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By a little oversight the comparative account of the returns for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, so successful in itself, stood over for a week, or rather had to give way to the imperative claims of the full report of Grand Lodge. We do not think that much is lost by the delay, inasmuch as it enables us by our analysis of the lists to-day to recall to the memory and renew the interest of our readers in many lands to the remarkable results of our first great Masonic Charity Festival for 1883. Indeed we are sometimes inclined to believe that too much is made of the matter, that too much is said of such returns. There is nothing in which some scribes are so apt to be loquacious and longwinded, precise and peddling all at the same time. It seems to us that in making up our statistics we neither need an exuberant glorification or a philosophical treatise—the dwelling on great-small things that serves to be only an excuse for tedious prolixity or, gentle dulness. But we do require a careful financial abstract and resume, which may equally serve as a reminder and an encouragement to us all. That we now seek to give, and we hope that our readers will not find fault either with its length or with its long array of simple yet speaking figures. As we all know the results of the last Benevolent festival may thus conveniently be summarized—London with 137 Stewards sent up £7646, and the Provinces, &c., with 135 Stewards, remitted £5401. The highest return from London is sent by the Grosvenor Lodge, 1257, Bro. D. Moss, Steward, namely, £343 6s., a remarkable “tottle.” The next highest return is that of our old friend the Earl of Carnarvon, 1643, the Rev. C. Darby Reade, Steward, with £189 2s.; and he is followed by the Upton Lodge, 1227, Bro. Adolphus Clark, Steward, with £178 10s. The Montague Guest Lodge, 1900, Bro. G. P. Festa, a very energetic brother, next appears with £160; and the Eccleston Lodge, 1627, Bro. G. Fisher, is near with £153. Two lodges, “arcades ambo,” are next to the fore, the Brixton, 1949, Bro. H. B. Marshall, with £150 3s.; and the Strand, 1987, Bro. J. Willing, with £150. The Strand is a new lodge only consecrated a few weeks back, so its contribution is both abnormal and commendable. No. 175, as given in our list, must be a mistake; whatever it be, it is quickly followed by the Cripplegate Lodge, 1613, Bro. W. Medwin, with £143 17s.; and the Domatic, 177, Bro. W. Herbage, with £140 1s. The Kilburn, 1608, Bro. F. Baker, is next in succession with £132 6s.; while the Prosperity, 65, Bro. J. Roberts, and the Era Chapter, 1423, Bro. James Terry, come forward equally with £125 each. The West Smithfield Lodge, 1623, Bro. J. Lardner, with £114 8s. 6d., now puts in an appearance. We note the Temperance, 169, Bro. L. Moore, with £108 8s.; Merchant Navy, 781, Bro. R. Ould, with £106 10s.; and Zetland, 511, Bro. Ascher Barfield, with £106 6s. The Marquess of Ripon, 1489, Bro. W. Stephens, with £105; and the Royal Jubilee, 72, Bro. F. Thurston, with £100, close this interesting list. The remaining returns, though probably equally meritorious actually, as to exertions and results, do not exceed two figures. It is a little noteworthy that while the lodges and chapters from 1 to 1600 set before us 98 subscribing lodges and chapters, from 1600 to 2000 31 lodges and chapters are represented, 129 in all; from No. 1800 there are 13 contributors. The provinces, as we said before, appear with 135 Stewards and bring up £5401. Surrey, the province of our distinguished Bro. General J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, the Chairman, heads the list with £1000, and is followed by W. Yorkshire with £430 2s. Herts comes next with £381 9s., and is closely succeeded by Middlesex with £345 8s. 6d. Suffolk now appears with £312 1s. 6d., and Essex shows with £235 4s. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire follow suit with £221 8s., pressed upon by Warwickshire with £218 13s., Bristol with £216 18s., W. Lancashire with £214 5s., Gloucestershire with £213 3s.; E. Lancashire with £212 1s. 6d., and Sussex, with £210. Nottinghamshire forwards £190, and Hants and Isle of Wight £149 16s., Kent £148 5s., and are followed by Berks and Bucks with £109 12s. 6d., Oxfordshire £100 1s., and Dorsetshire £100. The

number of provincial lodges remitting from No. 1800 is 10, and whereas from 1 to 1600 the number is 96, the number from 1600 to 2000 is 15. Much has been done, but yet how true and clear it is that much remains to be done. We must keep asking ourselves the question, while so many lodges do so very well, how many also do nothing at all? Since we have written the above we find that the whole amount of the Festival is £13,140 in round numbers. We again heartily congratulate all concerned.

THE Girls' School, whose Festival next occurs, always comes before us with special claims on our sympathy and support. Admirably administered, and most “thorough” in all its developements and details, it seems ever to appeal to the inherent chivalry of Freemasons for the kindest countenance and the readiest aid. If prosperity has characterized its career, if success goes with its progress, the reason undoubtedly is that it has been admirably managed, and as a female scholastic institution is, we believe, unapproached and unapproachable by any similar institution at home and abroad. We have seen a good many institutions destined for the education of girls, but we remember none which appears so entirely to come up to the “idea” of its original founders, to be alike so economical in its expenditure, practical in its outcome, and effective in its entirety, as our Masonic Girls' School on Wandsworth Common. Long may it so continue,—a help and blessing to the orphan and the needy, a pride to our Order, an ornament to our Craft. But in order that it may be kept in thorough efficiency a large annual income is needed, as 239 girls, (with the necessary staff), cannot, we need hardly say, be housed, clothed, fed, and educated for nothing; and the list of Stewards is increasing slowly, but a much larger number is required, in order to render the Festival of May next a success in every sense. We trust, therefore, that our brethren and readers who are thinking of becoming Stewards will send in their names at once to the SECRETARY. No one can realize, except those who have to do with the matter practically, what an amount of extra labour is thrown upon the Secretariat of our great Charities by our wonted Masonic procrastination and—what shall we say?—unpunctuality. Even those who long ago made up their minds to be Stewards keep back their official letter often until the last moment, forgetting that thereby an immense amount of additional labour and trouble is thrown upon all in the office. Let all our kind readers make a note of what we say.

If we understood the arguments of several speakers at the last Grand Lodge aright, and if we follow out their arguments to a logical conclusion, it would almost seem as if most of our Grand Lodge Offices which are now held practically “quamdiu se bene gesserint” should be one and all of a certain limited term, and the holders incapable of re-election. How far this would increase the stability and advance the prestige of Grand Lodge may be a matter of question, and we hope sincerely in future years, that our good brethren will remember that Grand Lodge is not a debating club, and that of all the evils which could affect English Freemasonry the greatest undoubtedly would be a system of agitation on the one hand, and an unseen and dominant “caucus” on the other. Our attention has been specially directed by others to a recent letter by our worthy Bro. HEADON, P.M. of the Great City Lodge. The “gist” of that letter amounts to this, that there are, as no one can deny, a large number of worthy brethren specially fitted for Grand Honours. We quite agree with Bro. HEADON, and hope that in due time his own modest estimate of his own merits may be properly regarded by our rulers, and the aspirations of his friends may be duly rewarded. In all great orders like ours, the number of those selected to rule must be always comparatively a limited one, and we can only desiderate for all who deem they are overlooked, or left out in the “cold shade” of our Masonic “aristocracy,” that a propitious sun may one day smile upon them also, and exhilarate them with its warmth, and rejoice them with its splendour.

LET us trust that the Board of General Purposes will duly “digest” and “assimilate” the 800 amendments submitted to its critical and legislative capacities. It is not quite so easy as some people affect to think to draft laws binding on a great body for years to come. We trust, therefore, that sense and simplicity will mark the revised draft when completed, and that no tendency to private views, pet “fads,” or the slightest yielding to “red tape” will be allowed to mar or interfere with the grateful reception by all of a Masonic “Codification,” intended to last our time, and, let us hope, some generations of Masons still unborn. It is most important for us all that our Book of Constitutions should be perfectly clear, and provide as far possible, for every case that may occur.

THE LORD MAYOR AND SHERIFF OF LONDON AT THE CLERKENWELL LODGE.

The proceedings at the annual election meeting of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1064, on Saturday evening last, were invested with more than ordinary interest, from the fact that the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Alderman Knight) and Bro. Sheriff Savory had accepted invitations to be present. The brethren assembled at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel about four o'clock, when lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. Edgar Bowyer, P.G.S.W. of Herts, W.M., who was supported by Bros. John Tuck, I.G., acting as S.W.; J. J. Goode, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Rose, Chap.; G. A. Potter, Treas.; James Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Sec.; Henry Radcliffe, P.M. 91 and 358, P.G.S. Eng., S.D.; Major Robert Rolfe, I.D.; J. E. Terry, acting as I.G.; W. Clarke, C. W. Scott, H. Jenner, R. W. Cole, W. J. Halford, Col. J. Lambert, P.M., P.G.S.B.; W. Wilkinson, F. Foster, H. Paget, T. M. Edwards, A. Walkley, Tyler; and others. The visitors included Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Alderman John Knight, P.M. 34); Sheriff Joseph Savory, 21; H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec.; C. F. Hogard, P.M. 205, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Essex; C. F. Matier, P.M.; Henry Chatham, 645, P.G.W. Greece; Edward F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 22; Dr. J. W. Ramsay, P.M. 259; E. T. Edwards, P.M. 788; E. Culver, W.M. 63; W. J. C. Martin, S.W. 127; James Arnold, 1491; H. W. Johnson, 1491; B. Newstead, J.W. 142; Seymour Smith, Org. 742; and others.

The lodge having been opened Bros. Charles W. Scott and Henry Jenner were passed to the Degree of F.C., the work being effectively rendered by the W.M., assisted by his officers. At the close of the ceremony the brethren proceeded to the election of a W.M. for the ensuing year, the ballot being unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Hastings Miller, P.M. 904 and 1489, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, who has so ably officiated during the past year as S.W., but who was prevented by indisposition from being present on this occasion. Bro. G. A. Potter was re-elected as Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. A. Walkley was reappointed Tyler. Three brethren were also elected to form part of the Audit Committee.

The arrival in state of Bros. the Lord Mayor and Sheriff Savory was the signal for a most enthusiastic and hearty welcome, and on the entrance of the distinguished civic visitors into the lodge room they were greeted with Masonic honours.

During the evening Bro. Terry presented to the lodge a beautifully bound copy of the bye-laws engrossed on vellum, which was accepted with a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Colonel Radcliffe, seconded by Bro. Goode, and carried by acclamation.

Business having been satisfactorily disposed of the brethren and visitors adjourned to a magnificent banquet, the whole of the arrangements of which, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. W. Rowe, were such as to reflect the highest credit upon this high-class hotel and the proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond.

Dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the Worshipful Master alluding to the deep interest taken in the Craft by the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, and the rapid strides which Freemasonry had made since his Royal Highness's advent to power in it.

In giving "The Healths of Our Masonic Rulers" the CHAIRMAN said he was sure those who had seen the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, presiding over them in Grand Lodge knew what excellent heads of the Craft they were. (Applause.) The Past and Present Grand Officers did all they possibly could to further the interests of the Craft at large. That night they were favoured with the company of Bro. Buss, the Assistant Grand Secretary of England, and a member of their own lodge, Bro. Lambert, Past Grand Sword Bearer, whose names he would associate with the toast. (Applause.) Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, had written to say he should have been most happy to have been present this evening, but a prior engagement of long standing took him to Brighton.

Bro. H. G. BUSS, Assistant Grand Secretary, in responding said obedient to the call of the W.M. he rose at once to reply to the toast which had been so kindly proposed, and he did so because the W.M. could not err. Still, on the present occasion there was present their excellent Bro. Lambert, who was his senior in office, and who should have been called on first. He thanked them most heartily for the way in which the toast had been received. It was very well known that the two noblemen named admirably discharged the duties of their respective offices in Grand Lodge. They were held in high esteem in the provinces over which they presided, as well as in their positions of Pro Grand Master and Deputy. On behalf of the rest of the Grand Officers he said they were anxious and willing to perform their duties, and the acclamation with which their names were always received on occasions of this kind afforded evidence, if any were needed, of the appreciation in which their services were held by the brethren. If anything could possibly be adduced to satisfy the Craft at large that the M.W.G.M. in the exercise of his prerogative made the best possible selection it would be in the way in which the names of the Grand Officers were received from time to time. On his own behalf he thanked them most heartily for having invited him to be present that evening. He was very proud and grateful to them for having done so, and for the pleasure they had afforded him in meeting so many officers and civic dignitaries on that occasion. (Applause.)

Bro. Col. LAMBERT, P.G.S.B., also returned thanks, and in doing so said Past Grand Officers had, in their day and generation, done good suit and service to the Craft, and he did not believe for a moment they arrived at that position without having left their mark on Freemasonry. (Hear, hear.) It was certainly a great honour to be a Grand Officer, and he esteemed it an honour done to his lodge to have had the apron conferred upon him. He referred to the work done by the Past Grand Officers in the various committees on which they were elected, and expressed his belief that they all did their duty in carrying out the objects they had in view, as though they had their heart and soul in the business to which they were called. He felt glad and proud to wear the purple, and to hear the encomiums

passed upon the Grand Officers in every lodge throughout the length and breadth of the land. That amply repaid them for any little trouble they might have taken in past years. In the temporary absence of the W.M., he would take the liberty of proposing a toast, which he felt sure would be acceptable to all present. He asked them to drink with all the heartiness of which they were capable the health of their esteemed Worshipful Master, who had been so indefatigable in his labours for the advancement of this lodge in the Craft. (Applause.) He appealed to every brother around this table, did they ever find a Master conduct his work so well as did Bro. Bowyer? Their W.M. was out of the room now, and so he could speak more freely. (Applause.) He put it forward as a challenge, that he never saw a Master discharge the office with such ability and suavity of manner as did Bro. Bowyer. They were much indebted to him for what he had done for this young lodge, and their warmest thanks were due to him for his disinterested and unwearied exertions. They recollected that during the mayoralty of Bro. Sir John Whittaker Ellis he invited his lordship and their Sheriff (Bro. Ald. Sir R. Hanson) to attend their banquet; and now they were favoured with the distinguished presence of the present Lord Mayor, and their good friend the Sheriff, though the latter was only as yet an initiate. He thanked Bro. Bowyer for having invited those gentlemen, and them for so kindly accepting the invitation. He asked the brethren to drink "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Clerkenwell Lodge." Long might he live, and might the lodge flourish. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who entered the room at this moment, was loudly cheered. He thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind compliment they had paid him in his absence, and assured them it was a great pleasure to him to do anything to advance the interests of Freemasonry as he had always done since he joined the Order. (Hear, hear.) It was one of the proudest things in life to enjoy the esteem of our fellow men, and he only hoped, whatever the future might be, he might lay claim to having tried to deserve the good opinion of those with whom he had been associated in the Craft. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said there was one toast which he was certain they would all drink with especial pleasure and gratification this evening and that was the healths of two distinguished brethren who had honoured them with their presence on that occasion,—he referred to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London and Sheriff Savory. (Cheers.) He was quite sure they would all join with him in expressing their sense of the honour done to the lodge, when they considered the multiplicity of engagements which the Lord Mayor and Sheriff had to fulfil in their public capacities. It was therefore very kind of them to set apart a few hours this evening to do honour to the Clerkenwell Lodge. Both these gentlemen in their respective offices had won golden opinions from the citizens of London, and he was quite sure the brethren of this lodge hailed their presence amongst them on this occasion with the utmost gratitude and pleasure. (Cheers.)

Bro. Seymour Smith here sang an original and exceedingly humorous composition entitled "The Lord Mayor's Show," in which he delineated various characters in the crowd on Lord Mayor's Day, provoking much laughter.

Bro. the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR, who was received with prolonged applause, said unaccustomed as he was to public speaking—(laughter)—they would hardly expect him to say much to them that night, because he was not in the habit of addressing large assemblies of his fellow-men, such as he saw now before him. (Laughter.) Being naturally of a retiring, bashful, and modest disposition, added to which he was now asked to return thanks for a toast in a Freemasons' lodge, they could imagine better than he could describe the nervousness which came over him, and almost incapacitated him for responding to the toast which had been so ably proposed by their Worshipful Master. (Laughter.) He thought he had got over that introductory part very well indeed. (Renewed laughter.) He could assure them that in rising to return thanks for his health, which had been so kindly proposed, he did so feeling very much honoured that his fellow-Craftsmen had been pleased to seek his sociality in various lodges, thus giving him so many opportunities of going amongst them during his mayoralty. If the time were only at his disposal he believed there was not a lodge in London which he should not have the pleasure of visiting, for they would scarcely credit the number of invitations he received, and which he could not now detail to them. He saw present a friend of his (Bro. E. F. Storr) who was most indefatigable in keeping him constantly reminded of his promise to attend a meeting of the Neptune Lodge on the 29th of this month, and who seemed determined he should not have any loophole to get out of enjoying the hospitality of that lodge. He had no wish to get out of it; but it was impossible for him to engage himself positively so long beforehand. His first duty was to the City of London, and though he fully realised his duty to Freemasonry, he could not pledge himself to invitations which might interfere with his duty to the citizens of London. (Hear, hear.) If he did so he might find some public business which would imperatively demand his presence elsewhere, and thus it would be not only disappointing to the brethren, but holding out hopes to them which he should be utterly unable to fulfil. That was his only reason for not accepting invitations to more Masonic lodges than he did. He did not think they cared for a regular set speech on occasions of that kind, and referring to the capital song they had just heard about the Lord Mayor's show, he must say it was about the best fun in the world to go through the crowd on the 9th of November. He had been through a good many times, and the fun that went on, and the remarks made by the bystanders, were enough to keep any one in a constant state of merriment. He did not know anything more witty than the remarks of a London crowd. They knew it was customary for the aldermen when they came into the procession to have their beades marching by the sides of their carriages. His being a big ward he had two beades who wore old-fashioned long cloaks, and they were going along in the procession some three or four years ago with the very serious mien and profound gravity which it was their bounden duty to preserve. The weather was wet and the roads were muddy, and one of the beades coming to a puddle which he could not very well get over lifted the folds of his cloak, exposing his white stockinged calves, when an old woman who was standing by exclaimed, "Put down yer clothes; you're getting a big gal now—(laughter)—showin' yer legs like that; you ought to be ashamed o' yourself." It so tickled his fancy that, although the poor fellow was so confused he hardly knew which way

to look, he (the Lord Mayor) was obliged to roll back in his seat and indulge in a hearty laugh. He was sure the traditional origin related in the song of the practice of the sword-bearer wearing a muff on his head on state occasions must be correct—though history was not quite explicit on the point why that official should wear so unique a hat. Referring immediately to the toast before them, he said this was a young lodge, and they would forgive him if he said that in everything he had done in life he had held that if a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. In some lodges he went into there was a careless disregard of minor details, but he reminded them that all those little points which were introduced into Freemasonry at its inception had their peculiar meanings, and should always be considered in that light. Amongst those things was respect for our superiors, and obedience to those who are placed over us. Thus, whilst he highly appreciated the kindness of their Worshipful Master in placing him on the right and his friend the Sheriff on the left of the chair, he must tell Bro. Bowyer he was only a humble Past Master, and therefore he had no right to sit above the many Grand Officers he saw around him. They ought to inculcate the principles of superiority, and although he had the honour of being Lord Mayor for the time being, his place in lodge was amongst those of his own Masonic rank. He had visited many Freemasons' lodges but had never seen better working than that performed by the Worshipful Master and officers of the Clerkenwell Lodge. He spoke strongly on the necessity of inculcating the principles of respect for superiority of rank in lodges, and concluded by again thanking them for the splendid hospitality they had extended to himself and his excellent colleague, Sheriff Savory. He hoped their young lodge would continue to prosper, and that it might become one of the time-honoured lodges in the country. One thing he had heard with the greatest pleasure, and which reflected the greatest pleasure and satisfaction on all connected with it, namely, the very handsome contribution they had already made to the Masonic Charities. That they had begun so nobly to put into practice this most essential of all virtues of Freemasonry spoke well for the future of the lodge, and he trusted they might go on in an increasing degree to exemplify this most distinguishing characteristic of the Fraternity. (Applause.)

Bro. Sheriff SAVORY, who was also most cordially received, said he thanked them very much for the kind way in which the Worshipful Master had associated his name with that of the Lord Mayor, and the hearty reception which had been given to the toast of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. He could assure them that the sympathy and welcome ever accorded to that toast were always grateful to those who had accepted the arduous duties of the shrievalty. Some of those duties were pleasant, whilst others were painful, so that while the office had its privileges it had also its responsibilities. It was encouraging to receive approval for the way in which they endeavoured to fulfil their duties, and he thanked the Lord Mayor for the kind expression of his confidence. He could assure his lordship that he should study in the future, as he had done in the past, to "love, honour, and obey" him. (Laughter.) Among the many happy recollections of his year of office there was none he should cherish with greater pleasure than his visit to the Clerkenwell Lodge of Freemasons, which, he might add, was the first lodge that had done him the honour to invite him to its festivities since he was initiated. He esteemed it a great privilege that during his year of office he had been permitted to become a Freemason. He felt deeply interested in the mysteries he had already learnt, though he had yet much more to become enlightened upon. He should do his utmost to be of some service to the Craft, and thus, if only in a feeble way, show the deep sense he entertained of the honour which had been conferred upon him. (Applause.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to whom in the name of the lodge he extended a very hearty welcome, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Dr. Ramsay, P.M.; C. F. Matier, P.M.; and E. T. Edwards, P.M.

The toast was heartily received. Bro. Dr. RAMSAY, in reply, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to see the excellent work done in lodge and the equally satisfactory arrangements for the banquet. Everything was most judiciously carried out, and Bro. Bowyer seemed to be *facile princeps* in regard to Masonry itself. He should only be gilding refined gold to say more than simply that he was most deeply obliged to the brethren of this lodge for the generous hospitality with which the visitors had been received, and which was sincerely appreciated by them.

Bros. MATIER and EDWARDS also responded, the latter alluding at some length to the duties enjoined by the Craft, and so well explained in the charges delivered to them while passing through the several degrees.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "The Healths of the Treasurer and Secretary" observed that the former, though he was comparatively young in Masonry, yet they knew from his antecedents in other walks of life, he would make not only a good Mason, but a worthy member of this lodge. (Applause.) As to their Secretary it would indeed be gilding refined gold to speak of the services he had rendered to the Craft. Bro. Terry knew better than any one else the duties of Secretary of a lodge and always admirably carried out whatever he undertook. (Applause.)

Bro. G. A. POTTER said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties faithfully in the office of Treasurer. Unfortunately, it might be, he had had no scope as yet for displaying any financial ability as they had kept him so well supplied with funds, and the kindness he had received at the hands of the lodge would ever be engrained on his memory. Bro. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., said: Like the right hon. brother who began "Unaccustomed as I am"—(laughter)—he rose to address a few words to this assembly. A secretary was an individual whom everybody could kick. (Laughter.) If anything went wrong it was, "Oh, that's the secretary." If something was not exactly in accordance with the wishes of the W.M. or some other brother, it was, "That secretary has made an omission." (Laughter.) He only wished they had paid secretaries. (Renewed laughter.) They might rely upon it that an honorary office was a mistake in life. If they paid a man only a pound a year they could get rid of him by paying him his pound; but if they paid him nothing and he gave his best services to the lodge, of course they could kick him for he was their own secretary. (Laughter.) Their very esteemed friend the initiate said one of the happiest features of his shrievalty

would be to do something to mark his career in Freemasonry. He would give Bro. Savory an idea, and ventured to suggest to him taking up a stewardship for the Benevolent Institution. (Laughter and applause.) If he did not make his mark in Freemasonry, then he (the speaker) was no true prophet. He could have wished that Bro. Savory had been a Steward at the Anniversary Festival last week, when they had Stewards equally young in Freemasonry. They all recollected how a member of the Court of Common Council, Bro. H. B. Marshall, although seven days old in Masonry, had presented him with a cheque for £100 from an "Entered Apprentice." There was a splendid example for him to emulate. As Secretary of this lodge he had endeavoured to do his duty since its formation, and his future conduct should prove the interest he felt in the lodge. (Applause.) It was named after his mother parish, where he was born, educated, vaccinated—(laughter)—married, and where many other things had happened to him—too numerous to mention. (Laughter.) For 12 months they had worked most harmoniously together, without any difficulty, and he hoped they might do the same in the coming year.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Officers of the Lodge," in doing which he expressed regret at the absence of their S.W. and W.M. elect, Bro. Miller, who had gone on a two months' tour on the Continent for the benefit of his health. They all wished him a complete and speedy restoration and return to his duties in the lodge. (Hear, hear.) In their J.V. they had a hard-working man in everything he undertook in public life. Bro. Radcliffe was capable of performing almost anything in Freemasonry, and Major Rolfe was also a good working officer. Bro. Tuck had discharged the duties of S.W. to-night, and the whole of the officers were deserving of all praise. (Applause.)

The Officers having severally responded the list was brought to a fitting termination with the Tyler's toast.

The proceedings were interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Paget, Seymour Smith, and others, and a most harmonious and enjoyable evening was passed.

FREEMASONRY IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

BY BRO. CHAS. J. BANISTER, P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C. (R.A.), ETC.

Having just returned from a four months' tour in Canada and the United States of America, I beg to offer through your valuable Masonic paper, the *Freemason*, my best thanks to the brethren of the many Masonic jurisdictions I visited in those vast countries.

And, first of all, through the kindness of the committee, my great pleasure in being present at the Festival of St. John the Evangelist and a conversation in honour of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Bro. Daniel Spry, at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Wednesday, the 27th of December, 1882, which was a magnificent gathering of the brethren, with their wives and sisters, amounting to 1200 or 1300. The grand staircase and rooms were profusely ornamented with hot-house plants and flowers, evergreens, and curious devices, which, with the elegant dresses of the ladies and the handsome and various Masonic regalia of the brethren, made up a brilliant scene, long to be remembered by all present. One of the local bands of the city discoursed sweet music in the vestibule while the visitors arrived and during the evening. The concert and recitations were greatly appreciated by all, particularly the exquisite singing of Mrs. Caldwell and Miss Barnes, and the charming violin solos of Master George Fox. Ill. Bro. J. W. Murton, G.S.G. of the Supreme Council of the Dominion of Canada, was most kind, introducing me to all the illustrious brethren, including the Grand Master and his officers, also to Ill. Bro. Benjamin Flagler, M.W.G.M. of the State of New York, and many of his Grand Officers.

On the 10th and 17th of January, 1883, I attended by special invitation, at the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, the fourth annual reunion of the Sublime Bodies of the A. & A. S. R. to see the following degrees given in extenso, viz., Secret Master, 4°; Perfect Master, 5°; Intimate Secretary, 6°; Knights Elect of Nine, 9°; Royal Arch, 13°; Grand E. R. and Sublime Master, 14°; Knight of the East or of the Sword, 15°; Rose Croix, 18°; and the K.D.O.S.H., 30°; all of which were most impressively worked by Ill. Bros. J. W. Murton, 33°; Hugh Murray, 33°; Gavin Stewart, 32°; R. A. Hutchinson, 32°; R. K. Hope, 32°; J. M. Gibson, 32°; J. J. Mason, 32°; D. McFellan, 32°; James Robertson, 32°; Archdale Wilson, 30°; in the presence of several Ill. brethren from other jurisdictions, and Ill. Bro. Col. William Henry Hutton, M.P., G.C. of the Dominion of Canada, 33°; Ill. Bro. H. A. Mackay, 33°, G.T.G., and Deputy G.C., and myself, which to me was a great intellectual treat. The arrangements of the hall for these degrees is perfection, and reflect great credit upon the Grand Secretary General of the Order, Ill. Bro. J. M. Murton, 33°, and the Hamilton fratres, to whom I am indebted for very many acts of courtesy during my stay in the city of Hamilton.

In my wanderings I visited the Masonic Halls in London, Ontario. I was kindly introduced by Ill. Bro. James Preddis, 32°. This is a very handsome building and a great ornament to the city, admirably arranged, so that all the Masonic bodies can be accommodated.

At Chicago there are two or three Masonic Halls. Through the kindness of Ill. Bro. John Hodge, 33°, and Ill. Bro. Col. W. Barnard, 33°, I was shown through the offices and rooms of the A. & A. S. R., Knight Templars Consistory, &c., and by Ill. Bro. Theodore T. Gurney and Bro. Charles Higgins the various extensive and marvellous, corporate and other works of this most wonderful city, which but 12 years ago lay in ruins and burnt ashes, now numbering nearly 800,000 souls, the admiration of the world.

Waterford I visited. Bro. Dr. John Higgins conducted me through their excellent Masonic Hall, admirably arranged for all the degrees.

New York Masonic Temple is a very fine building. The Grand Secretary, Ill. Bro. Col. E. M. L. Ehlers, most kindly took me through all the different halls, appropriately named and decorated for the various degrees, assisted by Bros. John W. Coburn and Millard Van Blaricom, P.G.S., where I saw the Third Degree most impressively worked by all the officers of the lodge, and highly appreciated by me.

I next visited the magnificent Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, and was shown through the various rooms by Ill.

Bro. Charles E. Meyer, 33°, Grand Secretary, with other brethren.

At Baltimore the Grand Secretary, Ill. Bro. Jacob H. Madiary, introduced me to the M.W. Grand Master, Ill. Bro. John S. Tyson; and Ill. Bro. Woodward Abrahams, 32°, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, together with other brethren, escorted me through the Masonic Temple. In the evening we all met at the Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 151, Bro. Col. Graham Dukehart being the W.M., who gave the Second Degree to a candidate most excellently, and pleased me very much. I also received attention from Bro. Philip Keel, W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 34, and Bro. James W. Bowers, Grand Lecturer. The lodge was attended by many of the Grand Officers, and when the work was done and the lodge closed I was entertained most sumptuously in the dining hall, under the presidency of the R.W.D.G.M., Bro. Abrahams. The Grand Secretary kindly called at my hotel and took me in his carriage to see the beauties of the city, parks, &c.; indeed, if I had been the Grand Master of England I could not have been treated with more kindness than the illustrious brethren showed to me.

I next visited Washington, where I called to see Ill. Bro. General Albert Pike, M.P.S.G.C. of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, who most kindly showed me the greatest attention; and through his introduction to Senator Garland I saw the Capitol, was taken to the Senate House during a debate, and to the White House and presented to the Lady President, who was holding a reception there, and to other buildings; indeed, I have to thank the illustrious brethren of the United States and Canada for their great kindness and fraternal attention to me whenever and wherever I made myself known as an English Freemason.

And I take this opportunity of publicly thanking them one and all through your widely-circulated Masonic journal.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The monthly meeting of the general Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday last, when Bro. C. J. Percival presided. There were also present Bros. T. W. Bush, J. Brett, G. Bolton, W. Marsh, C. H. Webb, John Bulmer, W. H. Goodall, G. P. Festa, John L. Mather, A. H. Tattershall, C. A. Cottebrune, C. G. Dilley, G. L. Moore, W. F. Nettleship, Thos. Cubitt, and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the Warden's report presented, Bro. Terry, the Secretary, reported that three annuitants had died since the last monthly meeting, viz. a male annuitant who had received in all £150, a male annuitant who had received £120, and a female annuitant who had received £88.

The Secretary formally reported that the result of the festival held on the preceding Wednesday was £13,043 1s. on that day as already announced. There were then nine lists to come in, of which two had since been received, raising the amount to £13,141 10s.

An application was read from Mrs. T. A. Watts, the widow of Bro. Watts whose death was reported at the previous meeting, for the grant of a moiety of her deceased husband's annuity, and the proofs of age and date of marriage being in order, the application was granted, and a cheque signed for the first payment.

Bro. Terry reported that he had received a cheque for £100 from the Felix Lodge (working under the Scottish Constitution) at Aden, in aid of the funds; and he added that a search through the books showed that this was the first time the institution had received a donation from a lodge under a foreign constitution.

MASONIC BALL IN LIVERPOOL.

The brethren connected with the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, held their annual ball in aid of the Benevolent Fund in the assembly room of the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., and it proved in every respect as successful as any of its predecessors. The male guests almost exclusively wore Masonic clothing and the assembly was of a somewhat brilliant character, the total number present of both sexes being about 180. The arrangements were carried out in a manner creditable to the Committee and the programme provided gave general satisfaction. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock and continued till an advanced hour next morning, the music being supplied by an efficient quadrille band. The outcome of the assembly will, it is anticipated be a substantial addition to the fund, which has been the means of aiding many deserving cases of distress. It may be stated that the sum now in hand is about £350. The fund was originated about eight years ago, and was we believe the first established in the Province of West Lancashire. The officers of the Ball Committee were Bros. R. Robinson, W.M., P.P.G.R., Chairman; A. Lyons, Treas.; the Rev. H. M. Silver, S.D., Hon. Sec. The M.C.'s were Bros. Maurice Hart, P.M., P.G.S., and Alfred Levy. The Stewards, who were captained by Bro. P. S. Levy, I.G., and Bro. D. Gabrielson, Sec., were Bros. H. A. Tobias, S.W., P.P.G.S. of W.; S. Schöstadt, P.M.; A. Levy, P.P.G. Treas. of Griqualand West; M. Hart, P.M., P.G.S.; Henry Gabriel, M. Aronsberg, P.M.; A. Kirkpatrick, S. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; B. Woolf, D. Stern, H. de Frece, Lionel Hart, E. Capstick, J. Frank, L. P. Lipman, and I. Phillips. Among the visitors were several members from other lodges.

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., 16s. Of all Chemists.—Proprietor, H. J. Deacon, Beckenham, Kent.—[ADVT.]

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New Zealand.

AUCKLAND.—St. Andrew Lodge (No. 418, S.C.)—At a regular monthly communication of this lodge, on Jan. 13th last, the principal business was the installation of officers for the ensuing year. There was a fair attendance of members, and a number of visiting brethren were present to take part in the proceedings and offer their congratulations. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge; Munro, P.M. Rodney Lodge; E. Richards, S.W. Rodney Lodge; Kitt, W.M. Eden Lodge; and other representatives of city, suburban, and country lodges. A number of apologies were received, amongst others from Bro. G. P. Pierce, R.W.M., I.C., and the Masters, Past Masters, and officers of various lodges who were unable to attend owing to ill health and other causes. Bro. Malcolm Niccol, P.M., officiated as Installing Master, and having reobligated the R.W.M., Bro. Slator, the latter proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. B. Symons, D.M.; J. F. Bulford, J.W.; T. Ellison, P.M., Treasurer; R. Knight, Secretary; J. Robson, S.D.; W. H. Clarke, J.D.; Williams, S. Steward; Thomas, J. Steward; A. J. Fisher, I.G.; and Captain Tonge, Tyler. Bro. R. Kaye, S.W. elect, was not invested owing to his absence from the colony as mail agent, and Bro. the Rev. F. Gould, Chaplain elect, was also absent. Bro. Dr. Walker was invested as Organist, and conducted the musical portion of the ceremony.

The lodge having been duly closed the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the banquet room of the hall. The R.W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by the D.M. and Bro. Munro, P.M. Rodney Lodge, and on the left by Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson, P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge (E.C.) An excellent spread was provided by Bro. McEwen, and ample justice was done to it.

After the cloth was cleared the Chairman, calling on the brethren to charge their glasses, proposed the toast of "The Queen and Craft." This was followed by the toasts of "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England;" "Earl of Mar and Kellie, M.W.G.M. of Scotland;" and "Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. of Ireland."

These toasts were responded to with Masonic honours and appropriate musical selections.

Bro. Hitchens, who occupied the vice-chair, proposed the toast of "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges of New Zealand." He referred to the unity which bound the three Constitutions together here, and the good feeling which had always prevailed.

Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson responded on behalf of the V.W.G.M. of the District Grand Lodge (E.C.), Bro. Graham, who was not present. The reason probably that so many were absent that night was that so many occasions of this sort were occurring recently that brethren could not attend them all. He thanked them heartily for the manner in which they had drunk the toast of the District Grand Master's health. He was sorry they now saw so little of him on account of his residence in Wellington, but that he was a good Mason they all knew. Bro. Nelson then referred to the benefits which had accrued to Masonry here since the establishment of the District Grand Lodge of England and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland. Some thought there was only room for one Provincial Grand Lodge, but since the establishment of the other two there had been created a generous rivalry which livened them up, and they all worked amicably together; and long might it so remain.

Bro. W. Robinson responded on behalf of Bro. the Hon. F. Whitaker, P.G.M., and for the Prov. Grand Lodge (S.C.) The toast of "The Masters of Auckland Lodges" was proposed by Bro. Munro and responded to by Bro. Kitt, W.M. of Eden Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. C. M. Nelson in proposing the toast of the evening, "The R.W.M. of Lodge St. Andrew," said he felt honoured in being called to propose this toast, which was the toast of the evening. They were met that evening to do honour to the occasion of the reinstallation of Bro. Slator as R.W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, and it afforded him the more pleasure to propose the toast, for Bro. Slator was well-known to him personally—perhaps longer known to him than to anyone there that night. He had known Bro. Slator since he came to the colony, and had the highest esteem for him in his private life, and although they worked under different constitutions of Freemasonry, and did not meet perhaps so often as they ought, it gave him great pleasure to propose the toast. The position of Master of a lodge was one of great honour. It was also one of great responsibility. It taxed the ability of the master, and his patience, and it proved the man. It must be a matter of great congratulation to the R.W.M. to have been re-elected, and he heartily wished him and his lodge a prosperous and successful year.

Bro. Slator, R.W.M., in responding, returned his hearty and heartfelt thanks for the manner in which the toast of his health had been responded to, and for the kindly way in which it had been proposed by his worthy and esteemed friend, Bro. Nelson. He trusted he might deserve the good character given him by Bro. Nelson; at all events, he would endeavour to do so. No man was infallible, and he may have made mistakes, but he hoped the brethren would give him credit for trying to do his best for the benefit of St. Andrew's Lodge in particular and Masonry in general. It was a great pleasure to him to do anything he could for Masonry. He liked his own Constitution best, probably because it was his mother Constitution, and he trusted they would have a flourishing year at St. Andrew's, and that the brethren would unite in furthering the interests of the lodge and of Masonry in general. He regretted there were so few Masters of lodges present, but many of them had sent apologies. He again thanked them for the cordial and heartfelt manner in which they had responded to the toast of his health, and for the honourable position in which they had placed him as Master of the Lodge St. Andrew for the ensuing twelve months. It proved to him that anything he had done in the past year for the advancement and interest of the lodge was appreciated.

The toasts of "The Installing Master," "Visiting Brethren," and the Tyler's toast, followed. A very pleasant evening was spent. Dr. Walker presided at the piano. Numerous songs were sung and some recitations were given, and nothing was left wanting which could conduce to the enjoyment of those present.

The Grocers' Company have given a donation of £100 towards the funds of the Ragged School Union.

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THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

of this Institution will place
On **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th, 1883,**
under the Presidency of

R.W. BRO. W. WITHER B. BEACH, M.P.,
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AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

Brethren willing to serve the office of Steward are *very greatly needed*, and will much oblige by forwarding their names as *early as possible* to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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LORD WOLSELEY'S VISIT TO MANCHESTER.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

ELECTION APRIL 16TH, 1883.

Votes are earnestly solicited on behalf of
GEORGE WILLIAM KING HILL,
Aged 10½ years (No 3 on the List of Candidates),
at this, his seventh and final application.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the Mother (Mrs. Hill), 17, St. Philip's-road, Dalston, E. (late of 9, Colebrook-row, Islington); also by
Bro. Thomas Bartlett, 52, Wilson-street, Finsbury, E.C.
" T. S. Holland, 396, Kingsland-road, N.
" James Linzell, Talbot House, Talbot-road, Page Green, Tottenham, N.
" Arthur E. Gladwell, 14, Great Russell-st., W.C.
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THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GRAND BALL
will take place
On **WEDNESDAY, the 5th of April next,**
at the

CANNON STREET HOTEL,
under the distinguished patronage of the
Right Honourable **THE LORD MAYOR,** the
SHERIFFS and UNDER-SHERIFFS,
in aid of the Funds of the above Institution.

Two ball rooms, with suite of apartments, have been engaged for the evening, and will be under the management of Thomas Butler, Esq., and others.

The Orphanage Building has been enlarged to accommodate 250 children, and a new wing has been erected to replace the iron sheds used as school rooms. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales graciously opened the new wing on the 8th July last.

Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of the Institution.
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26, Old Jewry, Feb. 20th, 1883.

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W. T. EVANS, Secretary.

FOURTH APPLICATION.
ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

APRIL ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

ARTHUR JAMES TETTENBORN,
Aged 10½ Years. A candidate for above election. His father, Bro. Ernest de Gleichen Tettenborn, was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 943, Norwich, October 24th, 1865; was advanced in the Walpole Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 92, Norwich; exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in the Cabbell Chapter, No. 807, Norwich; and installed a Knight Templar in the Cabbell Encampment, No. 69, Norwich; and on his removal to London joined the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and continued a subscribing member of the same until his death, which took place in October, 1881, from rheumatic gout. He leaves a widow and six children totally unprovided for. The youngest child was born only a few weeks before its father's death. The necessities of this truly deserving family are known to but very few. No more urgent case exists.

Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs. Tettenborn, 45, Chesterton-road, Notting-hill, W.; by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, 152, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W.; by Bro. W. M. Stiles, 3 North End, West Kensington, W.; by Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, 25a, Norfolk-crescent, Hyde Park; by Bro. J. H. Southwood, 91, Houndsditch, E.C.; and by Bro. J. Willing, jun., 353, Strand, W.C.

N.B.—Votes for the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, Girls, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are equally available for exchange.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

ELECTION, APRIL, 1883.

The votes and interest of the Governors and Subscribers are most earnestly solicited for

ERNEST ARTHUR STEED,
Aged 8 years (24/3/83),

Son of the late Bro. A. Orlando Steed, aged 42, Professor of Music, residing at Penge and formerly at Long Melford, Suffolk, who died suddenly of typhoid fever, leaving a Widow and Seven Children, under 13 years of age, without adequate means of support. Bro. A. O. Steed was a member (J.W.) of the Stour Valley Lodge, 1224, and continued a subscribing member until his death.

The case is strongly recommended by—
Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Waveney, P.G.M. Suffolk.
" Sir Jas. Douglass, Ionic Lodge, 217.
" J. R. Stacey, P.M. 180, Life Gov.
" Rev. Dr. Brette, 31st, P.M. 1460, 1657; P.Z. 1194; P.G.C. Middlesex.
" J. H. Jewell, P.M. 1223; P.P.G.O. Kent.
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" W. Hopekirk, P.M. 179; P.M. 1586; P.Z. 742.
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" W. Worrel, P.M. and Sec. William Preston, 766.
" C. W. Holt, Holmesdale, 874, 1356, Addiscombe.
" W. Cook, Great City, 1426; P.M. and Sec. 1815.

Votes will be thankfully received by the following brethren:—
The Rev. C. J. Martyn, Long Melford Rectory, Suffolk;
W. H. Cummings, Esq., Thurlow-park-road, Dulwich, S.E.; J. H. Jewell, Esq., Westerham, Kent; William Cook, Esq., St. John's, Penge, S.E.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS
OF THE
ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

MAY ELECTION, 1883.

The favour of your Votes and Interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of

BRO. WILLIAM M. FORD,
In his 66th year, now (through the kindness of Messrs. BARCLAY & Co.,) residing at the "Blue Anchor," 3, Coleman Street, Bank, and previously at the "Barley Mow," Salisbury Court, Fleet Street (The Cogers' Discussion Hall) who through misfortune in business is now entirely without means; he was initiated in the "Domestic" Lodge, No. 177, in February, 1857, and the "Domestic Chapter," in March, 1877.

The case is strongly recommended by the under mentioned Brethren, and who have kindly consented to receive proxies:
Bro. Jas. Brett, P.M. 177, P.G.P.; 14, Sidney Road, Homerton.
" Edmd. Coste, P.M., 9, 1314, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; P.Z. 619; Distillery, Bank Street, Gravesend.
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The 16th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

In Aid of the Funds of this Institution will be held at
THE ALBION TAVERN, ALDERSGATE STREET,
ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th, 1883.**

The Chair will be taken by

The Right Hon. The LORD MAYOR,

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Next Friday being Good Friday the "Freemason" will be published a day earlier—Thursday, March 22nd.

To Correspondents.

PROVINCE.—Query.—Are Provincial Grand Pursuivants and Provincial Grand Assistant Pursuivants entitled to Past rank and to wear the clothing and jewels of the respective offices after their term of appointment has expired? [Yes.—Ed. F.M.]

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Broad Arrow," "The Freemason" (Sydney), "The Freemason's Chronicle" (Sydney), "Caygill's Tourist's Guide," "The New York Daily News," "The New York Dispatch," "The American Freemason," "The Masonic Herald," "La Chaîne d'Union," "Situation of Neseaux Téléphoniques," "Triumphal," "The Masonic Advocate," "Allen's Indian Mail," "The Hebrew Leader," "The Warehousemen and Draper's Trade Journal," "The Court Circular," "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "The Voice of Masonry," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia," "Hyoatopai," "The Canadian Craftsman," "The Pianoforte Dealer's Guide," "The Freemason's Repository," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "The Citizen," "The Agricultural Depression at Home," "The Hull Packet."



SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1883.

Original Correspondence.

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

OUR CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In the *Freemason* of the 10th inst., under the above heading, a paragraph is quoted from the previous publication, viz.: "Many wealthy lodges give their subscription of one guinea, some few two guineas, and the great majority, from want of thought let us hope, do not subscribe at all."

To rectify this lack of assistance from lodges on behalf of our Charitable Institutions, Bro. J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, in his letter to you suggests that an "edict should emanate from Grand Lodge making it incumbent upon every lodge to subscribe £2 2s. and every chapter £1 1s. annually to each of our three noble Institutions."

Doubtless the majority of lodges would most fraternally protest against such an edict; first, on account of its not being in accordance with the true spirit of Freemasonry, and secondly, that the time has not yet arrived (whatever the brethren of the future may think right to do) when the funds for our Charitable Institutions shall be collected with Grand Lodge dues, and thus leading to a general financial amalgamation under a special superintendence, from which the needful requirements for the three Masonic Institutions may be readily supplied, as by precept for Board Schools.

To the question in the article of the 3rd inst., immediately preceding the above quotation: "Is there any other possible outcome of sympathy and support?" to augment the annual income of the Charities, it may simply be stated, to evince to other lodges how one small lodge administers to

the much needed "sympathy and support," in 1877 a by-law was agreed to by the brethren of the Albany Lodge, No. 151, late 176, Newport (I. of W.), "That from the amount of each member's annual subscription five shillings shall be especially appropriated for the benefit of the Masonic Charities, viz., the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, for Girls, and for the Male or Female Annuitants; the sum so collected to be voted by the lodge to one or more of the above-named institutions." From this source £15 10s. has been yearly contributed, and by annual subscriptions for several years past it has been divided thus: £5 5s. to the Girls' School, £5 5s. to the Boys' School, and £5 to the Benevolent Institution.

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THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I venture to question the mode in which Earl Lathom, M.W.G.M. in the chair, at Grand Lodge on Wednesday last put to the meeting the appointment of a Treasurer. Instead of putting it as a resolution and amendment I think it should have been by voting for the brethren nominated—those in favour of brother so and so, and then the other; by putting it as an amendment I cannot help thinking it looked more like the invasion of an office held, whereas the office was vacant and the election was simply to fill up that vacancy.

It was thought by some that the want of precedent was against the election of any other brother during the lifetime of the then holder of the office; but I see, on reference to the Constitutions, that in the list of officers of Grand Lodge the members rank in the following order:

13. Grand Treasurer.

14. Past Grand Treasurers.

Now, it must have been contemplated there would be Past Grand Treasurers; and how could there be if one brother is elected for life, or elected annually and re-elected year by year, as some would have it?

I am glad to see the office thrown open, and hope the practice now will be to elect a fresh holder annually.—Yours fraternally,

H. A. W. R.

GRAND LODGE OF IRELAND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Our Scotch Masonic historian, R.W. Bro. D. Murray Lyon, is quite correct as to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayr, but by the contract of 1807, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master must be always R.W. Master of Mother Kilwinning. R.W. Bro. Wylie is Provincial Grand Secretary of Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayr, and also Secretary of Mother Kilwinning, therefore Mother Kilwinning is still to all intents and purposes a Provincial Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. D. Murry Lyon's note has caused me again to look into his most interesting and elegantly got-up work (the perusal of which will well repay any brother), styled "Freemasonry in Scotland." In a foot-note at page 409 he calls attention to the fact that Mother Kilwinning records of 20th Dec., 1643 (folio 7), style Mother Kilwinning "The Ancient Lodge of Scotland." R.W. Bro. Wylie, in his excellent "History of Mother Kilwinning," page 59, gives the full minutes of 20th Dec., 1643. When reading these original minutes of Mother Kilwinning in August, 1875, I was myself struck with the expression, "The Ancient Lodge of Scotland," and surely it can have no meaning unless it means what is now known as Grand Lodge of Scotland, and if so Scotland's Grand Lodge is the premier by many years.

R.W. Bro. Hughan says this question is a side point, and I agree with him. He also speaks of the "General Regulations" of 1723. These General Regulations he knows well are the very General Regulations from which the extracts in my last note are all taken to show that the Body they speak of was the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster, and not a Grand Lodge of England. The word or name "England" is not mentioned from the first words "General Regulations" to the last words of them—"St. John's Day, 1721;" but "for the use of the lodges in and about London and Westminster" does occur in them, as quoted in my last.

This Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster was unknown in Ireland in 1752, as Bro. Laurence Dermot's "Ahiman Rezon," 3rd edition, 1752, page 58, gives in parallel columns those of "The Irish Charity Rules of 1738," and "The Ancient York Masons in England since 1751," showing clearly that the Provincial Grand Lodge of York and its Rulers were well known in Ireland before 1752, although the Provincial Grand Lodge of London and Westminster was not.

It is a well-known rule that the junior Grand Lodge applies to the senior for recognition and exchange of representatives. The first Grand Lodge applying for such to Ireland was Scotland, and the second was the present United Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Ireland never asked any Grand Lodge for recognition or exchange

of representatives, its position being such that it has always to be asked to grant these favours.

I hope in June next our Irish provincial brethren will attend, and assist in carrying the Quarterly Communications, and the brethren who wish to stop the system of re-election for the period of three years each must give notice at latest in May next to change Law 32.

One thing is clear—that all brethren should join in having next November brethren proposed and in December elected who will never be absent from their places in Grand Lodge, whether the meetings be as at present or quarterly, as I hope sincerely they may be in the future.—Yours fraternally,

JAMES H. NEILSON.

32, Leeson-street Lower, Dublin,
March 12th.

FRENCH MASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

As a reader of your excellent and influential journal I am glad to see you protest against an article contained in *Le Monde Maconique* for the current month. The history of Masonry in France is a tedious history of dissensions and innovations, and for information I would ask you if that community can claim to be considered "genuine and true brethren." Though at one time and another I have been a good deal in France I have never presented myself at a French lodge, and if in their so-called convocations political topics are sanctioned and freely discussed I should never wish to do so. If one grand landmark can be set aside so can all others. The interest in the Craft is world-wide. It is therefore our duty to watch the spurious growth and do all in our power to expose and eradicate it.—Fraternally yours, No. 2, SCOTLAND.

Newcastle-under-Lyme, 12th March.



REVIEWS.

THE MAGAZINES.

The magazines are again "up to time," and seem to demand all the space and attention we can give them. It is said, perhaps unjustly, that "conversation" to-day in Society is marked by prevailing symptoms of very partial knowledge and very limited acquaintance with the facts of history, biography, philosophy, or science, as the case may be. It may be so. If it be so as a reality, we cannot help thinking that a good deal of the fault and the default must be attributed to a desultory serial literature. It is astonishing to note how much is put forward, often dogmatically, too, "de omnibus rebus et quibusdam aliis," how much is evidently pure "padding," how much is a patient "digest" or deliberate "sheepwalking" in our monthly deliverances. We are simply listening to old writers in a modern dress. On the other hand, the great reading public will have it so, and, like a good many other "autocrats" in Government, fashion, even literature itself, it manages to get its own way.

"Longman's" seems to progress, though perhaps hardly to reach up to the "mark" some once anticipated. Indeed, we think we trace weakness in the arrangement and outcome. "A Cabal at the Theatre Français" is most uninteresting and without a point. "The Three Strangers" is admirably told, and "Thicker than Water" trips along. The remaining articles have no great speciality about them, and are nothing more nor less than normal magazine articles. We confess to a sense of disappointment.

"The Century" is full of remarkable illustrations and very interesting papers, though some appear to us unequal in point of literary merit. "The Migration of American Colonists" and "The Architectural League of New York" are very effective. "A Good Fight Finished" and "The End of Foreign Dominion in Louisiana" are perhaps too purely American to interest much English readers generally. "A Woman's Reason" and "Through One Administration" seem full of force, and the "Led Horse Claim" ends as all could wish. It is a very striking story. There is a very effective article on, and history of "Leon Gambetta," and "Signs and Seasons," "The Village of Ober Ammergau," and other articles all deserve and invite perusal.

"Temple Bar" is strong this month with "Belinda" and "Tone Stewart." The article on "Sims Reeves" is most readable, and we have no doubt truthful. The account of "Charles Monselet" is very interesting indeed, and "Miss Dairies's Diary" is absolutely most pathetic. "Unspotted from the World" has many admirers. "Scenes from the Winter of 1794" take us back to curious episodes and to persons and things long since passed away and forgotten.

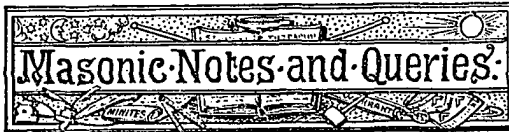
"The Century" and "Bibliographer" again appear with articles all tending to a common end, pointing similar studies, and encouraging identical tastes. We do not think that perhaps any one particular article is so striking in itself as to call for special notice here, but the general tone of the contributions is alike "dryasdust," in a good sense, and decided, while the various writers seem to write both enthusiastically and yet rationally, opening out forgotten sources of information, ransacking dusty receptacles, exploring old haunts, and developing a valuable acquaintance with the history, archeology, relics, and remnants of the past. There is an old world flavour about these various papers which seems to fall not unpleasantly on modern tastes and humours to-day.

"All the Year Round" for once, we feel bound to confess, seems a little—a very little indeed—below its wonted standard of excellence and effect. We may perhaps be deemed hypercritical or fanciful, but so it is. Poor Anthony Trollope's "The Scarborough Family" speeds on to its close, and "Geoffrey Stirling" is truly sensational, and full of what is weird and subduing. There is also a French story very touching indeed.

"Blackwood," though not as normally a very strong number, has one or two most effective articles. "Jonathan Swift" is alone worth the greater part of the issue, and will be read and thought over with pleasure and profit.

PROVINCIAL CALENDARS.

Three are before us—all of merit, all lucid in detail and clear in arrangement, and likely to be very useful to the brethren of the locality. They are those for Leicestershire and Rutland, for Gloucestershire, and N. and E. Yorkshire and the good City of York. We always feel a debt of gratitude is due to those who thus compile with care and accuracy these little records of Masonic life and zeal, these special statistics, which serve to make up the great tottle of our Masonic existence and reality in England.



Masonic Notes and Queries.

139] LEWIS—LOUVE, &c.

If we "peg away" long enough we shall possibly some day arrive at the derivation of Louve and Lewis, and their connection, if any exist. Meanwhile I venture to think that "Masonic Student" is going too far afield in No. 137, when he seeks for their origin in the Norse tongues. On the same page your reviewer says that "you are not to seek for what is far off and far fetched when you are able to avail yourself of what is close at hand and clear to the inductive process." If "Masonic Student" seeks a Gothic derivation we have it close at hand. To lift, in German, is, "lupfen" and "luffen," both words which although not classical are in common use and may be found in the dictionary. Either of these is surely nearer to Louve than the Scandinavian words quoted by "Masonic Student." But though close at hand they are not "clear to the inductive process." In French we have at this day two technical terms—Louve, meaning Lewis, a wedge-shaped iron wherewith to lift a stone; and Dent de Louve, (wolf's tooth), a long iron nail or holdfast. In this latter case the derivation is evident; the nail is called a wolf's tooth because it holds as fast as one. Having thus seen that this idea is present in the workman's mind, what more probable than that the Lewis, which holds faster than even the holdfast, should be a wolf itself. This is so likely that it would require a strong argument indeed to shake my conviction, unless it can be shown that some more ancient form of the word Louve is further removed from this idea. Again, as to Steinmetz, I must differ from "Masonic Student." I hold that the original of Metz is not "meizen," to hew; but "mesen," to measure; that the German stonemason is not a stone hewer, but a stone measurer, a stone proportioner. According to the 1459 and other ordinances, we find that his special craft was "mass werk," hitherto wrongly translated "work on a large scale, work in masses." Bro. Gould has, however, shown (chapter iii. of his history) that "masswerk" means carved work, proportioned or measured work, and, therefore, the Steinmetz, or artisan, who produced measured work was a stone measurer. The stone cutter or stone hewer in Germany was and is a "Steinhauer." From an extended study of German documents I take the difference between a "Steinmetz" (stonemason) and "Steinhauer" (stone hewer) to be this: They both produced squared stones, or ashlar; but the stone hewer did this without any particular and special design. His stones were cubes, which were afterwards fitted into the walls as most convenient; the cubes of the stonemason were accurately measured, and each stone was intended for a definite purpose, in fact, he worked to a design or template. In addition to this they took other forms than the cube, including the most difficult and intricate carving, and even statuary. Hence the term "masswerk," i.e., measured, proportioned, and, by inference, carved work—the latter signification being that now given by technical dictionaries. This is, again, a deduction which is "clear to the inductive process." As to the derivation of Lewis, I have no facts to go on; I incline to the French Louve, which means the same thing; but when Bro. Rylands shall have looked up the earliest English form of this word we shall be better able to judge.

T. WM. SPETH.

140] HORACE WALPOLE.

I have so often alluded to Horace Walpole's quondam and passing interest in Freemasonry in the *Freemason* that I am tempted to mention the subject again by some remarks I saw in this paper a week or so ago. Horace Walpole at one time seems to have been struck with what he read about our Order, and wanted to know more, and therefore he wrote to Governor Pownall, as he was called. He was also cognizant of and interested in the so-called "Locke MS." Had he only exercised common energy in his researches we should probably not be still in the dark essentially as to that mysterious document. For he had opportunities which we have not. He then seems to have lost faith in, and avowed distrust of the Masonic Body. His unfavourable criticisms may fairly be ascribed to disappointment on the one hand, and his own "fine-gentleman-dilletantism" on the other. He alludes to the subject several times, but latterly always in a depreciatory tone, though as it is quite clear, he knew nothing actually whatever about the subject.

MASONIC STUDENT.

141] NATTER.

Can any brother help me as regards Natter the engraver? Can any one confirm the statement in the "Hand-Buch" that he was at the Hague, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and St. Petersburg, consecutively, where he helped to introduce the "High Grades" or the "Rit Ecossais," and where he died in 1762 or thereabouts? Or is the English biographer right who asserts that he settled in England in 1742 and there died? Was his name L. Natter or L. J. Natter, and was there only one Natter, or were there two Natters, perhaps father and son? I shall esteem information on these heads a favour in this column.

DRYASDUST.

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REPORTS OF LAYMEN ON MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

CONFIDENCE LODGE (No. 193).—The members of this old and excellent working lodge met on Monday evening at Anderton's Hotel, when the W.M., Bro. James Smith, presided, and was supported by Bros. Walter Word, S.W.; W. Cubitt, J.W.; J. Shackell, P.M., Sec.; W. Saint, S.D.; F. Silvester, J.D.; G. P. Nightingale, I.G.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M.; G. F. S. Warne, P.M.; F. B. Bonney, P.M.; B. Lemare, P.M.; J. E. Fells, I.P.M.; H. T. Reed, P.M.; F. J. Heall, J. Gilderslene, J. J. Craske, J. G. Desave, W. M. Covell, S. Smither, T. D. Clare, J. H. Bayley, W. C. Grounds, T. Thurgood, G. Masters, E. Kiddell, J. Grundy, E. W. Fithian, J. Collins, A. Jay, F. H. Clemow, H. Morris, E. H. Walden, W. Rickell, and G. L. Reinhardt, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. G. L. Saunders, 1257; H. Kemp, 1776; and G. G. Symons, P.M. 45.

The lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites was advanced, and Bros. J. H. Bayley and J. F. Clare were raised to the Sublime Degree by the W.M., assisted by his officers, the work being admirably carried out. Subsequently the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Clemow's very excellent style, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair and duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master in the course of a very practical speech referred to the reality of Freemasonry and the principles it inculcated for the guidance of our daily practical life. Had it not been for that reality he should not have stuck to Masonry as he had done, and he hoped he might continue to live as in the past, only as a little better and brighter Mason. Since he had occupied the chair he had felt the responsibilities of the position, and knew that to carry out the duties efficiently the heart must be in the work. He expressed the hope that the brethren would carry the principles they had learnt from the lodge room into their daily life, and that no one would aspire to the chair of his lodge unless he was convinced of the reality of the system of which they were proud to be members.

Bros. Bonney, Reed, Kershaw, and Fells responded for "The Past Masters;" Bros. Symons and Kemp for "The Visitors," and the various officers in response to the toast of their healths.

During the evening there were some excellent songs and recitations, amongst the latter of which Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" by Bro. S. Smither was much appreciated.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP (No. 206).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Charles St. Barbe Williams, W.M.; Charles T. Scrivener, S.W.; J. L. Anderson, J.W.; W. Rumsey, P.M., Steward; Allen R. Rumsey, P.M., Sec.; William Gowland, J.D.; Henry M. Collier, P.M.; Alfred Harris, P.M.; John Waters, P.M.; Thomas J. Steel, P.M.; E. B. Barnard, P.M.; John Stewart, P.M.; J. Jewitt Stephens, P.M.; Elijah Squirrel, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. William Kibble, W.M. 1426; John Sunley, P.M. 267; Henry Gehlcken, 172; and Geo. Wood, I.G. 7.

There were three candidates for raising, viz.: Bros. A. W. Tobin, William H. Arber and William Steel. The ceremonies were performed in an exceedingly efficient manner by Bros. William Rumsey, P.M., and Elijah Squirrel, P.M.

After the lodge work the brethren adjourned and sat down to banquet, presided over by the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. The brethren and visitors after an exceedingly pleasant evening spent together dispersed. A telegram was received from Bro. Paul Boyton, dated from Liverpool, regretting his inability to be present.

KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 6th inst., when there were present among others, Bros. Cockburn, W.M.; Appleton, S.W.; Stranger, J.W.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Cooper, S.D.; Meredyth, I.G.; Foalé, W.S.; Feuillade, A.W.S.; Webb, I.P.M.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; and Reinardt, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Martin, S.W. 188; H. Price, S.D. 177; Hoole, 765; and Turner, 1216.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed Mr. James Dennis was most ably initiated into the Craft by the W.M. Several communications from absent members having been read the lodge was closed and the members and visitors adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. "The W.M." was cordially proposed by the I.P.M., and this toast having been drunk the W.M. briefly responded.

"The Initiate" followed and Bro. Dennis duly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Visitors" came next in order, and Bros. Price, Hoole, Martin, and Turner in their replies warmly congratulated the Kennington Lodge upon its good working.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was replied to by Bros. Welb and Everett.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was responded to by Bros. Mann and Stuart.

"The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Appleton and Stranger, brought the proceedings to a termination.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, and the following brethren were present: Bros. W. F. Kibble, W.M.; F. T. C. Keeble, S.W.; W. Baber, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, P.M., Sec.; R. Fendick, S.D.; F. W. Potter, J.D.; J. T. Skinner, I.G.; H. Durant, D.C.; G. Jenkins, E. H.

Codiote, and H. T. Bertram, Stewards; C. Taylor, P.M.; James Stevens, P.M.; Thomas Hamer, P.M.; H. Thompson, P.M.; J. Seax, P.M.; W. Cook, P.M.; J. R. Hartley, T. W. Headon, J. R. Greening, H. F. Frost, J. K. Gwyn, E. S. Donaldson, C. J. Small, and others. Bro. J. O. Carter, P.P.G.S. Berks and Bucks, was present as a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Small was afterwards raised to the Degree of M.M. The next business was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when Bro. Keeble, S.W., was unanimously elected to that office.

The Worshipful Master congratulated Bro. Keeble upon his election, and said he was quite sure that he was well qualified to discharge the duties of the chair to which the brethren had unanimously elected him, and he thought also that they might congratulate themselves on having so able a brother to preside over them.

Bro. Keeble, S.W., thanked the brethren for having so unanimously elected him as W.M., and he could assure them that no effort or exertion on his part should be wanting to give them satisfaction in the high office to which he had been called.

Bro. Greening proposed that the usual jewel should be presented to the W.M., Bro. Kibble, on his retirement from the chair, and warmly eulogised the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Gwyn seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. The next business was the election of Treasurer, and Bro. N. B. Headon was unanimously re-elected.

Bro. Hamer, P.M., moved that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Headon for his able services and for the uniform courtesy shown by him to every one during the period he had exercised the office of Treasurer, and to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge. Also for his able initiative of the proposal in Grand Lodge for the election of Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, as Grand Treasurer; the services of Bro. Col. Creaton, the present Grand Treasurer, being at the same time warmly eulogised and the hope expressed that Bro. Headon would supplement his services to the Craft in general by proposing at the next Quarterly Communication that the thanks of the Grand Lodge should be given to Col. Creaton on his retirement from office.

The motion was unanimously carried. Bro. Headon returned thanks on his re-election and said the position of Treasurer of a private lodge was very different from that of Grand Treasurer, as the one was a most important office with very onerous and responsible duties, while the other was merely nominal. He was much obliged to the brethren for the compliment they had paid him and should have great pleasure in complying with their wishes, trusting that in the future he should discharge his duties to their satisfaction as he had done in the past.

Bro. Potter was then re-elected Tyler, and the Auditors were also appointed.

Bro. Keeble, S.W. and W.M. elect, said that he had a special motion to propose, and on a very special occasion, and that was "That a telegram be sent to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with the congratulations from the lodge on the twentieth anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's wedding day," which was seconded by Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., and carried unanimously. It was accordingly dispatched forthwith and later in the evening a most gracious reply was received from Marlborough House thanking the lodge for their kindly remembrance of the event.

Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., after stating his regret that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the Grand Lodge inquired of the W.M. what had been done in respect of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions and the amendments which had been made thereto. He gathered from the reports of the meeting that the suggested amendments had been permitted to be referred to the Board of General Purposes without any comment in Grand Lodge, and he could hardly imagine that so important a matter could have been so disposed of without some sort of safeguard having been suggested to prevent a final settlement of the new Constitutions by a small though important section of the Craft. He thought some means should be given to the Craft at large to see the changes proposed before being called upon to consider them in the Grand Lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied that the subject had not engaged his earnest attention, as he believed that members of the Craft who had greater experience in Grand Lodge affairs were carefully watching the proceedings connected with the proposed revision. He had no doubt that Bro. Stevens, who was present, could afford some information, and he would ask him to do so.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., said that Bro. Thompson was quite correct in his inference that the Grand Lodge had silently assented to the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes that the amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions (some 800 in number), should be referred to them to consider and report upon. There could be no doubt that the task undertaken in respect of the revision was one of great magnitude, and that so far as possible the necessary debates which must ensue in Grand Lodge before final settlement should be shortened by anticipation as far as practicable. A great reliance was manifested that on this important subject the Board of General Purposes would act by each and all of the amendments which had been sent in, and therefore many members of Grand Lodge, and amongst them himself, considered it inadvisable to interfere with the recommendation for reference, but it was presumed that no time would be lost in making the necessary report to Grand Lodge. The date fixed for the reception of amendments was the 25th Jan. last, and it was notified that a special Grand Lodge would have been called during February for discussion of the same, but it had not been so called. He had sent in some half-dozen amendments, in respect of which he should at the proper time expect to be heard, particularly in respect of two at least, which in his opinion were required to prevent the elision of certain landmarks from the Ancient Constitutions, and which the draft of the revision excluded altogether. He trusted, and he had no doubt the Board of General Purposes would not delay the business they had taken in hand, and that certainly before the period of the year when Masonic labour is presumed to slacken the special Grand Lodge, and if necessary Grand Lodges, will be held and the new Constitutions finally settled. If this were effected the present Board would fairly earn not only the warmest thanks of the Craft for the achievement of a great work and a hearty recognition of their labours,

but would abundantly justify the silence which has prevented the slightest interference with their recommendation for reference of the several amendments for their consideration.

Bro. Stevens's remarks were cordially assented to and Bro. Thompson expressed his thanks for the explanation and information he had received.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual loyal toasts were given and the telegram from the Prince of Wales was received just after his health had been proposed, when the W.M. again made reference to the happy event.

"The Health of Bro. Keeble, W.M. elect," was proposed by the W.M. and enthusiastically received, for which Bro. Keeble returned thanks.

Bro. Taylor, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." which was suitably acknowledged.

Songs were sung by Bros. Shaw, Donaldson, Bertram, Stevens, and others, and Bro. Stevens also gave a recitation "The level and the square."

A very pleasant evening was passed and the brethren separated about ten o'clock in the true spirit of Masonry.

ALDERSGATE LODGE (No. 1657).—The ordinary meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday last at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bro. Samuel Benton, M.D., W.M., who presided, supported by the following brethren, members of the lodge and visitors: Bros. Alfred Brookman, I.P.M.; Samuel White, S.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W.; Rev. R. Lee, M.A., Chaplain; John D. Allcroft, P.M., Treas.; Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Froome, S.D.; Edward Anderton, J.D.; Joseph Renals, D.C.; Thos. Benskin, D.C.; George Vickery, I.G.; Arthur B. Hudson, Steward; Fredk. Crookford, Steward; George Kenning, P.M.; Alder Smith, George Rawlinson, T. G. Vickery, E. F. B. Fuller, Henry Matthews, John Larkin, Joseph Lavender, W. W. Thompson, J. Shotter, and P. Saillard. Visitors: Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P. Grand Chaplain; A. G. Staley, W.M. Tranquillity, 185; H. B. Headon, P.M. and Treas. The Great City, 1426; R. W. Morgan, W.M. Mizpah, 1671; Thos. Hamer, P.M. The Great City, 1426; H. A. Pratt, W.M. Lion and Lamb, 192; Jno. Harper, P.M. Neptune, 22; W. R. H. Steward, Victoria Rifles, 822; A. F. Pearce, S.W. Carnarvon, 1572; Percy Crampton, I.G. Carnarvon, 1572; J. J. Avery, P.M. St. John's, 70; Fred. McDougall, P.M. Crescent, 788; P. D. Eyre, Urban, 1196; T. S. Dowse, De Grey and Ripon, 905; John Claricoats, Treas. Carnarvon, 1572; A. Greatrex, P.M. Neptune, 22; and J. A. Goodly, Duke of Leinster, 283 (I.C.).

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Worshipful Master conferred the Third Degree on Bros. E. F. B. Fuller and T. G. Vickery, and afterwards initiated Messrs. W. W. Thompson, J. Shotter, and C. W. Lovett into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Free and Accepted Masonry. A proposition was made by the W.M. and seconded by the I.P.M., that a Royal Arch Chapter should be attached to the lodge, and being carried unanimously, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., was selected as the first M.E.Z.; Bro. Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette, P.M., as H.; and Bro. A. Brookman, I.P.M., as J. It was next proposed by the W.M. and seconded by the I.P.M., and carried enthusiastically, that the insignia for the office of Grand Treasurer, Craft and Royal Arch, should be presented to Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.M. and Treasurer, as a compliment for the great services rendered to the Craft in general and the Aldersgate Lodge in particular.

The brethren then retired to dinner, the W.M. presiding. The usual toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. Headon in response to the toast of "The Visitors" said it had afforded him great pleasure to be there that evening to join in the felicitations upon the recent auspicious event in Grand Lodge—the election of their worthy Past Master and Treasurer, Bro. Allcroft, to the office of Grand Treasurer of the Order. He considered that to be a most gratifying circumstance in every respect. Gratifying it must be to their esteemed brother himself, as an evidence of the high appreciation of his brother Masons; gratifying it could not fail to be to every member of that lodge; and gratifying also to every member of the Craft who was anxious that honour should be given where honour was due. That their distinguished brother had been nearly 40 years (he was going to say lost in the wilderness) a member of their Order and working in its best interests, and that until now his worth and services had never been recognised was a reflection upon themselves—he meant the members of the Grand Lodge. But, the honour which had now been conferred upon their brother made amends for all past neglect, for they could conceive of no higher Masonic aspiration than to be chosen for preference by such an august body as that which assembled in Grand Lodge on Wednesday week. They might hope that now the brethren had awakened to a sense of the important duty that devolved upon them they would not again fall asleep, but would act up to their responsibility by electing a new Grand Treasurer every year, for the truth of Gray's words and their applicability to the members of their Order was abundantly evident when he said:—

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

If all the unfathom'd caves of Masonry must be explored for these gems, these blushing flowers must not be left uncultured.

Bros. Staley, Morgan, and Harper also responded. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responded for "The Grand Officers."

The Worshipful Master having intimated his intention to represent the lodge as Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Bro. the Rev. Dr. P. H. E. Brette proceeded round the table with the list, the result being 100 guineas.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 13th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Gulliford, W.M.; E. Jacobs, P.M., S.W. J. Jacobs, J.W.; Bourne, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Kedgley, S.D.; Dickson, J.D.; Stacey, Organist; B. Solomons, I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; Baxter, G. Reynolds, and others. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Poots, Sec. 1273; G. A. Gillett, 172; G. W. West, 1541; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Mayo, and being unanimously elected, he received the benefit of initiation at the hands of the W.M. in a truly masterly and impressive manner. Bros. Head and Howard having answered the usual questions were duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors the lodge was closed with solemn prayer.

ST. LEONARD LODGE (No. 1766).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., when a considerable amount of business was transacted. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Benjamin, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. A. Jones, W.M., who shortly afterwards arrived and took the chair. The officers present were Bros. L. Stean, P.M.; C. F. Barham, P.M.; A. A. Clement, S.W.; J. Funstone, J.W.; Rev. H. G. Henderson, Chap.; J. Cox, Sec.; E. Walker, S.D.; F. Matthews, J.D.; R. Drysdale, I.G.; G. C. Young, Org.; H. J. Thrower, D.C.; L. A. Harrison, W.S.; E. T. Clark, A.W.S.; and J. Very, Tyler. Members: Bros. C. Deacon, E. A. Beckett, H. Waynforth, E. T. Henman, F. Meriton, S. Fennell, T. Douglass, W. Beasley, Dr. Holt, W. H. Brand, J. Roberts, W. Strickland, W. Jones, and H. Josephs. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Preston, P.M. 861; G. Wade, 1310; T. Cohen, P.M. 192; J. Barker, S.W. 860; S. Smither, 193; G. J. Freeman, 1613; T. Hill, 813; P. Senecal, P.M. 569; and G. Edwards, P.M. 1816.

The lodge having been advanced, the I.P.M. raised Bros. A. C. Critchfield, E. J. Rose, and E. T. Henman, jun. The W.M. then passed Bros. Lovat, Fraser, and T. Weatherley to the F.C. Degree. Mr. J. W. Griffiths having been duly elected was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. Some other business having been transacted the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the harmony of the proceedings enhanced by songs and recitals by Bros. Deacon, Douglass, Henman, Benjamin, Strickland, and others, ably accompanied by the Organist.

SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace. The lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. C. McNamara, and in the course of the evening Bro. E. G. Watson was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. G. Lord, P.M., and the W.M., Bro. McNamara, gave a lecture upon the first tracing board to Bros. Birch and Watson.

The lodge was afterwards closed in due form. There was a very large attendance of visiting brethren from the lodges of the district.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Virtue (No. 152).—The installation meeting and St. John's Festival took place on Friday, the 16th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. R. Brewer, W.M.; G. V. Blaikie, S.W.; T. R. Stevenson, J.W.; T. Gillibrand, Treas.; W. Cooper, Sec.; Edwin Hampson, S.D.; W. R. Williams, I.G.; J. Pritchard, J.S.; J. Sly, Tyler; N. Dumville, P.M.; G. C. Williams, P.M.; Wm. Hollins, P.M.; Wm. Jaffray, P.M.; W. M. Smith, J. Chapple, J. Grundy, and D. Conway. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Brown, W.M. 1633; Wm. Byway, J.W. 1633; J. M. Sinclair, I.P.M. 163; Wm. Bostock, P.M. 1633 and 1213; T. J. Hooper, P.M. 1009, P.P.G.T.; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317 (*Freemason*).

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the balance sheet was reported and commented on and afterwards adopted. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, Bro. Wm. Hollins, P.M., acting as Installing Master. Bro. G. V. Blaikie after being presented was with all due rite and ceremony installed W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. Blaikie was afterwards proclaimed and saluted in the usual manner. Bro. Wm. Jaffray, P.M., then invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Stevens, S.W.; Gillibrand, J.W.; Conway, Treas.; Pritchard, Sec.; Hampson, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; Wm. Jaffrey, D.C.; Grundy, I.G.; Stephenson, S.S.; and Montford, J.S.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

Bro. Brewer in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he considered it a great honour to be privileged to propose this toast. He wished he could do more honour to it and that he was possessed of the eloquence of Past Master Hollins, in order to give it the merit it deserved; but although he might seem to propose the toast in a slipshod sort of way, he assured the brethren he did so in all heartiness. Their W.M. was not a man of very huge bulk, but he was possessed of a heart as large as any around that board. He had for a long time looked upon the W.M. as a sort of dark horse, concealing behind his diffidence and modesty a reserve of strength and power that would astonish them all. In conclusion he said it would be superfluous to mention the various qualities the W.M. possessed, and he would ask the brethren to heartily drink his health.

The Worshipful Master replying said he thanked the brethren sincerely for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health. He could not flatter himself that he was an oracle, or that he had no shortcomings, and doubtless the brethren were fully aware of both these facts. He assured them however that whatever his shortcomings might be he would do his duty with all the zeal he was capable of.

Bro. Hollins, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Visiting Brethren" remarked that if it was good and enjoyable for the brethren of the Virtue Lodge to see visitors amongst them on ordinary lodge nights how much more so was it on an important occasion like the present. It was no trifle to be honoured with the presence of several distinguished brethren, such as they had with them that night, amongst whom was one who had been elected to a high office in the Provincial Grand Lodge by the unanimous votes of the brethren in the province. He referred to Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T. Bro. Hollins also referred to Bro. J. M. Sinclair, whom he had congratulated on having filled the chair of W.M. in the largest lodge in the province, viz., the Integrity Lodge, and further referred to Bro. R. R. Lisenden's connection with the Masonic press,

trusting that brother would in the language of Shakespeare "set naught down in malice and nothing extenuate." The talents of the musical brethren, Bros. J. H. Greenwood and N. Dumville, were also enlarged upon by Bro. Hollins, who in conclusion gave the visitors a hearty welcome and asked the brethren of the lodge to drink their health in a bumper.

The brethren cheerfully responded to the invitation, after which Bros. W. Brown, W.M. 1033; J. M. Sinclair, I.P.M. 163; W. M. Bostock, P.M. 1633; and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. 317, replied.

Bro. Wm. Jaffray, P.M., in eulogistic terms proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Brewer," in the course of which he said no brother had ever done more to promote the welfare of the lodge and the happiness of the brethren both in the lodge and at the social board than he had, and in acknowledging such services he felt extreme pleasure in presenting him in the name of the lodge with a Past Master's gold jewel, which he trusted would adorn the breast of Bro. Brewer for many years to come.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and was much admired.

Bro. Brewer in reply said there had been a good many quotations from Shakespeare that evening uttered, good, bad, and indifferent. One passage, however, hit off his feelings in responding to this toast, which was "Thou hast bereft me of all speech." Bro. Brewer went on to say that it was not merely on the present occasion, but at all times he had met with the hearty good fellowship in the lodge, which was a most pleasant reflection, and these feelings would in the future be enhanced by the handsome token of affectionate regard which he had received from their hands that evening, and which he should highly appreciate and value. He felt however there was one blot upon his year of office which was the want of opportunity to exhibit his capacity of performing a ceremony, and whilst much regretting this want of opportunity, he was perfectly sure that no fault in himself, either as a man or a Mason, had brought it about, and he sincerely hoped should there arise such opportunities during the ensuing twelve months that the W.M. would grant him the privilege of working one or more of the ceremonies, and showing what he could do.

Several other toasts were proposed and responded to, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening terminated shortly before eleven o'clock.

MANCHESTER.—Lodge of Affability (No. 317).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Wilson, W.M.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.W.; J. W. Edwards, J.W.; W. Nicholl, P.M.; Treas.; J. Smith, Sec.; J. G. Elderton, J.D.; J. Bladon, P.M.; P.P.G.A.D.C.; J. Garside, I.G.; J. Smethurst, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M., Reg.; G. C. Frühling, Org.; Daniel Donbavand, P.M.; C. J. Rex, Walter Wood, Steward; J. Eckersley, Mark Vickers, P.M.; J. R. Lever, P.M.; Charles Hart, Isaac Pearson, and R. R. Lisenden, S.D. (Freemason). Visitor: Bro. Ernest Neame, 1126.

The lodge was duly opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of last meeting Bro. Isaac Pearson was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. Bro. John Bladon, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C., delivered the corner-stone address and the lecture on the tracing board to the candidate, after which the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

PORTSMOUTH.—Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487).—On Thursday, the 8th inst., the installation of the W.M., Bro. W. M. Outridge, took place, when a large number of brethren assembled. Bro. Palsgrave, P.M., performed the ceremony in a very impressive style. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. W. Beale, I.P.M.; H. P. Holley, S.W.; F. H. de Rheims, J.W.; H. Threadingham, Treas.; J. Thackara, Sec.; W. E. Bond, Assr. Sec.; Cowd, S.D.; G. E. Cousins, J.D.; W. Shotton, I.G.; Meredith and Ray, Dirs. of Cer.; G. Pearman, Org.; G. Bevis and Hill, Stewards. Bro. Beal, I.P.M., was presented with a handsome jewel in token of the appreciation of his valuable services to the lodge, and of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet room where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

SEAHAM HARBOUR.—Fawcett Lodge (No. 661).—On Monday afternoon the brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall, North-road, for the purpose of installing Bro. Joseph Scorfield, S.W., as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Shepherd, the W.M., who was supported by Bros. W. Foster, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. J. Clay, P.P.G.S. of W.; H. B. Wright, P.P.G.R.; Sinclair, P.G.D.; J. R. Wells, P.M.; M. Douglas, P.M.; S. Cockburn, P.M.; J. Richardson, P.M.; H. W. Emerson, P.M.; and J. C. Moor, S.W. 97 (Freemason).

The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. W. Foster to the Installing Master, Bro. James Ayre, P.M., by whom Bro. Scorfield was duly installed in the chair of K.S. The investiture of officers afterwards took place as follows: Bros. T. Shepherd, I.P.M.; E. Atkinson, S.W.; D. Smith, J.W.; the Rev. D. James, Chap.; J. Richardson, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Beatty, jun., Hon. Sec.; H. Wright, S.D.; T. Mitchell, J.D.; H. W. Emerson, P.M., D. of C.; T. Taylor, T. R. Candlish and G. Stokell, Auditors; and T. Richardson and B. Wells, jun., Stewards.

The lodge was afterwards duly closed, and the annual banquet was afterwards held at the Lord Seaham Hotel, the W.M., Bro. Scorfield, presiding.

DERBY.—Hartington Lodge (No. 1085).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. Butterfield, W.M.; J. O. Manton, I.P.M.; C. D. Hart, S.W.; W. B. Hextall, P.P.S.G.W.; J.W.; P. Wallis, P.M., P.G.D. of C., Sec.; H. Carr, S.D.; J. H. Richardson, J.D.; J. H. Clarke, I.G.; F. Wright, Stwd.; F. Campion, P.P.G.S.W.; F. Orrell, P.G. Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.G.R.; S. Steele, P.G.P.; W. Heathcote, P.P.G.D. of C.; Johnson, Lane, Mole, Bland (W.M. elect 731), Webster, and others.

The lodge was opened, the circular convening the meeting was read, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bros. T. Russell, P.G.J.D., Treas.; W.V. Popplewell, J.W.; and F. Stone, Stwd. The candidate for initiation had recently been admitted into the mysteries and

privileges of a married life, and being from home on his honeymoon could not attend. The Treasurer's accounts for the past year were received and passed; the balance in hand is only very small, but this is partly accounted for as follows: 10 guineas given to the Boys' School, 10 guineas to the Girls' School, 10 guineas to assist in clearing the debt off the Masonic Hall, 12 guineas for the rent of a cellar, and £10 towards furnishing it. The Refreshment Committee's accounts were received and ordered to be printed and circulated amongst the brethren. The W.M. received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a substantial repast provided by Bro. Popplewell, J.W., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably proposed by Bro. P. Wallis, P.G.D. of C. and acknowledged by Bro. Mole.

After songs from several of the brethren the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

LEIGH.—Marquis of Lorne Lodge (No. 1354).—The usual monthly meeting of this Lancashire lodge was held on the 7th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Charles Freeman, and the following officers were present: Bros. J. Kerfoot, S.W.; Yarwood, acting J.W.; W. H. Horrocks, S.D.; W. H. Pennington, J.D.; T. Banks, I.G.; W. Bryce, Treas.; Davies, acting Sec.; and T. Coupe, Tyler. Bro. J. Charlton, J.W., officiated at the organ in the absence of the Organist of the lodge. A considerable number of brethren and visitors were present.

After the minutes had been read and passed, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Wallshaw, a candidate for initiation, and being unanimously elected he was subsequently initiated by Bro. W. Duncan, P.M., in an effective manner. During the evening two candidates were raised to the degree of M.M., the first by the W.M. the other by Bro. Starkie, P.M. The W.M. explained the working tools to both candidates.

After the lodge had been closed in due form the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were well received.

Bro. Bowden, P.P.G.S.B., responded to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past," and Bro. Martin, I.P.M. Wesley Lodge, for "The Visitors." Both bore testimony to the good working of the lodge and particularly referred to the impressiveness of the musical ceremonies.

Bro. Duncan, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." and congratulated him upon the increasing prosperity of the lodge, and stated that he was convinced that the W.M. was adopting a course which must be productive of good in securing the regular attendance of the Past Masters by inviting them to assist him with the ceremonies and allotting them work as far as possible. He felt grateful for having been requested to initiate a candidate that evening.

A number of excellent songs and recitations were given and a convivial and pleasant evening was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

NORTH WOOLWICH.—Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place at the Three Crowns Hotel, Bro. E. West's famous hostelry, and was well attended by both the brethren of the lodge and a distinguished array of visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts, and the minutes of the previous meeting were passed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. J. Glading and C. W. Genery, and proved unanimous. Bro. Jas. Elder, the W.M., having arrived then took the chair, and proceeded to install his successor, Bro. V. J. Holloway, S.W., W.M. elect, which he did in a most admirable manner.

Bro. Holloway invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. T. Lewis, S.W.; A. Ives, J.W.; A. J. Manning, P.M., P.G.S.D. Essex, Treas.; J. Ives, P.M., Sec.; C. Jolly (Freemason), S.D.; C. Guy, J.D.; Smith, Org.; J. Paul, I.G.; J. Savage, D.C.; M. Kaul and R. Morgan, Wine Stewards; and W. Page, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Elder then gave the two first charges, and Bro. Manning (by request) the third in good style, and the ceremony was concluded. The new W.M. commenced his year of office by initiating Messrs. Glading and Genery (already approved of) without a hitch. It was then unanimously resolved that a testimonial, engrossed on vellum, of the value of five pounds, should be presented to Bro. Elder for his admirable work both during his year of office and also for installing his successor, for which Bro. Elder returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of a superb banquet, the menu comprising all the delicacies of the season, while the wines were "chic," the whole reflecting the greatest credit upon Bro. West, who personally superintended the service.

Among those present beside the brethren above enumerated were Bros. Turner, P.M.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M.; W. Gilbert, P.M. 1327, P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. Gaskell, P.M. 1076; R. J. Warren, P.M. 1437; E. W. Mackney, P.M. 144; G. Lambert, W.M. 720; J. H. Roberts, S.W. 700; E. Ayres, S.W. 742; W. Nevin, J.W. 1076; Campbell, 975; W. Brown, 225; E. Bithry, G. Humphreys, and J. Russell, of 173; and the following members of the lodge: Bros. W. Wren, I. W. Baker, J. Brightmore, A. Wright, W. Weiland, J. Smith, C. H. Canning, R. Caley, C. Heford, J. Fulford, G. Plume, J. B. Brown, W. H. Cheverton, W. Ball, J. Palmer, and G. Weaver.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, Bro. Elder, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." He said it was a great honour for him to propose such a toast; he felt it so especially as it was the first toast he had ever had the opportunity of proposing. Their esteemed W.M. who that day had been placed in the chair of K.S. had honourably and well won his way there by steadfast, earnest, and good work, in every office he had filled in the lodge, and none could better appreciate the dignity he had arrived at,—a position that every good Mason hoped to fill some day better or more,—that those who had gone through the duties and responsibilities that were attached to it. Their W.M. had shown them that day, by the style in which he had initiated two candidates, what they might expect from him, and surrounded as he was by a good and capable staff of officers, he had no doubt at the end of his year of office they would say that it had been a successful one, and worthy of the honour and prestige of the Henley Lodge.

The Worshipful Master in response could only thank Bro. Elder and the brethren generally for the warmth with

which they had received the toast of his name. He need hardly say that he felt proud of the position he now held, and thanked the G.A.O.T.U. for giving him health and strength to arrive at it. He should endeavour to prove himself worthy of their confidence, and hope to receive their congratulations as heartily given at the end of his year of office as they had been on his commencing it that day. He then proceeded to present the I.P.M. with the jewel of his office, and in pinning it on Bro. Elder's breast, said they all agreed that Bro. Elder had richly earned it. He in the name of the lodge wished Bro. Elder many years of health to wear it, and then, when with him time should be no more, might it be handed down to his posterity as a token of the esteem and affectionate regard in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

Bro. Elder in returning thanks said he could scarcely find words to express how much their great kindness moved him, especially when he remembered how ill-health had precluded him from doing his duty as he should have liked to have done it; but that jewel should be prized by him above all on earth, because he felt that with it came their best wishes for his future welfare, and that it was given him with a full and free good will. He could only again thank them, and should always look back to his year of office as one of the happiest in his life.

"The Initiates" were then honoured and suitably returned thanks.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Ives, as the senior P.M., briefly responded.

Bro. Manning was proud to see one of his initiates in the chair that day, and hoped to see others there soon. It laid with themselves in a great measure—if they showed themselves worthy of promotion they got it in their turn, and if not they had to be passed over. So far as the Past Masters were concerned, it showed how excellent an institution they were, especially in cases of emergency; for if at any time through illness or delay the W.M. could not, or was not present to carry out the ceremonies, there was always a Past Master present able and ready to do the work, and keep the lodge going. He was pleased to see so many Past Masters present, and wished them and the lodge every success.

Bros. Turner and Vance also responded.

In reply to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. Gilbert referred with pleasure to the good working and good feeling that evidently existed in the lodge, and cordially wished the lodge and the W.M. continued prosperity.

Bros. Ayre and Roberts also responded eloquently.

"The Officers" was the next toast, and Bros. Lewis, Ives, and Jolly returned thanks.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were rendered doubly enjoyable by the fine playing of Bro. Baker on the violin, accompanied by Bro. Smith on the piano, while Bro. Mackney absolutely convulsed the brethren by his side-splitting comicalities. The whole affair was both enjoyable and memorable.

SWANSEA.—Caradoc Lodge (No. 1573).—On Monday, the 5th inst., the installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Caer-street. There was a very large attendance of brethren, and the proceedings were honoured with the presence of the Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and the Prov. Grand Officers, together with brethren from all parts of the Eastern and Western Division of the province, a large muster from Bristol, several foreign and colonial lodges being also represented.

The lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, vicar of Llanamlet, whose year of office in the chair has been one of the most ably-worked periods of the lodge since its consecration. The several chairs were occupied at the opening as follows: Bros. the Rev. Dr. Walters, W.M.; J. L. Perrin, S.W.; G. W. Clare, Prov. Grand Steward, J.W.; J. R. Davies, Treas.; W. A. Essery, Sec.; T. Sandbrook, S.D.; Morgan Williams, J.D.; J. Blight, Org.; N. Leitch, I.G.; W. A. Rosser, James Hughes, E. Everingham, R. Parry, Stwds.; G. Bullerwell, Tyler. The following Past Masters of the lodge were also present: D. C. Jones, P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Sladen, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; W. Dobbs, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; John Rogers, P.P.G.J.W.; and W. E. Brown, P.P.S.G.D. The following brethren were also present: Bros. B. Daniell, P.M. 833; John Leworthy, P.M. 237; T. W. Jones, I.G. 237; Robert Jones, P.M. 833; James Jones, 237; D. A. Davis, 1323; Henry Simons, P.M. and Treas. 237, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers.; Rowland Thomas, P.M. 364; Wm. Welsford, W.M. 1429; W. T. Canton, P.M. 237, P.G. Treas.; J. Jones Hewson, P.P.G. Reg.; J. G. Hall, P.M. 1323, P.G.S.W.; E. Roberts, P.M. 172, P.P.G.R. (Western Division); John Jones, P.M. 83, Prov. G. Sec.; T. Williams, Abraham H. Thomas, J. H. Taylor, P. Dorrell, D. Rosser, W. Terrill, F. T. Millman, N. Trotter, B. Behrens, B. P. Davies, Llewellyn Davies, W. C. Thomas, D. Powell, B. Evans, W. E. Jenkins, F. D. Trower, W. F. Bull, L. L. Howell, T. R. Jones, 237; G. E. Dowman, D. J. Kennard, P.M. 1258, G.S.D.; H. Perdycomb, E. C. Squance, Greenwood, 569 (Brooklyn, New York); T. Wake, 110; John F. Harvey, Henry R. Lee, 247; J. Evens, W.M. 103, P.G.R. Somerset; W. G. Nicholls, 237; J. Marsden, P.M. 476, P. Prov. G.C.; T. Thomas, P.M. 1323; W. Whittington, P. Prov. G.W.; W. L. Hughes, 476; T. Phillips, 364; N. S. Marks, 368 (Melbourne); T. R. Walters, 606; John W. Lloyd, W.M. 237; T. McKim, 237; Henry P. Charles, W.M. 1323; J. W. Gunn, 110; J. Sarvis, 1258; R. R. Davies, Sec. 110; J. L. Lewis, W.M. 651, Prov. G. Org.; G. Allen, P.M. Talbot, P. Prov. G.J.W.; T. Powell, 237, P. Prov. G.D.C.; H. Fergus, 187, P. Prov. G.S.B.; J. Jenkyn Jones, P.M. 476, Prov. G. Treas. (Western Division); W. F. Betty, J.W. 1388; G. A. Burgess, S.W. 1388; C. E. Williams, 1388; J. F. Langdon, J. Rudman, W. Mitchell, J. H. Beale, J. C. Manning, T. Phillips, P.M. 679; F. R. Howell, W.M. 679; D. Hopkins, P.M. 960, P. Prov. G.S.W.; J. C. Bringham, P.M. 1388, P. Prov. G.P. Bristol; R. Capper, S.W. 1323 and 1176; Fred Watkins, 818; H. C. Evans, 671; W. Morgan, P.M. 237, P. Prov. G.R.; Silvanus Phillips, 364; Joseph North, P.M. 1098, P.G.J.D. Mon.; B. Phillips, 1028; and D. R. David, P.M. 833.

The ordinary business of the lodge having been gone through, and the W.D. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers having been received in due form, the installation of Bro. Perrin was proceeded with. The duties of Installing Master were taken by Bro. John Rogers, the first W.M. of the lodge, who performed the task in

a manner that subsequently formed the subject of commendation among the large gathering of brethren present. The impressive ceremony of installation being concluded, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. R. Davies, S.W.; W. A. Essery, J.W.; D. C. Jones, I.P.M., Treasurer; Thomas Sandbrook, Secretary; Neil Leitch, S.D.; Jas. Hughes, J.D.; W. H. Rosser, D.C.; R. Parry, I.G.; A. H. Thomas and W. Terril, Stewards; and Geo. Bullerwell, Tyler. Two Past Masters were then elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, and a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, I.P.M., the presentation being made with expressions of admiration at the way the lodge had been worked during the past year, Bro. Walters, feelingly responded.

The lodge was then closed in due form, after which the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Mackworth Hotel, The Worshipful Master presided, and there was a large and brilliant gathering of the brethren. Mr. W. F. Hulley's band was present, played a charming selection of music during the evening.

The banquet being over the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master," all of which were duly responded to. The solo in the Welsh National anthem, "God Bless the Prince of Wales," was taken by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Walters, Vicar of Christ Church, Carmarthen, son of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Walters, I.P.M. of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master," which was received with acclamation. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he said, was as good a man—as good a Mason—as the Great Architect of the Universe ever placed as a ruling influence in connection with the Craft. His duties and the way he performed them spoke more loudly than any words of his could possibly do. He had never, with regard to the Caradoc, missed a single installation since the lodge was consecrated, and for that alone they owed him a debt of gratitude. And it was the same with all the lodges of the province. In everyone of them he was at all times welcomed as he deserved to be, and he was quite sure the brethren of the Caradoc would be no exception to the rule, and that they would accord to him a hearty welcome as they had done before.

The toast was enthusiastically drunk with Masonic honours.

The Provincial Grand Master, who on rising was received with every manifestation of hearty and sincere welcome, thanked them for the reception they had accorded him. He felt that he did not deserve it—he only wished he did. It was quite true that ever since the consecration of the Caradoc Lodge he had been present at their installation ceremony, and not only in reference to the Caradoc but most of the other lodges in the province. All that was quite true, and if the duties of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master consisted in attending lodges of the province and partaking of banquets, he could assure them he could perform those duties to his own satisfaction as well as to the satisfaction of everybody else. But his duties did not end there. The real duties of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master were all outside the walls of the lodges and banqueting halls of the province, and the results alone were known to the brethren inside. If the results in his case, brought about outside, were satisfactory to those inside the lodges he could only say he was amply repaid, and more than amply repaid, for all the trouble he took in the matter. He sometimes thought that he had occupied the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master long enough. He sometimes thought he had driven the coach of the province long enough, and he could only say if they were tired of their coachman let them just intimate the fact and he would retire. He had now a pleasing duty to perform in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master of the Caradoc Lodge," which he hoped would be drunk with all cordiality and good feeling. In placing Bro. Perrin in the chair of the lodge that day he felt that the brethren had put the right man in the right place, and the fact was proved by the very large number of brethren he found supporting Bro. Perrin that evening. He hoped those who supported him then would not cease to do so, but that he would be well supported in the chair of the lodge during his year of office. It was not only necessary that Bro. Perrin should himself be an expert in Masonry, but that he should have the assistance in lodge of experts also. Referring to another matter, he was afraid that at a recent meeting of this province he raised a false alarm. He told them that they were not out of the wood yet with regard to the resolution of Bro. Clabon to raise the fees of the Lodge of Benevolence. Since that meeting he had received the minutes of the business to be taken at Grand Lodge, and there was no notice given. They would therefore not have to attend Grand Lodge for the purpose which actuated them last time; and he was glad of this, there being brethren from Bristol who were prepared to oppose the resolution of Bro. Clabon. He again thanked them for the reception they had given him, and hoped for the Caradoc Lodge a prosperous career.

The Worshipful Master, who on rising to respond was received with prolonged applause, thanked them all for their kindness, and assured them that he deeply felt the honour they had bestowed upon him—an honour which, in his estimation, was so exalted that he envied no one a higher, and for which he was grateful. He was the oldest son of the Caradoc, and he felt the proud position of being elected to the chair of that lodge. It was to the first W.M. of the Caradoc—Bro. Rogers—that he owed his introduction to Masonry, and he felt further indebted to that esteemed brother for the honour to which his introduction was the stepping-stone. It was a source of great pride and gratification to him to see so large a number of the brethren responding so kindly to his invitation, and he trusted that that support would be continued to him during his year of office.

The next toast was "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," associated with the names of Bros. John Jones and Walter Whittington, who severally responded.

The toast of "The Past Masters of the Caradoc" was next given, associated with the names of Bros. the Rev. Dr. Walters, John Rogers, D. C. Jones, W. Dobbs, and J. C. Sladen.

In responding at length, Bro. Walters urged regular attendance at lodge in order that Masonic efficiency might be attained, and regretted that his year of office was not

then commencing instead of having terminated, so very gratifying had that year of office been to him.

Bro. Rogers also responded and expressed his regret at the circumstances which prevented their worthy Immediate Past Master from taking the installation ceremony that day, feeling sure that had he taken it it would have been done most efficiently. At the same time he himself felt great pleasure in conducting it, and it would be idle on his part to say otherwise. Bro. Perrin was the only one of four now in the Caradoc Lodge who were initiated at its consecration, and he felt that he would be an ornament to the Craft and a credit to the lodge, having filled every chair in the lodge to the perfect satisfaction of all, and having thus served a seven years' apprenticeship would naturally make a thoroughly efficient Master. He urged regular attendance at the lodge in support of their newly-installed Master, and said he himself should at all times be ready to give any assistance that lay in his power. He did not think much would be required, but he should be always ready to give it as far as he could.

Bros. D. C. Jones, Sladen, and Dobbs also responded, paying a high tribute to the W.M.'s Masonic efficiency, and expressing a hope that his year of office would be a prosperous and happy one.

Several other toasts brought the programme to a close. During the evening Bros. D. R. David, Rev. J. Marsden, Rev. T. Walters, jun., J. Jones Hewson, Fred Watkins, J. F. Langdon, T. L. Lewis, D. C. Jones, and B. P. Davies contributed some vocal pieces, which were well received.

FRIZINGTON.—Arlecdon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Bro. R. Wilson, I.P.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. D. Bell, S.W.; B. Craig, J.W.; J. Bewley, Sec.; F. T. Allatt, S.D.; J. Routledge, J.D.; Charles Gowan, I.G.; J. Johnston, Tyler; R. Baxter, P.M.; James Harper, J. Peel, W. H. Chapman, and J. Appleby, 1267.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Mr. J. Dickinson, who, being in attendance was duly initiated. With hearty good wishes the lodge was closed in form.

INSTRUCTION.

MARQUIS OF RIPON LODGE (No. 1489).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney. Present: Bros. Frankel, W.M.; Martin, S.W.; Gray, J.W.; Clifford, Treas.; W. G. Hildreth, Hon. Sec.; Pope, S.D.; Polac, J.D.; Royce, I.G.; and Forss, Preceptor; and also several visitors.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hunt was interrogated and entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Hunt candidate. Bro. Forss assisted by the brethren next worked the First Section of the lecture. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Hunt candidate for raising. Lodge being resumed in the First Degree, it was proposed by Bro. Forss, and seconded by Bro. Gray, that Bro. Martin be W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Martin appointed his officers in rotation, and lodge was closed in due form.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, W.C., on the 8th inst. Present: Bros. S. Jacobs, W.M.; L. Nathan, S.W.; B. M. Nathan, J.W.; G. Coleman, S.D.; Dickson, J.D.; B. Solomon, I.G.; Richardson, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; Bourne, Hyams, and Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Richardson worked the First Section of this Lecture. Bro. Bourne having offered himself as a candidate for initiation the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Richardson worked the Second Section of this Lecture. Bro. Smith worked the Second and Third Degrees of this Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. Nathan proposed that Bro. B. Nathan, No. 205, be elected a joining member of the lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. Smith and carried unanimously. On rising for the second time Bro. Richardson proposed that the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, which was seconded by the J.W. and carried unanimously.

On rising for the third time nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in due form.

Royal Arch.

BOLTON.—St. John's Chapter (No. 221).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Commercial Hotel on Wednesday, the 7th inst. There were present Comps. James Richardson, Z.; J. H. Greenhalgh, H.; N. Nicholson, J.; G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., P.G.S.N., Treas.; H. Stead, S.E.; J. L. Aldred, S.N.; G. Mort, P.S.; J. Boothroyd, 1st Asst. Soj.; T. Morris, P.Z.; Long, Higson, Harwood, Court, Barrett, and others. Visitor: Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z. 645, P.P.G. Asst. Soj.

After the chapter was opened and the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, Comp. Sillitoe installed in their respective chairs Comps. J. H. Greenhalgh, Z.; N. Nicholson, H.; and H. Stead, J.; he also invested the following officers: Comps. J. L. Aldred, S.E.; J. Boothroyd, S.N.; G. Mort, P.S.; Court, 1st Asst. Soj.; J. Barrett, 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. P. Brockbank, P.Z., Treas.; and Thomas Higson, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the chapter was closed and the companions adjourned to the social board, where an enjoyable evening was passed.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Chapter (No. 1331).—The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on the 12th inst. Ex. Comp. Capt. Croisdale, P.P.G.P.S., as Z.; Ex. Comp. Major Douglass, P.G.P.S., as H.; and Ex. Comp. Hall, as J. Comps. Clisham, as P.S.; Lewis, 1st A.S.; Russell, 2nd A.S.; Harris, S.E.; Robertson, D.C.; Taylor, Turner, Hitchings, and several others.

The minutes of the last regular convocation having been read and confirmed and the annual balance sheet and report of the Audit Committee having been received and

passed, the outgoing Principals then installed their successors according to the ancient rites and ceremonies observed on these occasions, and the work was performed with an earnestness and in a style which evidently deeply impressed those who had the good fortune to be present. The officers of the chapter for the ensuing year are as follows: Ex. Comps. Major Douglas, P.G.P.S., as Z.; Capt. Croisdale, P.P.G.P.S., as I.P.Z.; Hall, as H.; Clisham, as J.; Comps. Harris, S.E.; Robertson, S.N.; Lewis, P.S.; Russell, 1st A.S.; Taylor, 2nd A.S.; Turner, D.C.; and Hill, Janitor.

The M.E.Z., Comp. Major Douglas, having received the hearty congratulations of the visiting companions, proceeded to present to the outgoing First Principal, Capt. Croisdale, a very handsome jewel and collar and collar jewel, which had been voted to him at the last regular convocation, and in the course of his observations said the companions would always remember with pleasurable recollections the zealous and efficient manner in which Comp. Croisdale had presided over them, and he had much pleasure in tendering for his acceptance these tokens of the high regard and esteem in which as a Mason he was so highly held, and he asked him not to value the presentation at its intrinsic worth, but to receive it as a mark of their fraternal love and respect.

Ex. Comp. Capt. Croisdale in reply said it was indeed a source of gratification and pride to him to learn that in administering the very onerous duties of the various offices he had held in the chapter he had been so fortunate as to give universal satisfaction, and he could assure them he should highly prize these tokens of their fraternal esteem, which would be treasured as souvenirs of their kindness, and keep alive the recollection of the many happy occasions they had met together for Masonic work.

The chapter was then closed and the companions adjourned for refreshment. After a most enjoyable Masonic evening, enlivened with some capital songs and recitations, the companions separated.

INSTRUCTION.

THE METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.—A meeting was held at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when there was a large gathering of chiefs and rulers of the Order, amongst whom we noticed Comps. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., Vincent, Higgins, Briggs, Moore, Lilley, Webb, Daniel, Braine, Lardner, Appleby, McDowell, Maidwell, Goldsmith, Goodchild, F. Brown, Preceptor, and several others.

The chapter was opened in due form. Comp. J. Terry then rehearsed the ceremony of installation of the First and Second Principals, and Comp. Webb that of the third chair. Comp. Terry having to leave in order to fulfil another engagement, a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded both to him and Comp. Webb for their services, the latter, although a novice at the work, being warmly praised for his admirable rendering of the ceremony. The companions were then admitted, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by Comps. Lardner, Z.; Lilley, H.; McDowell, J.; Sheffield, S.N.; King, P.S.; and Green, as candidate. Comps. Appleby, H. 174, Braine, Z. 145, and Wells, 975, having expressed their gratification at the work and their desire to become members, were duly elected and returned thanks. Comp. Webb applied for votes for the Boys' and Girls' elections to be applied to the case of the orphan boy of the late Bro. Wyatt; the same were granted to him.

This being the night for electing officers for the ensuing fortnight the following companions were appointed: Comps. Maidwell, Z.; Garnett, H.; Allan, J.; Green, S.N.; and King, P.S. The chapter was then closed, and the convocation adjourned, and thus ended one of the largest meetings which has been held for many years at this popular chapter of improvement.

Mark Masonry.

MANCHESTER.—St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—A meeting of this lodge, at which Bro. J. E. Lees was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. H. C. Miller, W.M.; J. E. Lees, S.W.; W. Nicholl, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, M.O.; H. L. Rocca, S.O.; W. R. Sowter, J.O.; Frank A. Huett, Sec.; A. H. Jefferis, S.D.; A. Outram, J.D.; Arthur Middleton, P.M.; J. H. Hopkins, P.M.; T. R. Peel, P.M.; T. H. Glendinning, P.G. Steward; E. R. Stubbs, Bryce Blair, C. F. Matier, P.G.W., M.O. Grand Masters' Lodge, P.D.G. Master, Representative of Illinois, &c.; and R. R. Lisenden (Freemason). Visitor: Bro. J. Senior, P.M. 32, Prov. G.I. of Works.

The lodge was duly opened in the usual manner, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed the ceremony of installation was proceeded with and carried out in its entirety with due rite and ceremony by our distinguished Bro. C. F. Matier, who was saluted by virtue of his exalted rank both on entering and leaving the lodge. The following brethren were invested officers for the ensuing year by Bro. Matier: Bros. Wm. Nicholl, S.W.; J. M. Sinclair, J.W.; Henry L. Rocca, M.O.; W. R. Sowter, S.O.; A. H. Jefferis, J.O.; T. R. Peel, P.M., P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. B. Outram, Sec.; George Hunt, S.D.; E. P. Stubbs, J.D.; R. R. Lisenden, I.G.; W. H. Hopkins, P.M., P.G.D.C., Reg. of Marks; and T. H. Glendinning, P.G. Steward, M. of C.

There being no further business the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren afterwards sat down to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, including "The W.M.," "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," "The Newly-Invested Officers," "The Masonic Charities," &c., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, on the 7th inst. The working consisted of the advancement of Bro. Podmore, of Lodge 662, to the honourable degree. The ceremony was most ably rendered by Bro. Thomas Dixon, I.P.M., P.G.S.O., assisted by the officers in excellent style, not a hitch occurring, which speaks well for the prosperity of so young a lodge. After several propositions the lodge was closed in harmony.

Knights Templar.

MOUNT CALVARY ENCAMPMENT (D).

This old and distinguished encampment met at the Masonic Rooms, Red Lion-square, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Sir Kts. D. Dewar, acting E.C., in the absence of Dr. Saunders; Berridge, 1st Captain; F. Driver, 2nd Captain; Gravely, Expert; Glynne, Captain of the Lines; J. H. Dodson, S.B.; Stohwasser, H.; H. J. Lardner, H.; R. Stewart, D.C.; W. Paas, P.E.C., Almoner; E. Baxter, P.E.C.; T. C. Walls, P.E.C.; and Rawles, E. The visitors were Sir Kts. Loveland-Loveland and Wallis.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the encampment was closed and a Priory of the Order of Malta was duly opened by Sir Kt. Loveland-Loveland, and he at once proceeded to install three of the members of the Mount Calvary Encampment into that ancient Order in a manner that left nothing to be desired.

The priory having been closed the Sir Knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a most excellent banquet was partaken of. Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were given. "The Health of the E.Cs." was proposed by Sir Kt. Paas, and responded to in fitting terms by Sir Kt. Dewar.

"The Visitors" was drunk with enthusiasm.

Sir Kt. Loveland in his response expressed his gratification at having had the honour of being asked to perform the ceremony appertaining to the Order of Malta in so old a priory. It was a degree he took a great deal of pleasure in working and he was pleased to think that his poor efforts had been so flatteringly appreciated.

Sir Kt. Wallis having also said a few words the remaining toasts were quickly proposed and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE METROPOLITAN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1507.

The anniversary dinner of this happy and prosperous lodge of instruction was given on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Holborn Restaurant, a large number of brethren being present. Bro. Henry Stiles, W.M. 1507, presided, and was ably supported by his brother (Bro. William Mason Stiles, I.P.M. 1507, the Preceptor of the lodge).

Among the rest of the company we noticed Bros. Lewis Solomon, W.M. 1732, S.W.; E. E. B. Kidder, I.P.M. 12, J.W.; C. J. Scales, P.M. 1507, Treas.; E. Storr, S.D. 167, Sec.; G. W. Knight, G. Clark, jun., A. Sumier, F. Ashton, F. W. Sillis, H. Dickey, J. W. Ager, J. C. Smith (who presided at the pianoforte), R. W. Fraser, A. Harman, T. M. Ormiston, M. Little, J. W. Tubby, E. C. Botly, and the following visitors: Bros. F. Adlard, P.M. 7; Jno. Western, P.M. 1602; W. R. Heasman, P.M. 1437; W. W. Morgan, Sec. 211; R. W. Galer, 1366; C. Weeden, 813; E. Mayo, 1732; R. Roper, 1507; E. Leoker, 179; G. Dickinson, 1681; R. Donner, 1507; T. Moody, 1507; G. F. Moses, 1017; Paul Storr, and F. A. Kelly, 1524 (*Freemason*).

At the conclusion of the dinner, which was ably served and of a most recherché character, the usual loyal toasts were proposed, but as the gathering was more noticeable for its really friendly or select meeting, but few Masonic toasts were given, and those in creditably brief terms. The principal toast of the evening was that of "The Secretary of the Lodge of Instruction, Bro. E. Storr," who, during the time he has occupied that position, has apparently endeared himself to the members, in fact so much so that occasion was taken of the present festival of presenting to our young but energetic brother a very handsome seven octave walnut pianoforte, description of which is as follows: Burwood fall, incised and gilt pannelled front with sconces, carved truss legs, iron front frame, trichord tenor and treble. The instrument is from the firm of (Bro. Weston, Mornington and Weston, Camden Town), at a cost of about 50 guineas.

Bro. W. M. STILES in making the presentation made some very genial and kind remarks regarding Bro. Storr, to whom he said they were much indebted for his zeal and energy. Nothing was a trouble to him; he was ever willing to do his best for the lodge. Recently he (Bro. Storr) had taken to himself a wife, and the members had deemed the present occasion a fitting opportunity to make him this present.

These remarks were received with great cheering, which was renewed on Bro. Stiles reading the following inscription which is engraved upon the instrument: "Presented to Bro. Edwin Storr, S.D. 167, by members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, on his marriage, and in appreciation of his valued services as Secretary."

Bro. Edwin Storr in the course of a most able reply, regretted that words failed him to adequately respond for the kind and very flattering manner in which the toast of his health had been received. It was indeed a red letter day for him when he entered the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction. Since his appointment as Secretary he had done his best for the lodge, but the great success which they had experienced was due, he thought, to each individual member. The handsome present he had received that evening had so completely taken him by surprise that he could hardly find words to express his thanks. He hoped that his scantiness of utterance would be taken, not as meaning that his gratitude was slight, but really as implying that his feeling of thankfulness was too great for words.

The remaining toasts were afterwards given and duly responded to, the brethren separating after having spent a most agreeable and enjoyable evening.

THE MORGAN MONUMENT.

The *New York Times* takes the following grotesque view of the anti-Masons, their Morgan monument, and the Fraternity of Freemasons:

To most people the fact of the existence of a "National Christian Association" was made known for the first time the other day, by the unveiling of a statue erected by the association in honour of one William Morgan. Judging from the names of those who took part in the edifying ceremony the National Christian Association consists chiefly of Blanchards, together with an occasional Taggart, but it is evidently an energetic and determined body of men, who

are resolved to save their country if they have to erect a dozen monuments.

At first sight it may seem rather odd that a National Christian Association should take pains to honour the memory of a drunken vagabond, whose one claim to fame lies in the fact that he either violated a dozen or more of the most solemn oaths or told a large collection of ingenious falsehoods. To add to the beauty and symmetry of his moral character, Mr. William Morgan always maintained that he violated his alleged oaths and betrayed the confidence of his associates from a sense of duty. He thus crowned his moral edifice with hypocrisy, and was as various and miscellaneous a rascal as our prolific country has produced. That such a man should have been honoured with a monument by an association of Christians would certainly be a very singular fact were it not that the National Christian Association is engaged in work of such tremendous importance that it cannot stop to enquire into the moral character of its great apostle and protomartyr.

From the proceedings at the unveiling of the Morgan monument at Batavia it appears that the National Christian Association has for its object the exposure and defeat of the horrid conspiracy against Christianity, morality, and free government, summarily comprehended under the name of Freemasonry. Mr. William Morgan was one of the first men who called the attention of Americans to the dangerous character of Freemasonry, and that either he or some one else was thereupon killed by Freemasons or other persons is, in the opinion of the National Christian Association, an undoubted fact.

Every one knows of the existence at the present day of Freemasonry, but had it not been for the National Christian Association few of us would have known what desperate and wicked men the Freemasons are. They are beyond any question the leading fiends of the nineteenth century and their practices are as abominable as their principles are infamous.

Hypocrisy is one of the invariable characteristics of the Freemason. It is this that enables him to wear the expression of innocence and dullness which one always notes in the faces of Freemasons when an entire lodge stands up to be photographed with its aprons and horse collars. The fat, amiable brother who wears his hat is apparently utterly incapable of murder and treason, and the rest of the brethren look as if they were on the point of singing hymns and giving five cents each to the missionary cause. Yet, thanks to the National Christian Association, we know that these men are the most skillful of hypocrites, for in spite of their smooth and innocent faces they are plotting the destruction of everything except their villainous Fraternity.

The Freemasons of the lower grades are sworn to bear eternal hatred to religion, morality, and order. In the secrecy of their lodge rooms they commit the most fearful crimes. They inveigle upright men into their lodges and then cut them into fine slices, and dispose of them to the manufacturers of canned provisions; and they take turns in reading selections from Talmage's sermons and Tupper's poetry. The Freemason who is a jurymen, always votes for the acquittal of a brother Freemason and the conviction of every prisoner who is not a Freemason. Contrary to the opinion entertained by many Protestants that the Jesuits are the instigators of every crime committed for the last century, the Freemasons are really the guilty parties. They brought about our civil war merely to gratify their thirst for blood, and the present Egyptian war is solely due to the hatred of Arabi, who is a leading Freemason, towards Gladstone, who has never joined the Fraternity.

The higher grade of Freemasonry, known as the Order of Knights Templar, is simply an armed and drilled force with which the Freemasons propose at the proper moment to seize upon the Government and establish a military despotism. These warriors present a most ferocious appearance. Clad in cocked hats, black coats and shoulder straps—the uniform worn by the original Templars in the time of the Crusaders—they march through our streets and fill the minds of the members of the National Christian Association with just alarm. It is now pretty well ascertained that prior to seizing the government of the country, the Templars intend to poison nine-tenths of their fellow citizens by putting arsenic in their beer, and thus rendering them incapable of resistance. It is with this purpose in view that the Templars have made themselves familiar with every beer saloon in the country, and have gained the confidence of every beer-seller. The proof that they have done this is simply overwhelming, and the act admits but one interpretation, provided we rigidly exclude all others.

Fortunately the National Christian Association is aware of the nature of Freemasonry, and will baffle with monuments the wicked schemes of the Freemasons. The unveiling of the Morgan monument has already stricken terror to the hosts of Freemasonry, and if the association will only erect a few more monuments and make a few more speeches the Freemasons will disband and throw themselves on the mercy of the National Christians.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

The *Citizen* of Saturday last contains the following: On the 24th of last month I wrote "Monopolies are repugnant. In public life the principle of shifting honours has been regarded as salutary. It can be no wonder then that one of the distinctions of Masonry is to be made subject to this condition. It has been thought that the Treasurership of Grand Lodge should not be held in perpetuity as a personal privilege, and to widen the interest in the Craft the proposal is to be made at the ensuing election that a successor should be found to Colonel Creaton. If the inheritance can be made to fall upon equally worthy shoulders the movement should be sufficiently supported to result in a marked success." On Wednesday at a meeting of Grand Lodge "the movement" duly exhibited itself, and the "worthy shoulders" upon which Colonel Creaton's mantle fell were those of Mr. J. D. Allcroft, who had previously notified in a friendly quarter that "he would regard it as a great honour if elected to the Grand Treasurership." The appointment was carried in a full lodge by an overwhelming majority, and as those who voted for it were largely influenced by the principle of the quoted paragraph—a principle subsequently supported by an excellent letter from the pen of Mr. N. B. Headon, I hope there will be no departure from it next year. The lodge will have to look in future for annual Treasurers, and may the members never have any less worthy than Colonel Creaton and Mr. J. D. Allcroft.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO BRO. DR. HUGHES OF LIVERPOOL.

On Friday evening, the 2nd inst., as Bro. Dr. Ambrose Cecil Hughes was returning home to dinner from his afternoon round in his gig a few hundred yards from his surgery the horse's legs got entangled with an iron hoop belonging to a child. The animal stumbled, and taking fright dashed forward at a great speed. It is supposed that Bro. Hughes stooped to gain possession of the reins, the groom having been thrown out of the gig, when he also was precipitated with considerable force on to the road, alighting on his head, and the wheels passed over his legs. He was taken home insensible, and Drs. Laimbeer and Evans were speedily in attendance upon him, and two hours later Dr. Carter was called in for consultation. For several hours Bro. Hughes's condition was such that only a partial examination was possible without serious danger. The body was quite cold and almost pulseless, being, in fact, in a state of collapse. It was not until a late hour that the patient recovered consciousness, and he spent a most restless night. His professional brethren were in almost constant attendance upon him; but, notwithstanding the greatest care and attention, he died on the Monday following, much regretted by all who knew him. Bro. Hughes was in his 60th year, and leaves a widow and six children. He was a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and also held the degree of M.D. He was also honorary physician to the Stanley Hospital, the Eastern Dispensary, and the Ear and Eye Institute. His remains were interred on Thursday, the 8th inst., in Anfield Park Cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends, professional and private, and amid tokens of regret and sorrow at the melancholy cause of his untimely death. The mourners included, besides members of the deceased's family and relatives, most of his late colleagues on the medical staff and members of the committee of Stanley Hospital, with which he was connected from its foundation, first as honorary surgeon and latterly as physician; members of the West Derby Board of Guardians, on which he sat for several years as one of the representatives of the township of Everton; members of the Royal Infirmary medical staff; representatives of the Constitutional Association, of which he was an ex-ward chairman, and many others who had been intimately acquainted with him. The cortege included five mourning coaches and a dozen or more private carriages.

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

On Tuesday last, the 13th inst., the annual general meeting of the friends and supporters of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W., his Grace the Duke of Northumberland, P.C., D.C.L., in the chair. The annual report stated that since the last annual meeting nine new lifeboats had been placed on the coasts of the British Isles, there being now 273 lifeboats under the management of the society. During the past years its lifeboats had saved 741 persons from wrecked vessels, nearly the whole of them under perilous circumstances. The storms of the past winter had been very violent and destructive to life and property, but happily the lifeboat men had performed on those occasions most gallant services. The lifeboats had also helped to rescue 23 vessels from destruction. For those services, and for saving 143 lives by fishing boats and other means, 11 silver medals and clasps, 19 votes of thanks inscribed on vellum, and £3134 had been granted. The number of lives saved since the establishment of the Institution, either by its lifeboats or by special exertions for which it had granted rewards, was 29,608. The Committee cordially acknowledged the continued co-operation of the Local Branch Committees and their Honorary Secretaries, and the coast guard, boatmen and fishermen. Many very liberal donations and legacies received during the past year were gratefully acknowledged. The total amount of the donations, subscriptions, and dividends received during that period had been £43,117, and the expenditure had amounted to £36,746. The items of receipt and expenditure were full detailed in the financial statement laid before the meeting, audited, as usual, by Mr. Lovelock, public accountant. The report concluded by stating that the organisation of the Institution was never more complete and active than at the present time; and thus the committee were prompted afresh, and with unshaken confidence, to appeal for continued and increasing support to an institution which, with God's blessing, had been, and is productive of such manifestly gratifying results in the cause of humanity, and whose work will ever be needed so long as British trade and commerce endure.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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BIRTHS.

CLARK.—On the 12th inst., at 2, Coningsly-villas, Rosendale-road, West Dulwich, the wife of Mr. Cecil E. Clark, of a daughter.

TIBBS.—On the 13th inst., at Lorina-villas, Leytonstone, Essex, the wife of Mr. Frederick Gregory Tibbs, of a daughter.

WILSON.—On the 11th inst., at 2, Pembury-villas, Tottenham, the wife of Mr. John Wilson, C.E., of a daughter.

WINDRAM.—On the 12th inst., at 9, German-place, Brighton, the wife of Mr. James Windram of Calcutta, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

TYLER—HEAD.—On the 13th inst., at the Craven-hill Congregational Church, Paddington, by the Rev. S. McAll, assisted by the Rev. D. M. Jenkins, the Rev. William Tyler, to Maria Jane, daughter of Mr. S. Head.

DEATHS.

HUGHES.—On the 5th inst., at Liverpool, the result of an accident, Bro. Dr. Hughes.

SHERBORNE.—On the 9th inst., at Sherborne-park, North-leach, Bro. Lord Sherborne, P.P.G.M. Gloucestershire, aged 78 years.

Obituary.

BRO. LORD SHERBORNE, PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

It is with very great regret we announce the death of R.W. Bro. Lord Sherborne, Past Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire. The sad event occurred on Friday week, at Sherborne Park, Northleach, his lordship at the time of his decease being in his seventy-ninth year. It is less than three years since that, owing to his advanced age, he laid aside the cares and responsibilities of office, and retired from all participation in the active concerns of Freemasonry, but the very prosperous condition of the Craft in the province he has ruled so well and wisely for little short of a quarter of a century sufficiently attests his worth as a ruler. His lordship was a Past Master of the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, having been elected to the chair in 1856, and a P.Z. of Unanimity Chapter, No. 82, Cheltenham, his election as First Principal belonging to the year 1860. His patent as Provincial Grand Master was conferred upon him by our then M.W. G.M. the late Earl of Zetland, and was dated 25th April, 1856, and four years later, on the 26th of the same month, he received his appointment of Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in the same province. After an honourable career in these capacities extending over twenty years, his lordship, as has been stated, resigned in consequence of advancing years, and has since lived in comparative retirement. As showing what our late noble brother did for the promotion of Freemasonry, we may state that of the fourteen lodges now on the roll of the Province of Gloucestershire, only five were constituted at the time of his accession to office, namely, Fountain Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, created originally as a London lodge in 1753, which, after migrating thence to Abingdon, Bucks, in 1807, finally settled down in its present quarters in 1817; the Royal Union, No. 246, also of Cheltenham, whither it removed in 1822, having previously been located at Cirencester, where it first met under an "Ancient" or "Atholl" warrant in 1813; Royal Faith and Friendship, No. 270, Berkeley—founded in the first instance in London in 1819, and known as the Country Stewards' Lodge—whither it removed to Berkeley in 1802; the Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Gloucester, constituted in 1844; and the Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592, Cirencester, dating from 1851. All the remaining nine lodges were constituted during Lord Sherborne's Prov. Grand Mastership, namely, the Sherborne Lodge, No. 702, in 1857; St. John's Lodge, No. 761, Dursley, 1858; Royal Gloucestershire, No. 839, Gloucester, 1860; Sympathy, No. 855, Wolton-under-Edge, and St. George's, No. 900, Tewkesbury, both warranted in 1861; the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 951, Stow-on-the-Wold, 1863; Zetland Lodge, No. 1005, Gloucester, 1864; the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn, No. 1865; Tyndall, No. 1363; and Chipping Sodbury, in 1871. The junior chapter of the province, the Royal Lebanon, No. 493, Gloucester, was likewise constituted under his rule in the year 1875. But it was not alone to the spread of Freemasonry by the creation of new lodges in his province that the late Lord Sherborne confined his attention. He was a zealous supporter of all three of our great Masonic Institutions, the Girls' School, of which his lordship was a Vice-President, appearing to have found the greatest favour in his eyes. Moreover, it was under his auspices that, in 1876, was established the "Masonic Charity Association of Gloucestershire," which, though it has enjoyed so brief an existence, has already rendered material assistance, both locally, in educating and advancing in life the children of distressed or deceased brethren of Gloucestershire, and generally, by the increased and increasing support which the province is able to afford to the great central charities. So honourable a record is worthy of recognition at any time, but especially now when the virtues of him who planned and carried it out are still fresh in our memory. In Lord Sherborne, Freemasonry, especially in Gloucestershire, has lost one of its most zealous and influential supporters, and the regret that will be felt at his decease will be none the less sincere and general because he has just passed away in the fulness of years and with all his Masonic honours thick upon him. His lordship was born in 1804, was twice married, and is succeeded in the title and estates by the Hon. Edward Lenox, born 1831, and now fourth Baron Sherborne.

BRO. ALDERMAN SIR THOMAS WHITE, KNT.

We also regret to announce that Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas Knight died suddenly from an apoplectic seizure on Thursday evening week. Our deceased brother was Alderman of Portsoken Ward, to which position he was elected by the suffrages of his fellow citizens in 1871. He had served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex and was Lord Mayor of London in 1876-77. We may judge of the respect in which the late Alderman was held as a citizen and magistrate from the fact that, in 1879, some of his brethren of the mystic tie petitioned for and obtained a warrant for a new lodge, which they named in his honour, the Sir Thomas White Lodge, which stands No. 1820 on the roll of our Grand Lodge. And even without such honourable testimony, we need only turn to the reports of the latest meeting of the Court of Aldermen when, on the proposition of Alderman Finnis, seconded by Sir Robert Carden, a vote of condolence with the family of their deceased brother magistrate was passed unanimously, Sir Robert Carden remarked that he felt the task of seconding the motion was the more painful, because, only the evening before Alderman White's death, he (Sir Robert) had sat opposite to him at dinner at the Mansion House in apparently his usual state of health.

BRO. JAMES RANKIN.

The mortal remains of the late Bro. James Rankin, attached to the Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, who resided at 29, St. James's-place, Liverpool, were interred on Monday afternoon, the 5th inst., at St. James's Cemetery, in that city, amid tokens of deep and general regret. Until the time of his death, which took place on Thursday, the 1st inst., Bro. Rankin held a responsible position under the firm of Messrs. Clover, Clayton, and Co., shipbuilders, of Birkenhead, and in the social circle in which he moved he was very highly esteemed. The funeral partook somewhat of a public character, among the mourners being members of public bodies, representatives of institutions with which the deceased was connected, together with members of the firm in whose employ he had been some 40 years, and a number of workmen. The cortège left the late residence

of the deceased at half-past two in the following order: On each side of the hearse walked the foremen of Messrs. Clover, Clayton, and Co.; then six carriages containing—first, Messrs. Herbert and Wm. Rankin (sons of the deceased), R. Drysdale, and Bro. the Rev. C. O'Reiley (of St. Mark's, of which church the deceased brother was a sidesman); second, Messrs. George R. Clover, C. Clover, and the Rev. J. Shaw; third, Messrs. R. Bilsbrough, W. Beynon, J. Rankin, and W. T. Bilsbrough; fourth, Messrs. James Rankin, jun., D. Beynon, W. Beynon, jun., and F. Gillett (brother-in-law of the deceased). Next walked a number of Freemasons representing Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, among them being Bro. E. Paul, W.M., and Ancient Briton Lodge, No. 1675. The following members of the Aigburth Bowling Club, of which Bro. Rankin was an ex-President, were next in order: Messrs. Porter (President), Caldecutt, Shepherd, Beynon, Houghton, R. Jones, Jas. Jones, B. Davies, T. Robertson, Drysdale, L. Hughes, E. Ashort, Strefford, and S. Turner (Secretary). Among other friends who followed in the procession were Bros. J. Lees, C. Titley, J. Hughes, I. W. Robinson, T. Chadwick, C. Costegan, B. Marson, H. Crowther, J. Bell, E. Ibbis (Bootle), J. Huxley, J. I. Knight, A. Stirzaker, Beaumont, and G. Clark. There were also deputations from the Shipwrights' and other associations. Bringing up the cortège were the general body of shipwrights and others. Several hundreds of people assembled at the cemetery to witness the funeral ceremony, which was performed by Bro. the Rev. C. O'Reiley, assisted by the Rev. J. Shaw. Deceased was buried in the Church of England portion of the ground. The coffin was literally covered with wreaths of flowers, which were contributed by the shipsmiths, joiners, labourers, and others in the employment of Messrs. Clover, and other friends of the deceased.

BRO. G. GREEN.

The funeral of Bro. G. Green, connected with Liverpool Masonry for many years, who died at 38, Bowring-street, in that city, last week, took place with Masonic honours on Wednesday, the 7th inst., in the Church of England portion of Smithdown-road Cemetery. The deceased was one of the oldest members of the Toxteth Lodge, 1356, and a number of his brethren of the Craft attended the funeral to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead. The lodge was represented by Bros. J. Keet, I.P.M.; J. Ashley, Sec.; J. Neill, and T. Morris, and among members of other lodges present were Bros. Dr. Griffiths, J. R. Bottomley, P.M. 1675; H. Mercer, H. Formby, G. E. Hanmer, and J. Lowsby. In addition there were also present Messrs. J. Jones, J. Long, and Higginson, representing the Royal Everton Lodge of Orangemen, 108, of which deceased was the late treasurer; and Mr. W. Lloyd, secretary of a local club with which also deceased was connected. The deceased's Masonic apron was placed upon the coffin as it was borne from the chapel to the grave side. The chief mourners were the sons and daughters of the deceased. The burial service was performed by the Rev. R. Solomon, Curate of St. Matthews.

A COMPLIMENT TO BRO. GANZ, GRAND ORGANIST.

At a meeting of the British Chapter, No. 8, held at the Freemasons' Hall on Friday last, Comp. J. A. Bloxam, F.R.C.S.E., in the chair, Comp. John Messent, G.S.B., in the absence of Comp. Richardson, drew attention to the fact that Comp. Wilhelm Ganz, Grand Organist, had that day attained his 25th year of membership of the chapter, and moved a resolution, which was unanimously carried, the terms of which were as follows: "Resolved that the members of the British Chapter beg to offer to Comp. Wilhelm Ganz their congratulations on the completion of this, his 25th year of membership, and to offer him their acknowledgments for the pleasure he has afforded them by the exercise of his talent in an art in which he has attained such perfection, and also to express their sincere hope that he may long be spared to continue on the chapter roll." At the banquet, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.P.S., in returning thanks for the Grand Officers alluded to the above event and in proposing "The Health of the Grand Organist" said that a few of his friends in the chapter had determined to commemorate the event of his 25th year of membership by presenting him with a silver mounted baton. Bro. Ganz, who had not been in chapter, expressed his acknowledgments in suitable terms, adding the hope that he might be spared a further period of 25 years and to continue a member of the chapter in which he had spent so many happy hours.



Miss Marion Terry we much regret to say is still unwell. Her place is being filled by Miss Ruth Francis in "Comrades."

The new burlesque at the Gaiety, so well received, will be noticed in these columns in another issue, but we can in the meanwhile strongly recommend it.

The "Miracle," by Mr. Howell Poole, will be the title of a new and original drama to be produced on Easter Monday at the Surrey.

"The Rivals" at the Vaudeville has passed its 100th consecutive performance and still shows no signs of flagging. It will give way shortly for the new piece.

At a provincial theatre a young woman was so convulsed with laughter at witnessing "The Lights of London" that she dislocated her jaw. A great compliment to the actors.

The title of the new comic opera for the Strand is "Cymbia." It is by Mr. Joseph Williams, the words by Mr. Harry Paulton. It will be duly noticed in these columns. The present run ends on Saturday next.

Bro. Hollingshead, with Mr. Gunn, having taken over the Avenue Theatre, will bring out a new opera, "Belle Lurette," on the 24th inst. Another opera is ready to follow this. No change in the cast will be made by the new lessees.

"The Silver King" at the Princess's reached its 100th night on Thursday. Mr. Wilson Barrett is to be congratulated, as are the authors, Messrs. Hermann and Jones, on the healthy change they have introduced into sensational drama.

Bro. Lionel Brough was unable, owing to an attack of bronchitis, to appear at Bro. Hill's benefit on Wednesday week, nor at the Comedy in the evening. His place at the latter house was taken with great ability by Mr. Louis Kelleher.

It is said "Les Cloches de Corneville" will be reproduced at the Novelty on Easter Monday. Mr. John Glover will conduct the music. We hope it will be put on with a good cast and that this new house may not shut again so shortly after opening.

Mr. Pinero's new play for the Court will be produced next Saturday, the 24th. "The Chaplain of the Fleet" will be brought out later on, Mr. Boucicault, junr., having gone to America to join his father. "Comrades" is to be withdrawn to-morrow (Saturday) night at the Court.

Mr. Maddison Morton (who is now of the Carthusian brethren lodged in the Charterhouse) is the author of the old farce reproduced by Bro. Toole last Saturday. In "My Wife's Second Floor" Bro. Toole as Jacob Close is tremendously amusing, and with the aid of Mr. Billington and Miss Linden a capital addition to the programme has been made.

The current month of "The Theatre," containing portraits of Bro. Bancroft and Miss Winifred Emery, is keeping up the new line it has taken up since the beginning of the year. There is much matter of interest, not the least of which is the biography of Bro. Bancroft and the touching poem by Mr. Clement Scott on the recent rescue by two women of a shipwrecked crew at the Mumbles, Swansea.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will attend the Lyceum on the 14th June, when a morning performance will be organised by the leading theatrical managers in aid of the Royal College of Music. We think this a graceful compliment to H.R.H., who is such a generous patron of the stage. One good turn deserves another. The theatrical profession will show what they can do to forward the Prince's pet scheme.

Mr. Gilbert Farquhar, son of the eminent baronet, a partner in the celebrated banking house of Herries, has received an engagement in London for next season. He has but just made his debut on the stage. It would seem that those belonging to the aristocracy and adopt the stage start with more advantage than an ordinary person. Lady Strangford has written to Mr. Farquhar thanking him for the money derived from his performance at the Gaiety on 31st January in aid of the hospital at Cairo.

Miss Kate Santley re-opens the Royalty on Easter Monday (probably) with "The Merry Duchess." No pains will be spared to make it a success. Being Bro. Sims's first comic opera, it is naturally looked forward to with much interest. Mr. Fred Clay is the composer. The Royalty will be found to be almost rebuilt and much improved. At Easter there will be plenty of work for the critics and plenty for the play-going public to see. The last few weeks have been dull, many theatres are closed. Her Majesty's, the Imperial, and Opera Comique are announced to reopen.

On Saturday afternoon before the closing of the pantomime season at Drury Lane, Bro. Augustus Harris was presented with a wreath, as was also Miss Kate Lanner, the instructress of the children who had taken a prominent part in some of the dances. It had been resolved to present Bro. Harris with a testimonial, but he suggested that the best form it should take would not be a personal one, therefore the children of the pantomime were entertained at a grand tea, over which the Rector of St. Clement's Danes, the Rev. J. Lindsay, in whose parish the theatre is situated, presided, and much gratified the juvenile actors and actresses seemed.

An organised effort is being made on behalf of Mr. Royce who was stricken down with paralysis a year ago and has never been able to resume his duties. He got somewhat better and we believe rehearsed a part but was again laid aside. To show the practical charity of the theatrical profession, it is we believe no secret that Bro. Hollingshead has been paying Mr. Royce his full salary amounting to £800 a year since his illness. Mr. Royce has gained favour with the London public since his appearance at St. James's theatre, but it is at the Gaiety where he is so much regretted. Now is the opportunity for those who have derived amusement from his talents to assist the fund.

Mr. Hamilton Aidée's new comedy will be produced to-morrow (Saturday) at the Olympic as a matinée. It is called "A Great Catch." Messrs. W. H. Vernon, Beerbohm Tree, David Fisher, Capes, and Blatchley, Mrs. Leigh Murray, Miss Lucy Buckstone, Miss Ewell, Miss Hastings, and Miss Genevieve Ward will be the representatives of the characters. The performance is for the Dramatic School of Art, in which Miss Ward has shown much interest, having admitted the school in parties of 10 to see "Forget-me-Not." The school is now well established and well backed up by the heads of the profession. We are glad to see Mr. Beerbohm Tree in the cast of this new piece. He has made rapid strides in his profession, being a Frenchman, and seems to have overcome all the difficulties of language. He has been but a few years before the public.



Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and had the honour of being included in Her Majesty's dinner party.

H.R.H. the Duke of Albany was present at a special meeting, on Saturday last, of the trustees of the British Museum.

Admiral Lord Alcester reached Windsor Castle on Saturday afternoon on his return from the Mediterranean, and had the honour of kissing hands on being created a peer. His lordship dined and slept at the Castle and returned to town on Monday for the purpose of taking his seat at the Board of Admiralty.

Bro. Richardson - Gardner, M.P., and Mrs. Richardson-Gardner are now on a tour among the principal cities in Spain, their object being to inspect the different institutions established in that country for the care of the blind.

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie, in company with other members of the Royal Commission on Reformatories and Industrial Schools, visited some of the institutions of that character in Liverpool and the neighbourhood on the 8th inst. On Friday they were engaged in taking evidence, and on Saturday they completed their round of visits.

Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., was among those present at the launch in Earle's Shipbuilding Yard, Hull, of a twin-screw steamer named the Norwich, and which has been built for the service of the Great Eastern Railway Company between Harwich and Antwerp.

Saturday last was the 20th anniversary of the marriage of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the auspicious event was celebrated with the customary honours at Windsor and Sandringham and in London.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ashton Dilke, lately Member of Parliament for Newcastle-on-Tyne, and brother of Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P.

Bros. Earl Granville, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Earl of Kimberley, the Right Hon. J. G. Dodson, M.P., and Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., were present at the Cabinet Council held on Saturday last in Mr. Gladstone's private room in the House of Commons.

The members of the Royal Academy will hold a meeting on Thursday, the 29th inst., in order to elect a successor to Mr. C. W. Cope, R.A., who has resigned and accepted the position of a retired Royal Academician.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who are travelling incognito under the title of the Earl and Countess of Sussex, arrived at Florence on Friday evening last, and alighted at the Hotel Royal de l'Arno.

Her Majesty, who is Patroness of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, has recently forwarded, through General Ponsonby, her annual subscription to its funds of £50.

Bro. the Marquis of Tweeddale presided on Saturday evening last at a meeting of the members and friends of the Working Men's College, Great Ormond-street. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Pender, M.P., read a paper, entitled "An Autumn Holiday in the United States."

Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., will preside at the annual election of inmates of the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, April 26th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been appointed a Field Marshal in the Prussian army, the bâton of his rank having been handed to His Royal Highness in person by the Emperor William of Germany.

It is stated that the families of Bros. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M. Cambridgeshire, and Lord Alington of Wimborne, Dorsetshire, are about to be connected by the marriage of the Hon. Humphrey Sturt, only son of the latter, with the Lady Feodore Yorke, only daughter of the former.

At the Court of Aldermen held on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, a vote of condolence with the family of our late Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas White was proposed by Alderman Finnis and seconded by Alderman Sir Robert Carden, the latter remarking that though a similar duty had devolved on him on many previous occasions, he had never experienced so much pain as in this instance, as he had sat opposite to his deceased brother Alderman at dinner at the Mansion House only on the evening previous to his death. It goes without saying that the vote was passed unanimously.

A meeting was held on Saturday last at the United Service Institution for the purpose of considering the unsatisfactory condition of the British cemeteries in the Crimea, with a view to putting them in better condition and preventing further desecration. The Commander-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, occupied the chair. Among those present were H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who advocated the collection of the remains of our gallant soldiers in a mausoleum, and Bros. Lord Wolseley, Sir Henry Keppel, Admiral of the Fleet; and Colonel Stanley, M.P., ex-Secretary of State for War. Letters of sympathy and regret at their inability to attend were read from, amongst others, Bros. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., and Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P.

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The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at some amateur theatricals given by the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, at Chelsea Barracks on Tuesday evening.

Bros. the Hon. F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., and Right Hon. J. G. Dodson, M.P., were among the guests at the dinner given by the Duke of Bedford on Tuesday evening.

The Queen and the Princess Beatrice, attended by the usual suite, arrived at Buckingham Palace from Windsor on Monday. In the evening Her Majesty's dinner party included the Duke of Albany, the Marquis of Hertford, Bro. Lord Methuen, P.G.M., Wiltshire, and Lord Alcester, G.C.B.

The funeral of our late Bro. W. G. Harrison, O.C., Grand Senior Deacon of England, took place at Highgate cemetery on Saturday morning last, in the presence of a numerous gathering of his friends and brethren of the long robe.

The late Lord Sherborne, Past Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, was buried at Sherborne on Wednesday. The great bell of Gloucester Cathedral was tolled and a muffled peal was rung out of respect to the memory of our deceased brother.

On Monday, by command of Her Majesty, a levée was held by the Prince of Wales at St. James's Palace. Amongst the officers of state in attendance on His Royal Highness were Bros. the Earl of Breadalbane, Treasurer of the Household, Lord Kensington, M.P., Comptroller of the Household; the Earl of Cork, K.P., Master of the Buckhounds; Lord Methuen, Lord in Waiting; and the Marquis of Hamilton, Lord of the Bed Chamber in Waiting to the Prince of Wales.

The Borough of Portsmouth Freemasons' Club have issued their balance-sheet for the past year, and the members are to be congratulated on the progress made and the position it is now in. Arrangements are now made with the Press Association for a regular supply of telegrams after six o'clock in the evening, the time the club is mostly used. The Masonic Charity Fund in connection with the club has given twenty-five guineas during the year to Masonic Charities. The annual dinner will be held at the club on Monday next. On the 1st Jan., 1882, the cash balance was £263 6s. 3d., and on the 31st December last it was £400 18s. 2d.

The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, has consented to preside at the anniversary festival of the United Kingdom Railway Officers' and Servants' Association and Railway Orphan Fund on Wednesday, the 11th of April next.

The Great City Lodge met on Saturday, the 10th inst., and it being the anniversary of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's wedding day, a telegram was forwarded as follows: "To H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., Marlborough House. Hearty congratulations of the lodge on the 20th anniversary of your wedding day." To which the following reply was promptly received: "From the Prince of Wales to the Great City Lodge. Thank you very much for your congratulations."

We call attention to an announcement elsewhere relative to Bro. Professor Ramaccini. We understand that both foreign and American newspapers speak very highly of his artistic acquirements and we believe he is not altogether unknown to some of our London brethren.

Bro. Edgar Bowyer, W.M. of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1064, and P.P.S.G.W. Herts, and Mrs. Bowyer, celebrated their silver wedding on the 8th inst., by entertaining a large circle of friends at dinner at the Freemasons' Tavern, followed by a ball.

In our report of Grand Lodge proceedings last week we stated that the Neptune Lodge was represented by Bros. P. M. Britten and Storr. We learn that the W.M., Bro. Povey, and the J. W., Bro. R. W. Couleter, were also present. As we are desirous on future occasions of printing a list of those brethren who represent their respective lodges at the Quarterly Communications, we fraternally invite our readers to aid us by sending in their names to the *Freemason* office.

The Raglan Hotel, St. Martin's-le-Grand, has been purchased by Bro. Thomas Benskin, of the Castle and Falcon Hotel, which is situated next door. This arrangement will increase the present facilities of each establishment considerably.

The Prince of Wales occupied the chair on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the dinner given by the Marlborough Club to Admiral Lord Alcester, G.C.B., on his return from Egypt.

On the motion of the Prince of Wales, it was resolved on Monday, at a meeting of the committee for erecting a suitable memorial to the late Mr. Street, R.A., to approve of the design submitted by Mr. Armstead, R.A., and the committee were authorised to carry it out, subject to such modifications in the pedestal as may be deemed advisable.

Baron H. de Worms, M.P., presided at a monthly meeting of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association on Sunday, at which the business transacted included the appointment of a committee, among whom are Mr. I. Seligman, Mr. E. J. Emanuel, and Mr. Ellis A. Franklin, to formulate a scheme to improve the financial position of the association.

We regret to hear that Bro. George Sims, of Aldersgate-street, has been compelled, by reason of the weak state of his health, to leave London for the Riviera.

Bros. Earl Percy, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland, Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., Hon. F. Leveson-Gower, M.P., and Sir John Mowbray were present at the Speaker's third Parliamentary full dress dinner on Wednesday.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of Advanced Years.—The grand climacteric being passed, mankind passes to old age. Then the digestion becomes impaired, the nervous system grows feeble, and the physical powers become enervated. Now arise congestion of the liver, lungs, or head, followed by dropsy, asthma, or apoplexy, which frequently afflict and often destroy the aged. As the liver usually becomes torpid, its activity may speedily be revived by rubbing Holloway's Ointment thoroughly over the pit of the stomach and right side, at least twice a day, and taking the Pills at the same time. This treatment also disperses all other congestions by varying the parts rubbed according to the situations of the mischief.—[ADVT.]

The Oxford and Cambridge boat-race was rowed on Thursday afternoon from Putney to Mortlake, in the presence of an immense number of spectators, Oxford being the winner.

The consecration of the Stirling Lodge, No. 1089, will take place at the Market Hall, Cleator Moor, on Wednesday next. Bro. J. J. Robinson, 1267, P.M. 872, P.P.G.T., is the W.M. designate, and the ceremony will be performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes.

The Consecration of the St. Michael's Chapter, No. 1273, took place at Sittingbourne, on Thursday, the 15th inst. We shall give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

The Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Marlborough, the Marchioness of Bath, the Countess of Cork, Mrs. G. O. Trevelyan, and other ladies have offered to lend some valuable specimens of Irish lace for the Irish Lace Exhibition to be held in the latter end of June. Bro. the Lord Mayor is President of the Committee, and Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, Vice-President.

At the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square, the number of patients under treatment for the week was 870.

The Lady Mayoress has consented to have her name added to the list of patronesses of the forthcoming fancy dress ball which is to take place at Willis's Rooms, on the 26th of April next, in aid of the funds of the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Paralysis, Soho-square.

Bro. F. B. Chatterton, late lessee of Drury Lane Theatre, recited "A Christmas Carol" and "The Trial from Pickwick," in the banquet-room of St. James's Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Chatterton was very cordially received, and if these recitals are approved, intends permanently adopting the profession of a public reader.

Bro. Sir John Bennett on Tuesday night lectured on the House of Lords before the members of the Hastings Junior Liberal Club.

Bro. Lord Carlisle, Lord Bramwell, and Mr. Mundella, M.P., the Arbitrators appointed to consider whether the proposed college for South Wales should be at Cardiff or Swansea, have decided in favour of the former.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided on Wednesday evening at a meeting in the Guildhall of the National Temperance League, his lordship frankly acknowledging he was not and never intended to be a total abstainer, but stating at the same time that he fully sympathised with whatever was done to promote the cause of sobriety. Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., was also present and took part in the proceedings.

Bro. Captain Bedford Pim, R.N., has resigned his position as Prime Minister of the Sydenham and Forest-hill House of Commons. The resignation was brought about by a Bill which he introduced with reference to corrupt practices at elections. The Ministry go with him, and Mr. Corner has undertaken the formation of a Liberal Ministry. The "House" consists of upwards of 700 members, and the Lord Mayor is one of them.

Bro. H. Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, desires us to state that the first regular meeting of this highly prosperous summer lodge will be held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on the 24th inst., at 3.30 p.m., under the rule of Bro. Charles C. Cruikshanks, W.M.

We are requested to announce that the meetings of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, on Monday evenings will in future be held at the Railway Tavern, adjoining Fenchurch-street railway station. Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. 1607 and 174, is the esteemed Preceptor, and Bro. H. J. Cant, the Hon. Secretary, both of whom offer a cordial welcome to the brethren.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley has consented to preside to-morrow (Saturday) at Freemasons' Tavern at the Centenary Festival of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick, which clothes, educates, and partly feeds some 450 of the poorest children in London. As the school buildings stand in need of extensive repairs, there is of course a proportionately urgent need for liberal subscriptions in order to defray the cost, and we trust the influence and advocacy of the gallant general will be successful in securing a large measure of support for this excellent institution, the more especially as the anniversary of the school is coincident in point of time with the anniversary of the saint to whose honour it is dedicated.

Mr. J. G. Chambers who, though he had been ill for a long time past, died somewhat unexpectedly at the beginning of last week, was buried in Brompton Cemetery on Thursday, the 8th inst., a large number of friends being present in order to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. Mr. Chambers, who was a conspicuous figure in athletic and aquatic circles, and was known also as editor of *Land and Water* and proprietor of Lillie Bridge Grounds, was educated at Eton and afterwards at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was a fine oarsman, having rowed two years running for his university, and having some years later played the part of coach to the light blues and taught them how to achieve the victory. He was moreover a good athlete, and one who did his utmost to encourage every kind of sport for the honour of the thing and not for any profit that might be made out of it. He was the determined enemy of anything that had about it the semblance of chicanery, and as a consequence there was no one who was more generally respected by genuine sportsmen. His loss will be felt not only by his relatives, friends, and intimate acquaintances, but likewise by the athletic world generally, for whom at Lillie Bridge he had worked so hard and achieved so much.

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