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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.

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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 insertion 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.

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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.

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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 Committee voted £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.

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. Cülmer, 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, simultaneous 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 refectio. 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. 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, Shorrocks, 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, Shorrocks, 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, Huddersfield, 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 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 enforce attention, like deep harmony." Last month it was my melancholy 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-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'erfraught 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, vice-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 esteemed Bro. Richardson also was), and has given to this Committee, on the revision of the new Book of Constitutions, his earnest attention. I considered 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 Constitutions; 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. 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 endeavoured 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. Cumberland of North and East Yorkshire, and Bro. Tombs, Provincial Grand Secretary of Wilts. You all 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 drawing nearly £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 Freemasons at their Lodge of Benevolence voted £660 to thirty-four cases of distress; the total amount voted during the year being £9637; but by this procedure the year's income of the Fund of Benevolence has been exceeded by £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 teaching 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 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 £52 10s. and gains sixteen votes, and Grand Priory £10 10s. 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 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 many years, and give this Prov. Grand Lodge his advice and experienced influence 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, it 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. On 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 December, 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 most unbounded satisfaction to ask one and all to accept the congratulations of the new year, Anno Lucis 5883.

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 marionette show, initiated into Masonry in, apparently, a Scotch lodge, and in your report of Grand Lodge, 9th 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 28th 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.—
Yours fraternally, M. M.

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 monopolise 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. 1c 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."

I 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 by yours fraternally,
P. HOWARD DAVIS, 1055,
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.

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.]

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 loans and in attendance.—Yours fraternally, P.M. 65.

R.EVIEWS

LIFE OF THE BISHOP OF WINCHESTER. Third vol. By his son, R. E. WILBERFORCE, Esq. Second 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 indiscretions 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 as saying this or that; and careful and competent discretion would have kept from public sight words and thoughts never intended for the public eye; communications forwarded in the full faith and binding obligation of unrestricted 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 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.

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 revelations 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 discreet. 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 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 convulsions. 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 roughest 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 III., and the simple realities of the family circle.

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

This useful little handbook for Hertfordshire Freemasons comes before us most carefully edited. No Hertfordshire brother can be without it, and many of us who like to know about Freemasonry in province as in town may well expend a shilling in the purchase of this useful while unpretending little work.

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

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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 member 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 according to Collins, granted in 1675, and the dukedom of Dorset 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 is very doubtful. If there were any remains of "Spence" still extant, perhaps some light might be thrown upon the subject. "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 a curious 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 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. Petersburg 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 conviction on this point, but thus far, I repeat, I doubt.
DRYADUST.

104] 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 "indicia" 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.

105] THE MYSTERIES.

The following interesting note connects the Eleusinian 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 from 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 unfortunately missing. This society has at least earned the gratitude of Englishmen for having discovered this inscription, 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.
ΤΟΝ ΔΡ. ΕΣΤΙΑΣ ΜΥΣΤΗΝ,
ΚΑΣΙΑΝΟΝ. ΙΕΡΟΚΗΡΥΚΑ.
ΠΡΕΣΒΕΤΣΑΝΤΑ. ΟΙΚΟΘΕΝ.
ΕΙΣ ΒΡΕΤΑΝΝΙΑΝ. ΑΓΩΝΟ
ΘΕΤΗΣΑΝΤΑ. ΔΑΡΙΑΝΕΙΟΝ.
ΣΤΡΑΤΗΓΗΣΑΝΤΑ — — —"

106] 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 importance and of special interest to me, and if he refuses his assistance I 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.

107] 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 impression 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 which this tradition springs. First, the general statement in the "Parentalia," which is well known to all of us; and, secondly, a very detailed list of Imperial and

other confirmations of the privileges of the Steinmetzen, given by Heidehoff on page 21 of the "Bauhütte des Mittelalters," Nuremberg, 1844; 4to. This list, as far as regards 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 Heidehoff appear two Bulls—Alexander VI., Rome, 16th September 1502, and Leo X., pridiæ Calendarij Januarij, 1517. Kloss, on page 5 of his "Freimaurerei in ihrer wahren Bedeutung" bewails the unfortunate fact that Heidehoff omits to justify his assertions by quoting his authorities or sources of information. Nevertheless, 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 investigate 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 ascribe the whole tradition thus put into the mouths of Ashmole 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 Heidehoff, 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 Heidehoff. On p. 23 he states that the German stonemasons received an indulgence from Pope Nicholas III. (1227), which was renewed by all his successors up to Benedict XII. (1334). Bro. "Bookworm" 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 Heidehoff obtain his knowledge? Heidehoff 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 precedent for the assertion, and I regret my inability to discover 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 (1459), 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 Strasburg 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, 1519, 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 produced 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 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 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 attributed 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 occasionally encroach on his valuable space.

G. W. M. SPETH.

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, 1880, 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 most useful also in helping on the arrangements, and doubtless 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 prevailing 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 extract 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 effective, especially when aided by friction of the Ointment on its walls. This double treatment will ensure a certain, steady, and beneficent progress, and sound health will soon be re-established.—[Ayer.]

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The thirty-fourth annual Masonic ball in aid of the 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 unforeseen 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 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 embodiment of a virtue which is a distinguishing characteristic of the mystic Craft. The institution was founded in 1850 for the education and advancement in life of the children of distressed 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 £671 17s. 10d., in 1881 the number of children who participated was 144, and the cost to the institution amounted to £937 3s. 8d. 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, permitting them to remain at school until fifteen, and allowing one-fourth of the amount granted to be expended in clothing. The increase, as compared with 1880, was alone 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 £1212 10s. 8d. The invested 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. Councillor Edward Grindley, the Chairman 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. Whitehead, W.M. 241, 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 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 consideration shown them? and are their conscientious scruples as good Masons to be set at naught, 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 £ 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 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 gratification. 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 Melbourne International Exhibition. He is one 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. There he is a liberal benefactor of every public institution, as witness £20,000 to Melbourne University, and latterly, his foundation of a Victorian Scholarship in connection with the Royal College of Music in London.

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 members of the Provincial Grand Masters' Lodge, which is composed 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 Constitution held their annual communication last week, 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 the lodges in the district are generally in a flourishing condition. The work of the Melbourne lodges is a reflex of the English system.

I have read the lengthened controversy on the status of Past Masters of and in lodges with great interest—*feelingly* I ought to say, as I am a joining member of two English lodges in Melbourne. It occurred to me, therefore, that though I am still a member of the Grand Lodge in London, the Past Master's rank is lost here, both in lodge and District Grand Lodge until I again serve the office of Master. However, I mentioned the subject to our District Grand Secretary, Bro. F. H. Lempriere, a day or two ago, and he puts another reading on the question at issue. Bro. Lempriere is also Secretary of a different lodge to that in which he served the office of Master, and he holds that, so long as a Past Master's name be returned to the Grand Lodge, in accordance with Clause 25, page 66, of "Private Lodges"—(I quote the "Constitutions," octavo edition, of 1863)—he has all the privileges of a Past Master in his new lodge and district or province without being elected to the chair, and fulfilling the duties of Master over again. This, Bro. Lempriere tells me, has been the practice, so far as he understands, during the many years he has held the office of District Grand Secretary. Clause 1, page 18, of the same edition, I might add, is quite as convincing as that just referred to. I trust, however, that the ambiguity of this portion of the "Book of Constitutions," as well as others that I could mention, will be removed in the revised copy. If a joining Past Master be not put on the same footing as those Past Masters of his new lodge, what is the earthly good of an English Installed Master affiliating with a lodge in the colonies? Far better for him to remain a subscribing member of his mother lodge, which I intend doing. It strikes me, 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. Lempriere'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 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*.

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 the Imperial crown, above two dolphins entwined, illustrating 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 inscription 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, of Little Britain, London.

Mr. Miles then sang "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 expectations of his friends; and troubled when becoming Master 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 I 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 installation night, the pleasures and privileges undoubtedly counterpoise them. The greatest of my pleasures to-night is certainly the proposition of this toast—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 earnest 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 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 brethren, 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 remembrance of the brethren of the St. James's Union Lodge. 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 Lodge.

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 I 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 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.

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 introduction into Freemasonry. Brethren, I give you the toast of "The Initiates."

Mr. Miles then gave the song "Gipsy John."

Bros. George and Nathaniel Hemstedts 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 I 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."

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 completed the installation, and on behalf of the visitors generally for the sumptuous hospitality with which they were received.

Bro. Everett, P.M., had great pleasure to bear testimony 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 witnessing 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 them.

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 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

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 Treasurer, 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, brethren, we know he is the man to guard it jealously. Long life to him. Our Secretary'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, brethren, 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 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's 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 responded for himself and Secretary.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers of St. James's 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 singing "Little brown jug," and, as an encore, "Is it possible?"

The Officers severally having appropriately responded, the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most pleasant evenings experienced by the members of the St. James's 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 soirée dansante instead of the banquet which usually follows Masonic lodge meetings. The 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 Sublime 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,

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 excellent 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 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 responded with "Home sweet home" as the small hours of the morning were rapidly approaching.

Shortly 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.

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. Leland, 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. Sheffield, 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.

Amongst the numerous brethren who had accepted the kind hospitality of the lodge and its members were Bros. A. H. Hickman, W.M. 228; H. Price, S.D. 177; B. J. Woolfe, 720; R. Jeffs, W.M. 435; J. O. Thomas, 1853; E. A. Fracher, 1764; E. Wood, 820; F. J. Henty, S. Hurdle, W.M. 1744; J. W. Hiscox, W.M. 1512; J. Cooper, P.M. 55; P. Hurdle, A.D.C. 548; W. H. Chalfond, S.W. 1425; J. W. Cooper, P.M. 538; G. Bassett, 969; E. Gill, 1017; J. Eldridge, P.M. 167; J. Ball, W.M. 1567; H.

Wills, 1853; S. Etherington, W.M. 1305; J. Barter, W.M. 933; H. Champness, I.G. 18; H. F. Green, 86; H. Garrett, 173; V. Borg, 515; W. Woodward, 1728; C. W. Cox, 188; R. W. Herring; 144; E. Kroz, 554; and G. Symons, 45.

After the minutes of the last lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. Watkins 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 visitors, 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. Leland, 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. Cundy, I.P.M., proposed "That two Assistant Stewards be appointed to help the Secretary, 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.

Bro. Cundy 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.

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 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.

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 Officers," 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.

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. I 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 interspersed.

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.

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 lodge.

The Worshipful Master said the next toast I have to submit 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 everything 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 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, Chalfond and Thomas to reply.

Bro. Jeffs said it was the first time he had been to this lodge, and he would always entertain a happy reminiscence of it.

Bro. Thomas said it was not the first time he had been a visitor here; the installation ceremony had been to him an

in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of his previous offices and the way in which he had that evening entered upon the important duties of his high office, the guidance of the lodge was in safe hands. He hoped the W.M. would have more to do than had fallen to his lot, and he was quite sure that when it was the turn of Bro. Pickering to hand 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 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 day it would be as pure and unsullied as when he received it.

Bro. Jeffery, 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, Reece, and other officers.

The Worshipful Master supplemented the remarks of Bro. Jeffery 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 regulations he would not be able to fill two offices. He also tendered 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 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.

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 commemorate 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 Huggill, 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.; 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.; H. Harris, J.D.; J. McTurk, I.G.; J. Blunt, D.C.; S. Truscott, Org.; S. Tank, S.S.; J. Connatt, J.S.; and Wm. Real, Tyler. 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 Hotel.

CHESTER.—Independence Lodge (No. 721).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row, on the 8th inst., when the following 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, Tyler; and twenty-five other brethren. Visitors: Bros. Donald Fraser, P.M. 477; Thos. Hart Davies, 477; S. Spencer, W.M. 425; E. Cuzner, P.M. 425, P.P.G.O.; W. M. Lightfoot, P.M. 425; Jas. Salmon, P.M. 425, P.P.G.S.D.; C. W. Duncan, S.W. 425; C. W. Seller, I.G. 425; A. Parkes, 425; J. 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. 1074; 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. 425, 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. 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

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 proposing 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 goodness 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 brethren. The I.P.M. had charge 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 ceremony that evening.

Bro. Lloyd appropriately responded.

The Junior Warden proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" in a neat speech, in which he expressed the pleasure their lodge always had in fulfilling the hospitable 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, Rhyll, 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.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. thanked them all for the assistance they had rendered him, and more especially were his thanks due to 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, threw its energies into supporting the local charities, and more especially the Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution, of which, as 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 mentioned Institution, of which he himself was a Vice-President, 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 subscription 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 greatly enhanced by the selection of a number of beautiful 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.

SALFORD.—Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The installation meeting of this lodge and St. John's Festival was celebrated on Wednesday, the 10th 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.A.G.D.C.; R. J. Richardson, P.M.; Thos. Pike, Peter Hackin, R. A. Wooley, W. Lee, J. W. Booth, W. H. Fulford, T. Coster, W. Barrington, J. W. Porter, Wm. Eyan, 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. Leresche, 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. Schofield, W.M. 1219; C. J. Burch, 555; Allen Avison, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (Freemason).

No better accommodation 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 commodious 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 committee, 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 with the plate, cutlery, linen, &c., has been considerable, no less a sum than £400 having been expended, mainly contributed by various members, who necessarily became shareholders. Bros. G. A. Packwood, P.M., P.P.G.A.D. of C., and Jas. Corney, P.M., have been perhaps most prominent in bringing 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 coffee 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.

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 ceremony, inducted him into the chair of K.S. After the installation Bro. Bingham was duly proclaimed and saluted. The following brethren were appointed officers 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., Tyler.

The addresses were afterwards delivered by Bros. Nicholls, Packwood, and Holland, and the ceremony terminated.

Heartly 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 in the lodge, and assured them he felt very glad when he heard that the members had a home of their own, and consequently 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 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 endeavour to do his duty with honesty of heart and principle, 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 pleasure 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 prosper. 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 one could do it better. However, 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 entitled to this mark of our esteem than yourself, and no one has worked 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 18-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 subsided 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 fallen from Bros. Nicholls and Packwood he felt very proud indeed. Bro. Corney then gave a résumé of his Masonic career, relating how he and two other brethren 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 continuing 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 confrères 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 became W.M. of the lodge. His reason for giving these details was to encourage the younger brethren to persevere in their efforts to reach the goal, which laudable aim 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 presented 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 him than the jewel itself.

Bro. Hardy, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Uriah Nicholls," and said the ceremony 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 himself, viz., that his whole heart and soul was given to the prosperity of the Zetland Lodge, and in asking the brethren

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 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 consideration 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. He regretted exceedingly that Comp. White was not present 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 precluded 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 into the good old city, though less frequently than formerly, that he was 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 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 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, Williamson, Reynolds, and Mercer, accompanied on the piano by the Organist, Comp. Marfariane. 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 Recorder, 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 appointed 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.

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, and a joining member and P.M.W.S. of St. Peter's 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 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. IX° of the Rosicrucian Society and Chief Adept of the Lancashire 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 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.

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 cortege was formed, and marched to the church. The sides were lined by members 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 Lankester, the organist. Between 60 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 lilac, 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 Phoenix 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. Beveridge, 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. Robinson, M. Bloomfield, S. K. Woodward, and W. Matthews. 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 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 Government 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 consequent 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 Jamaica Masonic Benevolent Association have issued the following circular to the fraternity in that province.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—The calamitous fire which occurred in this city yesterday (and which to a great extent still continues) 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.

"I cannot address each brother individually, because the lists last sent to the Grand Lodges are not at present available. The committee therefore beg that you will, without loss of time, 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; 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. McFarlane, and C. L. Campbell."

This appeal has been responded to in a manner that was 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 sufferers; 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 Master Masons:

"79, Duke-street, Kingston, Jamaica, 12th December, 1882.

"W. Sir and Brother,—The devastating 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 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 Kingdom 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 sending 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.—I remain, yours fraternally,

"A. C. SINCLAIR, Honorary Secretary."

We trust that this appeal will secure the desired aid, and that thus we may be able to assist the Committee of the Jamaica Benevolence in relieving the necessities and soothing the afflictions of our distant brethren and their connections.



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 Winkle."

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

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 wonder it was not played there first.

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 Boucault, 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 "Dearer than Life" is again played our brother may see the fitness of leaving "Dot" a little 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 Effie Liston; Dot by Miss Kempton; the selfish and unhappy Treckleton Mr. Shelton plays with much impression; while the honest John Perrybingle of Mr. Billington is only surpassed by Bro. 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.

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 impress 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 about her. Here Miss Ward moves her audience, and fixes their attention on 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 was, 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 dangerous tools, and is not to be coerced by a tale. Only one thing is left, and that is to give ocular demonstration that the murderer is at hand. Welby draws the curtain to one side and discloses Barrato on the terrace of the garden. She now believes, and is willing to accept any conditions to be allowed to flee the country. Welby assures her of her 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 stage. 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 Countess of Pembroke 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 Edgcumbe, 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 Duke 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. 458, 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 eulogy 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.

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Bro. Sir John Bennett was the subject of the cartoon in *Vanity Fair* last Saturday.

Bro. W. Harrison, Q.C., was one of the members 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 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 "Alley'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. 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 Residential 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 Copais 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 £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 Members 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 Fifteen 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 spending 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. re-invested 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 Abbots Lodge, No. 1974, at the Town Hall, Kensington, on Thursday next. V.W. Bro. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.C.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 Hall, 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. I. 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 Randolph, in York Chapter House, against the installation of Archdeacon Blunt as a Canon of the Minster. They afterwards withdrew.

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