the order of the Medjidie for his gallant services at the bombardment of Alexandria.

Bro. G. H. Wellard was on the 10th inst. reinvested for the thirty-fourth time Treasurer of the Derwent Lodge, No. 40, Hastings.

Bro. Captain Adolphus Nicols will be re-installed W.M. of St. Mary's Abbotts Lodge, No. 1974. at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday next. V.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, will perform the ceremony.

The fourth annual ball in connection with the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, will take place on Friday, the 9th prox., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. An influential list of Stewards has been announced, and as the proceeds will be devoted to the charity funds of the lodge, we trust there will be a large attendance. A dispensation has been obtained to wear Masonic Craft clothing.

On Thursday week, at Marlborough House, Sir S. Samuel, K.C.M.G., Agent-General for New South Wales, presented to the princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, some articles of colonial manufacture forwarded to their Royal Highnesses by the Hon. Thomas Halt, member of the colonial legislature, in remembrance of their visit to his estate at the spot where Capt. Cook first landed in Australia.

The Waverley Cricket Club held a select ball on Friday last at the Limehouse Town Hall, and with great success. There was a good attendance, although the admissions were limited, and dancing was enjoyed by the company including over a dozen well known brethren and their partners to the strains of the capital band of Mr. L. Kalischer, who acted as M.C. Bro. W. Davies (host) 1359, supplied a capital supper and Mrs. Davies superintended a well served buffet in the dancing room.

Bro. the Very Reverend the Dean of York, P.G. Chaplain, read a protest, signed by himself and Canons Harper and Randolp, in York Chapter House, against the installation of Archdeacon Blunt as a Canon of the Minster. They afterwards withdrew.

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