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THE results of Masonic Charity in respect of our great Metropolitan Institutions for 1883 become very remarkable facts in themselves and deserve a little more consideration than a brief paragraph in the *Freemason* can necessarily supply. Yet we must remark, in dealing with the subject-matter, that these results, large as they seem to be, when summed up only represent, as we lately observed, a portion of English Masonic Benevolence. The £56,000 odd only concern the three great Charities which Masonic zeal has founded and Masonic beneficence has augmented and developed in wonderful measure. Indeed they form alike a very wonderful reality, a gratifying recollection, these Masonic Charities of ours, when we come to look into them, to measure out their work, to analyze their returns, and to realize their balance sheets. Assuming that there are 100,000 Freemasons in England,—of what other Society can it be alleged of similar numbers, that they are raising the amount which English Freemasons collect and devote to the support of these three Charities? If the whole of Masonic Charity in England and Wales was totalled up, it would we apprehend fall not far short of £100,000 annually—a pound per head. For we have to add to the amount raised for our great Charities, our Lodge of Benevolence Grants, our Provincial Votes, our Private Lodge Votes, our Provincial and Colonial Masonic Charities, and those many ways in which annually Masonic beneficence is intensified and exhibited. And be it remembered Freemasons give in other ways. As members of religious denominations, as citizens of their country, as part and parcel of Society, they are influenced and attracted by those countless appeals for objects of utility, improvement, education, and philanthropy which throng around us in the age in which we live, and which as humanitarians we cannot afford to disregard, which as sensible general beings we cannot affect to undervalue or overlook. The Metropolitan Charities themselves are now most remarkable realities. Originally small and unpretending in themselves they have become by gradual growth in their several spheres and relative importance great institutions, an exact parallel to which it is very hard to find whether at home or abroad. Take the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to begin with. We are now granting to 172 Aged Masons £40 annually, in all £6880, and to 167 Widows of Freemasons £32, each equivalent to £5344 annually, making a total of £12,224 in annuities. And this number of annuitants and this amount of annuities will in all probability ere long be sensibly increased, so many are the claimants, so pressing the need. In order to render such payments possible the Craft has to raise for this useful charity at least £10,000 annually. The Boys' School is now educating and caring for fully 221 Boys, and is now seeking to build and organize a Junior School to hold from 50 to 100 boys, in all about 320. Its funded property is small, though slowly augmenting year by year, and it requires at least £12,000 annually to keep it in full efficiency. When the Junior School is completed it will require at least £16,000 annually. No doubt the large amount of 1883 may be ascribed to the "double voting," but we understand from Bro. BINCKES that the General Fund has *not* suffered, as some feared. The Girls' School has received 12,650 in 1883. It is now taking care of 237 girls, and we hope that that number will soon be raised to 250. It requires about £9000 a year to maintain it in full efficiency. This last year is the largest amount ever yet attained for the Metropolitan Charities, the next year to it being 1880, when £49,763 were raised. And when we cast our eyes back, or let our memories run say 20 years, we find that £5000 among the three Charities was considered then a "noble return." Thus times change and we change with them. New wants, new claims arise, new supplies are found, new energies are unfolded. As Freemasons we may be proud of our Charities, and

prouder still of that Masonic zeal and liberality which render them so "thorough," and maintain them in such enviable vitality and such admirable efficiency.

BUT do not let any of us think that because much is done, and well done, and nobly done, year by year, nothing now remains to be effected. Never would be a greater mistake. Despite the munificent gifts of a few, and the praiseworthy sacrifices of many, some lodges and chapters and brethren there still are *who have done nothing as yet for the Charities*. With 1884 let such an anomaly be obliterated, such a blot removed, from our Masonic life and professions. Where lodges and chapters are too young or too poor to make availing grants from their funds, let their members subscribe among themselves, say five shillings each, or half-a-crown each, and let the amount be sent up by the Worshipful Master or First Principal, and the votes secured to the chair. Let them persevere until more prosperous times, and then let them make a befitting grant. It will be a satisfaction to all to remember that they have contributed their "mite" even to the support of Charities so important to their Order, so valuable and useful to themselves, and so consonant with, and expressive of, the general tenets and principles of Freemasonry.

THERE is one great fact connected with our Charities,—that they are both wisely and economically administered, and that the actual and immediate results from them are remarkable and significant, a fact which we should never undervalue or lose sight of. For this is a matter for much satisfaction and, we may add, pride to us all alike. There are, as we all know, "charities and charities;" but having looked into the matter closely and fully, we have no hesitation in saying that our Charities can favourably compare, in all particulars, with the best managed, and the most economically conducted of those Charities which shed such a lustre on our metropolis and people. There are cases, let us bear in mind, where even virtues become vices; where prudence degenerates into paltriness, and economy is simply "cheeseparing." Our Charities are administered on the soundest of all principles, whether as regards annuitants or pupils, to make them happy and comfortable, and not unnecessarily to expend funds destined for charity, except for purposes which are absolutely requisite to uphold the integrity, or advance the efficiency of the Institutions. It is always so easy to find fault, to make broad allegations, to advance hasty and sweeping statements; but no one who has had any experience in the management of our Charities but must feel persuaded that they are ably, faithfully, and honestly administered. We might say a good deal more on this subject, but we forbear. If ever the time comes, we shall be prepared to show convincingly that our Charities stand most favourably as regards all other Charities; while their peculiar characteristics and exceptional claims render their economy and administration *all* that the subscribers could wish for or demand.

IT seems that the Grand Orient of France is about to address itself to all the Jurisdictions *not* now in official relationship with it. This proposed letter is to be based on certain "Ideas," as expressed by Bro. DU HAMEL, and which appear in another portion of our paper. Whether or not this little outcome of Masonic sentiment, may we not say "gush"? will have the effect hoped for, we think at present better not to express an opinion. We must all be struck with the tone of calm complacency which pervades Bro. DU HAMEL's words, an optimism which is certainly much to be admired. Whether such a circular is likely to affect disapproving Jurisdictions, after certain recent "faits accomplis," we must leave to Time, which elucidates all things, and wiser heads than ours to demonstrate and determine.

WE trust that the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will have a goodly gathering on February 26th, and that the Stewards will be able to present very satisfactory returns. Under the able presidency of our worthy Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. ALLCROFT, and with an energetic Board of Stewards, of which the President is Bro. H. B. MARSHALL, we shall not doubt to hear of another signal success. There is not one of our Institutions which has a truer or more abiding claim on the sympathies of our always benevolent Craft, and we feel sure that the appeal for their large-hearted support will not be made to them by Bro. JAMES TERRY in vain.

FRENCH IDEAS OF THE SITUATION.

The address of the Grand Orient of France, which we refer to in our leader columns, to those Jurisdictions still withholding recognition, will be based upon the following "ideas," as set forth by Bro. Du Hamel, one of the Grand Secretaries:

"All the Freemasonries of the world possess the characteristics which are peculiar to themselves, according to their country, their habits, their national temperament. Their general aspirations and tempers, their historical traditions and sociological circumstances produce an infinite diversity of aspects, which in no way excludes unity nor even homogeneity. It is only to the view of the superficial or prejudiced observer that our great family appears heterogeneous or disunited. The community of sentiments uniting all the children of the widow, whatever nationality or race they belong to, is assured by so many facts that it is useless to insist upon them to prove the assertion anew. Notwithstanding the coldness and even the momentary cessation of the official relations among the different obediences dividing the government of Masons, the brethren of all the obediences have continued often to receive each other, and welcome each other with the demonstration of a warm Masonic sympathy. It is thus that in our lodges we open widely our arms and our hearts to all regular Masons without troubling ourselves in any measure concerning the state of our official relations with the obediences they belong to.

"It is in the same way, let us recognize it warmly, that abroad French Masons are welcomed in the most friendly manner, and it is the very honour of our sublime Institution that our disagreements may sometimes divide our minds, without ever penetrating to the bottom of our hearts. How could our understandings on the surface of the whole world, at the same hour on some decided question, find themselves in complete unison? For this, one of those currents of opinion would be necessary of a supernatural's power, such as the history of humanity offers us as yet no example. By an admirable chain of union we are perhaps destined to serve as the "conductors" of the grand thoughts which move the conscience, and by our slow, patient, resolute, and continuous labours in the bosom of our temples, to elaborate those admirable "formulæ," which, born yesterday in the mind of the thinker, become to-morrow the patrimony of our entire humanity. The sentiment of fraternity, before which all the Masons of all obediences bow with respect, is it not the temporal, and yet indissoluble, link which forms this chain of union?

"As we place ourselves on this ground, as we appeal to this sentiment so deeply rooted in the hearts of all those who have the honour to labour upon the columns of the Temple of Hiram, we are certain of being understood. Leaving on one side for the moment all that can divide us, all that could shock some respectable convictions, or even inveterate prejudices, let us seek to dissipate all misunderstandings. When we are known it will be impossible to refuse to us the esteem to which we have a claim, and acknowledge the Masonic loyalty of our intentions."

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. BOTOLPH'S LODGE, No. 2020.

This new lodge for the City of London was consecrated on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. A. J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, as S.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Surrey, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Grand Std. Br., as I.G. The full list of brethren who attended, in addition to those already named, includes

Bros. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman R. N. Fowler, G.S.W. Wilts; Sir Francis W. Truscott, P.G.W.; John Derby Allcroft, G. Treas.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks.; Rev. Canon Townshend, G. Chap. Nova Scotia; R. H. Giraud, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., G.S.D.; Frank Green, G.J.D.; J. H. Devonshire, G.J.D.; Lieut.-Col. Jas. Peters, G.S.B.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; T. Dolling Bolton, D.G.D.C.; Bradshaw Brown, P.G.S., W.M. No. 1; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Alderman John Staples, H. H. Wells, Henry S. Legg, George Kenning, P.M. 192, 1657, P.G.D. Middx.; P. Saillard, Benjamin Norman, J. W. Benskin, Thomas Murray James, John Crawford, No. 1; R. M. Bishop, S.W. No. 1; Alfred Brookman, No. 1, P.M. 1657; Edward Anderson, J.D. 1657; Thomas Minstrell, 87, W.M. 1923; John L. Mather, P.P.G.D.C. Herts; Robert Cross, M.D., P.M. 193; G. P. Festa, P.M. 1900; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., W.M. 1503; Ernest J. Husey, 1691; Samuel Benton, W.M. 1657; G. N. Johnson, P.M. No. 1; Arthur B. Hudson, 1657; Thomas R. Webb, 1657, 901; E. Y. Jolliffe, J.W. 1657; E. W. Stillwell, No. 1; A. Greatrex, P.M. 22; Geo. Vickery, Alfred Thos. Layton, P.M. 181; B. Turner, P.M. 1323; Nelson Reed, P.M. 1572; Charles A. Legg, 902; Henry Ashton, 1929; Frederick Bevan, 1706; Albert James, 1706; James Kift, 1791; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; H. J. Rustomjee, P.M. 485 S.C.; Fredk. Crockford, P.M. 515, P.P.G.R. Malta; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1923 (Freemason).

After the lodge had been formally opened,

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE said that the M.W.G.M. had given effect to the prayer of a petition presented to him, and had granted a warrant for the St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, notwithstanding that there was the large number of 330 lodges in the London district. There were always cases which made an exception, and this lodge made an exception to the Grand Master's present rule to limit the number of warrants. It had been shown that this lodge would be for the good of Freemasonry, and therefore the Grand Master had granted it.

The Rev. C. W. ARNOLD then delivered the following oration: It is very difficult to ascertain at what period of the world's history Freemasonry originated. Our traditional history assigns it to the time of the building of the Temple, but the latest researches seem to have discovered traces of its existence at a far earlier period, and it appears probable that in very remote times guilds of Masons were established by whom, as architecture advanced, the secrets of the art were carefully guarded and transmitted from one generation to another, and who took care that the purity of the style and the genuineness of the work should be maintained. But how Freemasonry became so universally spread over the world that Masonic secrets are even found in the possession of the inhabitants of the islands of the Pacific is a problem which it is hard to solve. Perhaps our greatest difficulty is to ascertain how or when these ancient guilds were changed into the Speculative Masonry of these modern days; but, doubtless, as the records of different lodges are looked into more carefully, we shall discover documents which may clear up this period of history. In the present day Freemasonry is defined as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols; and its great principles are brotherly love, relief, and truth. The implements used by the ancient Masons in their work are applied to our morals. Our lodges are the abodes of peace and harmony, where everything which

might provoke quarrels or dissension is carefully forbidden. And our hearts are constantly moved to compassion by appeals to sympathise in the misfortunes of our brethren; to relieve the distressed widow, to maintain the destitute orphan, and to help the failing brother in declining years. It is to found such a lodge as this that we have met to-day; and where can we find a more congenial soil on which to erect it than in this old city of London, whose ancient guilds have run a very similar course to that of Masonry? Founded originally to maintain the efficiency of the different trades and to see that the work was fairly and honestly done, by degrees they have passed away from this, and have become great centres of union to the citizens of this great city, and at the same time the guardians and dispensers of great charities. Where, then, I say again, could Masonry find a more appropriate home than in the City of London, adorned with public buildings, many of which are associated with the names of leaders of our Order? What citizen is not proud of the name of Wren, and of that magnificent cathedral which contains the ashes of so many of the noblest of this realm? Within the sound of its bells we have met to-day to consecrate a lodge which is to be presided over by one of the rulers of this city, whose name alone is sufficient to guarantee that it will be worked efficiently and well supported. And where is our great principle of relief better understood than in this city, whose chief rulers takes the lead in relieving distress of any kind throughout the world? Whether it be a fire in America, an earthquake in Europe, a famine in India, or a pestilence in Africa; whether it be an inundation, an accident, or the devastation caused by war, wherever human suffering is found my Lord Mayor opens his list, and relief is sent with an ungrudging hand. I feel sure then that this principle of our Craft will be fully carried out in this lodge, and that it will soon be amongst the foremost of the supporters of our Masonic Charities. And may the time of its consecration, following so closely upon the season when we have been celebrating the great festival of the birth of the Prince of Peace, be an omen of the peace and harmony which will ever reign within its walls, where the passions raised by party strife in the outer world will be hushed, and hand grasp hand in friendly sympathy; where loyalty and order will ever prevail, and hospitality be extended with a liberal hand. And may the Masonic work carried on in this lodge constantly remind its members of the great duties they owe to their Father in heaven and their brethren on earth.

The ceremony of consecration was thereupon proceeded with, and on its conclusion Bro. Col. Clerke installed Bro. Alderman John Staples as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. P. F. R. Saillard, S.W.; Thomas Benskin, J.W.; H. S. Legg, Treas.; W. Lake, Sec.; H. H. Wells, S.D.; and B. Norman, J.D. The other appointments stood over to next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Consecrating Officer and assistants, and all were elected honorary members of the lodge.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet, served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Jennings. The usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

Bro. Sir FRANCIS WYATT TRUSCOTT, P.G.W., replied to the toast of "The Grand Officers," some of whom, he said, had been delighted to assist in the establishment of another lodge, and thereby give increased power to the noble Craft. In the name of the Grand Officers he congratulated the W.M. and brethren on the establishment of the lodge, and wished them prosperity.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then said that, although the next toast was not altogether connected with Masonry, it was to the health of a good man, a good corporator, and a good Mason—"The Health of the Lord Mayor." His abilities, talents, perseverance, and other good qualities were too well known to require any encomiums, and as Bro. Alderman Fowler was present, it was not necessary to say more than that he gained their esteem in whatever position he was called to fill, and that both Masons and citizens congratulated themselves on having him to fill the civic chair. They had been told that the race of Lord Mayors was likely to be extinguished with the present Lord Mayor. ("No, no.") At all events, they had the satisfaction of knowing that if he were to be the last of his race, he would certainly go out with flying colours. (Cheers.) But, the W.M. continued, I do not believe that the present Lord Mayor is to be the last on the roll, and, indeed, I am looking forward to be one day Lord Mayor myself. (Loud cheers.) My confidence in the old institution is unabated, and I trust that the office will continue for ages yet to come, and that successive Lord Mayors will hand down unimpaired to their successors the rights and privileges which have been enjoyed by the citizens for so many centuries.

The LORD MAYOR in replying said he cordially concurred with the W.M. in wishing that he (the W.M.) would some day be Lord Mayor himself. He did not believe he should be the last of the Lord Mayors, and he hoped that the race would go on to the last days of the youngest Mason present. There were several Aldermen in succession to the chair who had apologised for their absence that evening, and he trusted that each one of these would fill the office. There was this prospect he was glad to see before them for several years, that the office of Lord Mayor, which he unworthily occupied, must be filled by Masons. He thought this fact alone showed the very great advance which Masonry had made in recent years. When many of those who now held the office of Alderman entered the Order it was not nearly so popular as at present. Masons were not then nearly so numerous as now, but he was glad to find that in whatever department of life they entered now they always found that the leading men were Masons. They had present one of the most eminent philanthropists of the day, Bro. John Derby Allcroft, one who not only filled the office of Treasurer of one of the noblest charitable foundations which this country ever possessed, but who was also identified with a great many excellent movements not so prominently known in connection with the English nation. On the other side he had an eminent member of the bar, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., who had taken a very prominent part in the proceedings of the day. Therefore he thought that was a proof that wherever they turned, whether in trade or law, they found Masonry was prominent. What he had mentioned shewed it held a very prominent place among the citizens of London. In the part of the country with which he was more immediately connected (Wiltshire) Masonry was flourishing, and there he had the honour at present of being Senior Grand Warden. In London his lodge had just done him the honour to elect him its W.M. Speaking of his own province, where Masonry was so flourishing, he should do his utmost to perform his duties, as well as in that lodge of which he had been elected Master.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said that when the petition for the lodge was received the authorities were pleased to see that the petition was supported by the signatures of very distinguished Masons who were very distinguished men.

They recognised therefore that the lodge had a strong claim. But when they came to look into it further and found that those petitioners had chosen so good and excellent a man as Alderman Staples to be their Master that was indeed the crowning stroke. The lodge appeared to have exercised a very peculiar discretion in this case. They were established locally to that part of London and were formed of brethren distinguished in their civic position. They had selected a brother intimately connected with the ward, and peculiarly connected with St. Botolph's, having traced out the history of the church of that name. It was therefore an appropriate compliment paid to him by the founders of the lodge to elect Alderman Staples as their first Master. He was not an old Mason, but all honour to him for that, because it showed that during the few years he had taken interest in it, and had so far come to the front as to think himself a fit and proper person to be the Master of a new lodge. The brethren would agree that no better person could be selected to preside over them. Without laying the W.M.'s merits further before them he congratulated the St. Botolph's Lodge on having such a Master, believing that under his genial sway the lodge could not fail of success.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replying said he appreciated very much the kind words of Col. Clerke, because, although he was always ready to do anything that lay in his power to serve his ward, he must confess that when Col. Clerke laid before him the great responsibility he had undertaken he rather trembled. Col. Clerke had, however, consoled him by his kind words, and had given him great confidence. It was a great honour to be Master of this lodge, which was a lodge in his own locality and in his own ward. If he had not been chosen he certainly should not have put himself forward for such a prominent position. However, he should not, having put his hand to the plough, look back; but should do his best, looking to the brethren to help him, for the good of the lodge; and when the end of his year of office arrived he trusted the brethren would not regret asking him to be the first Master. He concluded by proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officer."

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Sec., in replying expressed the great pleasure he had had in consecrating the Lodge, and said he should watch over its future career with very great interest. He thanked the brethren very much for the kind and fraternal way in which they had accepted his poor services that night.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. the Rev. Canon TOWNSEND, P.G. Chap. Nova Scotia, responded, and said he had had something to do with Masonry, and had been called upon on several public occasions to pronounce orations, and especially on one which was connected with the Queen. God bless her! On one occasion he pronounced an oration when the foundation-stone was laid of a Grand Lodge Hall in one of the provinces of Canada. Search was made for the old stone of the former building, and when it was discovered the inscription on it showed that it was laid by the Duke of Kent, the father of the Queen. It was an interesting object, and a certain amount of attention was bestowed on it. Another circumstance he might mention; he had five sons, all of whom were Masons, and one was the Master of a lodge, and when he and they were being entertained at Montreal he was able to say he could hold a lodge with his own family alone.

Bro. BRADSHAW BROWN, W.M. No. 1, also responded, and said the visitors were not taken aback by the princely hospitality of the St. Botolph's Lodge, because they knew that the Aldersgate Ward were foremost among the representatives of the citizens of London.

Bro. THOS. BENSKIN, J.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Ashton, assisted by Bros. Albert James, James Kift, and Frederick Bevan.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE HAVEN LODGE, No. 2022.

The Haven Lodge, No. 2022, was consecrated on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bros. Ernest E. Wendt, D.C.L., Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, as S.W.; Conrad C. Dumas, P.G.A.D.C., as J.W.; the Rev. J. S. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., Deputy Prov. G.M. for Berks and Bucks, as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D. of C.; and H. H. Riach, P.M. 1118, as I.G. The other brethren who attended were

Bros. Alfred Strong, John Fisher, J. D. McK. Von Dadelszen, R. F. Sandeman, Philip A. Latham, A. L. Freye, 1624; T. J. Reeves, P.M. 1159; James M. Longhurst, P.M. 133 and 1273; G. W. Fisher, P.M. 262; Augustus Strong, 357; W. B. Hervey, 18; R. Daves, 569; D. Strong, 55; F. Formby Back, 859; Henry J. Hutton, 1706; S. Dyer, W.M. 1512; E. J. Acworth, W.M. 133; W. A. Barrett, P.M. 1706; Edward Wharton, 1706; H. Hinderwick, 130; G. Swinburne King, late S.D. 29; William Roebuck, P.M. 29 and 463, W.M. 1996, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.S.W. Middx.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; T. C. Danvers, late 753; Henry Gadsby, P.M. 1706; E. Mentill, 355; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

After the opening of the lodge Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE addressed a few observations to the brethren on the object of the meeting, and congratulated them on having secured a warrant for the lodge, which he knew would be in safe keeping in the hands of such brethren as the petitioners.

The Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG then delivered the customary oration.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at its conclusion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke installed Bro. James Fisher, P.M. and P.Z. 540, as Worshipful Master. The brethren invested as officers by the W.M. were Bros. Philip Arderne Latham, P. Prov. G. Reg. Oxon, P.M. and P.Z. 1118, S.W.; Alfred Strong, P.M. 1118, J.W.; R. F. Sandeman, Secretary; C. O. Barker, S.D.; Von Dadelszen, J.D.; and Nelson, I.G.

After the delivering of the addresses the names of several joining members and initiates were given in. A vote of thanks was also passed to the members of the Old Union Lodge for the loan of the lodge furniture, and to Bro. C. C. Dumas for obtaining the loan.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to a delightful banquet. The usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Pro G.M., &c.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he had had a communication from the Earl of Carnarvon congratulating him on having obtained the warrant, and apologising for not being able to be present at the consecration.

The Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, P.G.C., in replying said he would try to be as epigrammatic in his reply as they could wish. The Grand

Officers were always glad to do their duty, and no duty was so pleasant as the consecration of new lodges.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed "The W.M." When the brethren petitioned they performed a very wise act in selecting from among their number a true and trusty brother to take the chair for the first year. The W.M. of this lodge was an old and a tried Mason; for 18 years he had been a P.M., and had done his work very well on former occasions. In his hands the work of the Haven Lodge would go on as it ought to go on, and the brethren should congratulate themselves on having such a Master in the chair for the first year. The brethren present would wish him every prosperity and success during his year, and they hoped that at the end of that year he would feel he had done his duty, as he (Col. Clerke) was sure he would.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER replying said it was a very high honour to be the first W.M. of a lodge, and no exertion should be wanting on his part to carry out the duties of his office. He could truly rely on the loyal support not only of the officers of the lodge but on those brethren who were likely to become members of it. He hoped and trusted, as Col. Clerke had said, that at the end of his year of office he would be able to hand over the gavel to his successor without having done anything to make the brethren regret having selected him as their Master.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in giving "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," apologised for not having proposed in lodge the thanks to Colonel Clerke and the brethren who assisted him, but said the omission should be repaired next meeting. He did not know what effect the ceremony had upon other brethren, but it had made a lasting impression upon him, and he now thanked Col. Clerke most heartily for so kindly and solemnly performing it, wishing he might long be spared to perform the important duties entrusted to him.

Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, in responding, first assured the W.M. that no apology was necessary for the omission he had referred to. The kind expressions offered to him and the brethren who assisted him were enough to meet the case. The day had passed off most satisfactorily, and he hoped they had set on foot a lodge which in time would rank among the best. As the Grand Chaplain had said, no duty of the Grand Officers was more pleasant than to put their shoulders to the wheel and launch a new lodge. He was sure the true and trusty Masons named in the warrant would keep it in the first rank. The Grand Officers would watch the progress of the lodge, and hoped to visit it occasionally to note its progress.

Bro. E. E. WENDT, D.C.L., replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he was chosen by the W.M. to respond to this toast because formerly he was an inhabitant of Ealing. On behalf of the visitors he would say they were highly delighted with the hospitality of the lodge, and he had not the smallest doubt that they would all be happy to respond on future occasions when an opportunity was given them of visiting the lodge.

The SENIOR WARDEN in replying to the toast of "The Officers" said it seemed to him that the founders of a lodge had a great responsibility cast upon them in the manner they did their work; but he trusted that in the future—a long way in the future—it might be said of them that they had brought the brethren of the Haven Lodge to the haven where they would be.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical brethren before named entertained the lodge with some beautiful compositions, the musical arrangements being under the direction of Bro. William Alexander Barrett, P.M., P.Z., Mus. Bac., P. Prov. G. Org. Oxon., P.G. Reg. Surrey, with the assistance of Bros. H. J. Dutton, A. L. Fryer, E. Wharton, and Henry Gadsby.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT ANNUITY FUND.

It may be as well in introducing to our readers' notice the subject of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund for Aged and Indigent Masons that we should recall to their minds certain prominent circumstances in connection with the history of the Asylum. Thus on 6th December, 1837, Grand Lodge, having had submitted to it the Grand Master's qualified approval of the project for erecting an Aged Mason's Asylum, unanimously agreed to recommend it to the favourable consideration of the Craft. In his letter of 26th August, 1839, the Grand Master remarked that such a proposal had never found favour with him. In December 1837 he expressed his apprehension that the establishment of a third Masonic Charity might prove detrimental to the interests of the two then existing charities. In August 1839 he expressed his determination, unless the Asylum Committee were prepared to abandon their scheme altogether and substitute for it another in favour of establishing Annuities, to bring forward a plan of his own, based wholly on the Annuity principle, and invite Grand Lodge to give it their unqualified support. In other words, having in 1837 expressed his fears that the establishment of an Asylum would imperil the interests of the two Schools, he made up his mind in 1839 to bring forward a scheme for erecting a fourth charity, solely because the Asylum Committee, though willing enough to assist in promoting an Annuity Fund—having indeed already accepted the Annuity principle as part of their general scheme—declined to abandon their idea of erecting an Asylum. It is unnecessary we should discuss the merits of the several propositions; it is enough, especially at this distance of time, that we have placed them side by side before our readers so that they may form their own opinions of the two. At all events, as the Asylum Committee held fast to their original scheme, the Grand Master, in fulfilment of his threat or promise, took the necessary steps for formulating his plan, and at the instance of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes gave the subject their best consideration with the result that in September 1841 the said Board submitted the outline of a scheme for giving effect to the Grand Master's proposals. Of this outline only the following clauses need be quoted, the rest being embodied in the regulations accepted by Grand Lodge in March, 1842, and confirmed at the communication held in the month of June following. The first clause reads thus:—

The Board under this special reference—that is by Grand Lodge in June, 1841—have anxiously reconsidered the subject and beg to repeat their unanimous opinion that it is expedient to alter the present mode of distributing Masonic bounty as it is now effected by the Lodge of Benevolence, by substituting instead thereof as to a portion of the Fund of Benevolence, a system of Annuities, allowing the Annuitants to reside where they please, to be granted to Reduced and Aged Freemasons, under such guards and control, however, as would ensure the application of the fund towards the support of those whose characters and misfortunes, as well as Masonic zeal and exertions, had given them fair claims upon the sympathy and aid of the Fraternity.

The one other clause which it seems desirable to reproduce is to the effect that

The Board are anxious to see the benefits of the proposed fund extended towards the relief of Masons' Widows, but they are decidedly of opinion that it is desirable to defer any arrangement for that object until some little experience shall enable the Grand Lodge and Craft at large to judge of the operation and working of a plan of annuities to be granted to brethren.

On learning the nature of the proposal submitted, Grand Lodge unanimously agreed that the subject should be again referred to the Board of General Purposes with a view to their carrying out its principle in detail. The Board set about their task with a will and in the following December laid before Grand Lodge the following resolutions which, as has been said already, were accepted in March and confirmed in June, 1842.

1. That an Institution be founded to be called "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund."

2. That the Institution shall be under a Committee of Management, to consist of the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master, together with thirty brethren, each of whom must be a Master or Past Master of a lodge; ten to be nominated by the Grand Master, ten elected by the Grand Lodge by ballot, and ten by the Subscribers, also by ballot.

3. That three members of each class shall go out of office annually; but shall be eligible to be re-appointed or re-elected.

4. That all the meetings on the business of this Institution be held at the Freemasons' Hall, in Great Queen-street.

5. That for the present a sum of £100 be granted Quarterly by the Grand Lodge from the Fund of Benevolence, and that donations and subscriptions be received in addition, for the purpose of granting Annuities to reduced, aged, or afflicted Freemasons.

6. That the following be the scale of the ages by which, after each election, the Annuities shall be granted, viz. :—

Of the age of 60 to 70 years, an Annuity from £10 to £20
70 to 75 " " " £15 to £25
75 and upwards " " " £20 to £30

The amount of the Annuity to be regulated by the age of the candidate when elected and to be settled by the Committee of Management according to the circumstances of the case, and not to be subsequently increased.

7. That no Brother be eligible under the age of 60 years, nor unless he has been a registered Master Mason for 15 years and a subscribing member to a lodge for at least ten years of that period, except the Brother shall be afflicted with total blindness, paralysis, or other visitation of Divine Providence which shall permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood, and that the affliction shall have occurred subsequently to his being raised to the degree of Master Mason; in such case the party may be admitted under 60 years of age if he shall have been seven years a registered Master Mason, and Subscriber to a lodge for that period.

8. That no Brother having an income of £20 per annum shall be admitted to the benefit of the Fund.

9. That if an Annuitant shall become possessed of an income, independently of his Annuity, the Committee of Management shall have the power to reduce the Annuity according to the circumstances of the case.

10. That if it shall appear that any facts respecting the situation or circumstances of an Annuitant shall have been suppressed, or false representations made at the period of Election, or if any Annuitant is discovered to be in a situation to provide for himself, the Committee of Management shall have power to suspend such Brother from the list of Annuitants, and the Committee shall report the circumstances to the Grand Lodge at its next Quarterly Meeting, and also to the Subscribers at the next Annual Meeting.

11. That the Committee of Management shall have the power to deprive of his Annuity any Annuitant who shall anticipate the payment thereof, or charge or encumber the same in any manner, or shall, by improper conduct, render himself unworthy to be continued upon the Fund.

12. That a General Meeting of Subscribers shall take place annually at 12 o'clock, on the third Friday in May, for general business, and to elect the Members of the Committee, each of whom shall be a Life Governor, or a Subscriber to the amount of two pounds annually. All elections to be by ballot, to commence at one, and close at three o'clock.

13. That a Special General Meeting shall be held on requisition in writing of eighteen Life Governors, to be delivered at the office of the Secretary, stating the object for which such meeting is to be held, at which meeting no business shall be discussed except that specified in the requisition, and at least seven days' notice of such meeting shall be given in three daily papers.

14. That the Grand Treasurer for the time being be the Treasurer to the Institution.

15. That there be four Trustees, of whom the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer for the time being shall be two, and two other brethren shall be elected by the Subscribers at the first General Meeting.

16. That the Trustees shall from time to time receive the dividends due upon the funded property, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, and shall not after such payment, as Trustees, be accountable or responsible for the application or misapplication thereof.

17. That three Auditors be elected annually by the Subscribers at the General Meeting in May.

18. That the Committee shall have the power to appoint the Paid Officers, and to fix their salaries, and to take such security as may be deemed advisable for the due performance of their respective duties, and to remove any such officer of the Institution in the event of misconduct, inability, or inattention to the duties of his office.

19. That no Paid Officer of the Institution shall retain more money than is deemed advisable by the Committee; nor shall any such officer interfere or canvass in elections directly or indirectly, nor be entitled, if a Governor, to vote at any election or at any meeting.

20. That the Committee do meet monthly or oftener if necessary, and at every meeting elect their Chairman. That five be a quorum.

21. That the Committee shall from time to time determine the number of Annuitants to be elected.

22. That the election of candidates shall take place on the day of the General Meeting, and that previously thereto a printed Polling paper, containing the particulars of each candidate with such other information as may be necessary, be numbered and signed by the Secretary, and sent by post to every Subscriber, at least six weeks before the day of Election; and no second Polling paper shall be issued without the sanction of the Chairman of the General Meeting.

23. That all Governors and Subscribers be entitled to ballot by proxy in the election of Annuitants.

24. That the candidates stand in rotation on the list for election according to the date of their admission as candidates on the books of the Institution.

25. That should any candidate be unsuccessful at three successive elections, the Committee shall have power to place him on the books of the Institution.

26. That one-half only of the sum to be granted in Annuities shall be assigned to Brethren from Lodges in the London District.

27. That every applicant for an Annuity residing within the London District shall attend the Committee previously to being placed on the list of candidates. That every applicant residing in the country shall transmit a certificate to be produced to the Committee, stating his circumstances, &c., signed by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge having a personal knowledge of the applicant, and the nearest to which he may reside, and shall afterwards furnish such other testimonials as may be required by the Committee.

28. That the Annuitants be paid quarterly.

29. That every Annuitant, before his Annuity be paid, shall either attend in person to receive the same or transmit to the Secretary of the Institution a certificate, attested

by the clergyman and churchwarden of the parish, or by a magistrate, near to where he resides, of his being alive on the day his Annuity falls due.

30. A new Subscriber shall be entitled to vote immediately upon payment of the subscription.

31. That the Master of every Lodge shall be entitled to four votes at every election of an Annuitant, provided the Lodge shall have paid the last year's contribution to the Grand Lodge.

32. That a donation of £5 shall constitute the donor a Life Governor, entitled to two votes at every election of an Annuitant; a donation of £10 to four votes, and so on in proportion.

33. Subscribers of 5s. per annum shall, in like manner, be entitled to one vote, and to one extra vote for every additional 5s. subscribed.

34. That every Lodge or Chapter subscribing 5s. or upwards per annum shall have the same privilege as an individual Subscriber.

35. That a Lodge or Chapter subscribing £10 in one or more payments within two years shall be entitled to two votes during its existence, and by a donation of £5 in one payment to two votes for 15 years.

36. That the privilege of voting by Lodges and Chapters subscribing to the Institution shall be exercised by the W. Master, or First Principal, for the time being, unless otherwise directed at the time of subscribing.

37. That a donation of £50 shall constitute the donor a Vice-President of the Institution.

38. That an executor, or, when more than one, the executors first-named in the will, paying a legacy of £50 to the use of the Institution, shall be constituted a Governor for life. If the legacy be to the amount of £100 or upwards, all the acting executors shall become entitled to the like privilege.

39. That, notwithstanding any of the previous resolutions, no person who is not a Freemason shall be entitled to any of the privileges of a Governor or Subscriber.

40. That none but Freemasons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the Subscribers, or personally to present a Polling paper at any election of Annuitants; but all such Polling papers shall be used only by Freemasons entitled to vote.

41. That in every election, except in that of Annuitants, all Masters of Lodges, Governors, and Subscribers shall be entitled to one vote only, such vote to be given in person.

42. That in case of an equality of votes at any meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second, or casting, vote.

43. That all annual subscriptions fall due on the 1st January in each year, and that no one be entitled to vote on any occasion whose subscription shall be in arrear.

44. That, with a view of providing for the permanence of the Institution, all life donations and bequests, and two-thirds of the annual subscriptions, shall be invested in the Public Funds in the name of the Trustees, and on no account shall any portion of the principal invested be withdrawn, except with the sanction of two-thirds of the Subscribers present at the Annual General Meeting and also of the Grand Lodge.

45. That a general Statement of the Finances of the Society shall be prepared, and after having been duly audited, shall, together with a report of the proceedings of the Committee, be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers, to be held in the month of May, and to the Grand Lodge in June following.

46. That the proceedings of every Annual or Especial General Meeting shall be reported to the Grand Lodge.

Lastly. That after the Rules and Regulations of the Institution shall have been confirmed by the Grand Lodge, no alteration shall be made therein, unless the same shall have been approved of by the Grand Lodge.

Among the first steps to be taken under the foregoing regulations was the constitution of the Committee of Management, which, when Grand Lodge and the subscribers had fulfilled their duty, was found to be composed of the following brethren, namely: Nominated by the M.W.G.M.: Bros. H. R. Lewis, H. C. Surr, Representative Grand Lodge of Ireland; T. H. Hall, G. Reg.; W. H. White, G. Sec.; H. Hancock, G.S.D.; F. W. Bossy, P.G.S.D.; Alexander Dobie, P.G.J.D.; John C. McMullen, P.G.J.D.; R. W. Jennings, G.D. of C.; and John L. Evans, G.S.B. Elected by Grand Lodge: Bros. Rev. C. Vink, Isaac Walton, Thory Chapman, Charles Shakeshaft, B. Lawrence, F. Solomon, S. W. Rowsell, W. F. Fawcett, John Havers, and J. H. Daly. Elected by the subscribers: W. Stephenson, J. Udall, S. C. Norris, J. P. Acklam, John Vink, J. B. King, George Parbury, John Bigg, John Chrees, and L. Chandler. The Committee held its first meeting on the 21st October, when Bro. W. Farnfield was unanimously elected Secretary at a salary of £50 a year, and Bros. Lewis, McMullen, Evans, Havers, and Bigg a Sub-Committee for examining into and reporting upon the petitions that were received for election on the Fund. It was also resolved to fund a part of the moneys that had been received to date. In November a letter was received from the M.W.G.M. approving of what had been done the month previous except as regards the amount settled to be given to Bro. Farnfield, as Secretary, His Royal Highness conceiving that for the present at all events the annual stipend of £50 was excessive, and the question what should be paid him was deferred. In December, a code of instructions to intending Candidates was prepared, and the first election of Annuitants fixed for the 19th May, 1843, it being also settled that petitions must be forwarded to the Secretary before the 1st February. In the latter month the number to be elected was fixed at 15, and a Sub-Committee was chosen to make the necessary arrangements for the election. The month following it was resolved—and though the resolution was subsequently questioned, it was allowed to stand—that the system of voting should be cumulative, that is, if a brother were entitled to four votes and there were, as at the first election to this Fund, 15 vacancies, he would be able to cast sixty votes, which might all be given to a single candidate or distributed among two or more candidates at the pleasure of the voter. On the 17th May, two days before the election, there was a meeting of the Committee, at which the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose delivered their report of the finances of the Fund and the proceedings which had taken place since its inauguration. This report was on the whole satisfactory, especially as it was pointed out that in all probability the existence of the Annuity Fund was but little known outside the circle of a few devoted brethren whose lodges had nobly backed up their efforts. The financial statement made up to the date of the annual meeting (the 19th May) showing that nearly £1264 had been received in respect of donations from lodges, chapters, and individuals, and over £264 as annual subscriptions; which sums, together with the Grand Lodge grant of £400 and £25 from Grand Chapter, and some £13 as interest on £900 stock, made the total amount received from all sources, in round figures, £1966. The disbursements, with the exception of over £1700 expended in the purchase of £1800 Government stock, namely, £900 Three per cent. Reduced and £900 Three per cent. Consols—were merely nominal, reaching no more than £30, so that there remained a balance to be carried forward of rather more than £227. This must be set down as a very satisfactory beginning for the new Charity.

(To be continued.)

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual entertainment given at the opening of the New Year to the annuitants of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution residing in the Institution's Building at Croydon, took place on the 2nd inst., when a large party of brethren and ladies attended to assist in providing amusement for their old friends. The South Eastern Railway Company attached two saloon carriages to the 12.57 p.m. train from Charing Cross, by which the party were conveyed to Croydon, where they were received and heartily greeted on their arrival at the Institution by Bros. Terry, Mason, Recknell, and some other brethren who had been busy all the morning supervising the general arrangements. The building as usual looked bright and cheerful, and the residents healthy and happy. The visitors who are already well known to all the old people renewed their acquaintance, and exchanged those friendly greetings which have now for 10 years passed between them. The customary presents which are always given were first distributed by Bro. Terry, viz., half-pound of tea and a bottle of whiskey to each male and female, with the addition in the case of the men of half-pound of tobacco. Besides these gifts, which are purchased from the subscriptions of the brethren and ladies who had been in the habit of providing the fund to defray the expenses of the entertainment, Bro. and Mrs. Edgar Bowyer had further presents for the old ladies and brethren, which they delivered before the dinner was partaken of. The dining hall and approaches were tastefully decorated and there was an air of the greatest comfort and hospitality in all the surroundings. The visitors who attended were Mr. Daniel, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Gorton, Miss Jessie Terry, Bro. J. Hastings Miller, Miss Miller, W. Chicken, Miss Chicken, Bro. C. A. Pritchard, Bro. W. H. Wallington, Mrs. Wallington, the Misses Wallington, Bro. Chas. W. Smith, Mrs. W. Smith, Miss Smith, Bro. Robt. H. Halford, Mrs. Halford, Bro. C. F. Matier, Mrs. Matier, Miss Matier, Mrs. Culmer, Miss Constable, Bro. Thos. Cubitt, Bro. E. Davies, Mr. Ernest R. Davies, Mr. Chas. McLock, Bro. J. Newton, Mrs. Newton, Bro. G. P. Festa, Madame Festa, Bro. R. P. Forge, Mrs. Forge, Bro. E. B. Tate, Bro. H. Massey, Mrs. Massey, Miss A. R. Massey, Mrs. Terry, the Misses Terry, Bro. H. M. Mason, Mrs. Pritchard, Bro. Charles Webber, Mrs. Webber, Bro. Dr. Strong (Hon. Surgeon to the Institution), Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Mrs. Bowyer, Mr. and Miss Bowyer, Bro. Charles Daniel, Mrs. C. W. Smyth, Mrs. M. E. H. Mayhew, Bro. Thos. Slater, Bro. James E. Terry, and Mr. Puppelt.

During the evening the following telegram was received from Manchester where an entertainment similar to that at Croydon was being given to the East Lancashire annuitants by the brethren of the province: "From Nicholl, Stubbs, and Hooper, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, to James Terry, Freemasons' Institution, Croydon. East Lancashire annuitants and friends now here, very earnest in enjoyment, and very sincere in reciprocating congratulations with the residents and friends in Croydon."

The proceedings of the day commenced with a sumptuous dinner, which was presided over by Dr. and Alderman Strong, Honorary Surgeon of the Institution, who for the last 23 years has been untiring in his efforts on behalf of the health and happiness of the old people of the Institution, in which he has been ably supported by Mrs. Strong and daughters. Bros. Terry and Thomas Cubitt took the vice-chairs, and the other brethren devoted their time to attending to the requirements of those for whom the feast was prepared, and seeing that there was nothing omitted which could conduce to their enjoyment. To follow the dinner through all its details is unnecessary; sufficient he to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed, and gave entire satisfaction to all who partook of it. One face, however, was missing at the table, that of Bro. James Norris, the Warden of the Institution, now in his ninety-fifth year, and claimed by the Institution to be the oldest Mason in the kingdom. Bro. Norris was also absent from the table last year, his health being, as now, infirm; but he was, nevertheless, in his apartments, and later in the day held a sort of levée in the tea-room, and witnessed the dramatic entertainment given in the evening. The dinner had been admirably prepared under the superintendence of his daughter, Miss Norris, the matron, and was acknowledged by both visitors and annuitants to reflect great credit on her skill and management. The toasts which follow these New Year entertainments are always few, and on the present occasion the usual rule was not departed from.

Dr. STRONG gave first the toast of "The Queen," and secondly "The Founders of the Feast," remarking, in giving the latter, that the entertainment was now the tenth of its kind, and was due to many kind friends who now rallied round the Institution. To them he wished the heartiest thanks to be rendered for their kindness in not forgetting the old people, and in enabling them to have these enjoyable gatherings.

Bro. EDGAR BOWYER, G. Std. Br., who was called upon to reply, said that the other founders of the feast agreed with him in thinking that whatever they could do to lighten the care of, or afford one ray of pleasure to, their less fortunate brethren or sisters, it was their bounden duty to do, and they felt it a great privilege to do it. They all thought it their duty to follow the precept "Bear ye one another's burdens," and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Bro. I. HASTINGS MILLER proposed "The Health of the Chairman," whose services on behalf of the Institution all the subscribers appreciated, as well as the residents, and who they hoped would be long spared to preside over these annual gatherings.

Dr. STRONG, in reply, said he had been connected with the Institution 23 years—ever since he first came to Croydon. He had received many proofs of the brethren's thanks and of the Committee's kindness and sincerity of attachment. It was by the kindness of the Committee that he had presided for ten years at these New Year dinners; but, while he should be pleased to preside for the next ten years, he could hardly expect to be present at a recurrence of these decennial periods.

Dr. STRONG next proposed "The Warden, Bro. James Norris," to hear which toast Miss Norris was introduced and took a seat on the immediate right of Dr. Strong. The Doctor said he was very sorry Bro. Norris could not be present, but it was not surprising when they considered that his health last year was such that it was a

question whether the dinner would be held at all. They all felt most grateful that he had been spared to them for another year. The Institution might get as good a Warden, but never a better. His efforts had been wielded on behalf of the residents, and they had been ably seconded by his daughter the matron. There were many proofs of their kindness and affection, and the way Miss Norris endeared herself to the hearts of the residents was patent to no one more than Bro. Terry and himself, who had many opportunities of seeing and judging. Miss Norris took a deep interest in her work. He himself could testify to the ability and amiability and pleasure which she brought to bear upon all her work. When they considered the way in which they had dined that day, and that that dinner had been prepared under her superintendence amidst the performance of all her other duties, they must congratulate themselves that they had so able a person to assist the Committee and the Secretary in the management of the affairs of the Institution.

Bro. ROBT. H. HALFORD responded on behalf of Miss Norris.

The company then separated, and the brethren who had attended to the old people at the dinner table dined together.

Dr. STRONG proposed "The Health of Bro. Terry," always active, energetic, earnest in the business of the Institution. Only the day before there appeared in the papers a paragraph of the result of Masonic benevolence in 1883, from which it appeared that the Boys' School occupied the first place on the list, the Benevolent Institution second, and the Girls' School third; the Boys' School receiving more than £24,000 in the year was due to exceptional circumstances. Great exertions and great energy had been used to put the Boys' School in the position which the Benevolent Institution had occupied on many occasions, the first on the list. For the old people they could not have a preparatory school, but no one could deny that Bro. Terry could not be surpassed in his ability to look after the aged. His thoughts night and day were what could he do for the Institution. The last thing at night before he went to sleep he was thinking of something for the Institution for the first thing in the morning, what should he do to get a Steward to increase the funds. What he had done already he (Dr. Strong) could testify to. The building was not half its present size when Bro. Terry first became connected with it; the paper was dropping from the walls; it was a dingy looking place. If anyone wanted to know what Bro. Terry had done he would point to the present building and say "Si monumentum queris, circumspeice." He had exerted himself to produce greater happiness and union among the residents, and he had succeeded, aided by the House Committee. No one had seen greater changes in this respect than he (Dr. Strong) had. The design of Freemasons was the being happy and communicating happiness, and no one had fulfilled this design more than Bro. Terry. The brethren and widows were always pleased to see him coming amongst them. In another institution with which he (Dr. Strong) was connected, where the Governor occupied the same position as the House Committee of this Institution, there was nothing like the same amount of comfort, good feeling, and bonhomie. Only that morning he had a specimen of how the inmates of that institution looked with envy at the annuitants of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. An inmate of the other institution was under the belief that tea and tobacco and whiskey were given to the residents at Croydon every week, and was only sorry he had not been a Freemason. Bro. Terry having produced the great happiness and comfort of the residents at the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, was worthy of all the praise that could be bestowed upon him, and of all the success at the ensuing festival which hard work and energy could bring.

Bro. Terry, in responding, said it was a very proud position which his Institution occupied as given in the morning papers of the day before; it was a proud position for this reason—that, notwithstanding the great exertions on behalf of the Boys' School last year, the Benevolent Institution attained the highest figure ever attained by it in one year. Although it was £6000 below the Boys', it was, like Mahomet's coffin, midway between the Boys' and the Girls', for it was about £6000 above the latter. The Boys' School had totalled £1,400 or £1,500 more than was announced at its festival. The Benevolent Institution had totalled nearly £1,750 more than was announced; but the Girls' had only just reached it. This, he thought, was an answer to those who asked "Where are the Secretaries of the three Institutions?" One of the most active, Bro. Binckes, had got £24,600 for his Institution; he (Bro. Terry) had £18,500; and the Secretary of the Girls' School had £12,600. He thought those figures were quite an answer to the question "Is it or is it not worth while for the Secretaries to go abroad to know personally their friends?" If all the Secretaries had stopped in their offices £50,000 would not have been the total for 1883. When he or Bro. Binckes went into a town it was known that they were there in the cause of charity. With respect to the change at this Institution it struck him ten years ago that the old folks should be brought more together and made of one family. By the kindness of the House Committee the inmates of the Institution met every week in that room the Committee were now assembled in, and had concerts or played a game of cards. When he first knew the Institution it was a fact that when it was known the Committee were coming down all the residents shut their doors; but now the doors could not be opened wide enough to admit them. He must thank the friends who contributed to the entertainment. Two of the turkeys had been given by Bro. Bowyer. The ham was the gift of Bro. Hastings Miller; the ladies had joined in giving something; and there was scarcely a brother in the room who had not used his influence in his lodge in obtaining a contribution to the feast. Dr. Strong had given the puddings. When he was so ably supported he must be indeed ungrateful if he did not do his best to make the Institution flourish. After a further reference to the Girls' School, Bro. Terry said the Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, would take the chair at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 26th February, and hoped the brethren would be successful. For the next election there were 130 candidates and 17 vacancies. Instead of realising £13,000, he was quite prepared for a drop of £3,000, even if he reached five figures, and this through the advantages held out by the Boys' School. The Benevolent Institution was paying £12,500 in annuities, which was no inconsiderable amount, and he hoped the brethren would rally round him to enable him to do it. Other toasts were afterwards given.

In the evening an entertainment was given by the Pickwick Histrionic Club, assisted by Bro. G. S. Graham, as follows: Pianoforte Selection, by Bro. G. S. Graham; a domestic drama, in two acts, by H. T. Craven, Esq., entitled "The Chimney Corner;" followed by a selection of ballads and songs by Bro. Graham; and concluding with a comedietta, entitled "A Cup of Tea."

Several votes of thanks were afterwards passed, and after the visitors had shaken hands with all the residents as they left for their apartments, the ladies and brethren returned to town by train, having spent a most delightful evening.

ENTERTAINMENT TO THE "OLD FOLKS" OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the annual pleasant spectacle in connection with the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was enjoyed by a select few well-known brethren, who, with their wives and daughters, assembled on the occasion in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester. The dinner was announced for 5.30, and before that time some old members of the Craft and widows arrived, and seated themselves at the table, at the right and left of Bro. Wm. Nicholl, who presided, and who was supported by Bro. T. J. Hooper, P.P.G.T., as vice-chairman. Amongst those who also sat down to dinner with the old folks were Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.P.G.J.D., G. Stwd. Scotland; Bro. Wm. Stubbs and Mrs. Jaffrey; Bro. John Bladon, P.M. 317, P.P.G.D. of C.; Bro. T. H. and Mrs. Glendinning; Bro. Frank A. and Miss Huet; Bros. J. Howarth Clarke, P.M. 317; A. H. Jefferies, S.W. 1161; J. W. P. Salmon, P.M. 163, P.P.G.D. of C.; D. A. Murray, 204; Forrest, Rumsey, Ballard, and R. R. Lisenden.

A capital dinner, prepared by Mrs. Phillips, and well served by her husband, Bro. Phillips, assisted by his staff of waiters, was much enjoyed by all present. During dinner a telegram was received from Bro. Terry, the highly esteemed Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged and Decayed Freemasons at Croydon, stating that a number of the inmates and annuitants of that Institution were at that moment being entertained within its walls, and that they desired through Bro. Terry to express to the annuitants of the East Lancashire Institution hearty good wishes for their enjoyment that evening, and for a happy new year. After reading the telegram aloud, Bro. Wm. Nicholl despatched a reply, thanking Bro. Terry and the annuitants at Croydon for their kind wishes, which were thoroughly reciprocated by all present.

After dinner the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales" were proposed and responded to, and Bro. John Bladon gave a song, and Bros. Forrest, Ballard, Rumsey, and Murray did their utmost to amuse the old people with some admirably rendered recitations, Bro. R. R. Lisenden performing his celebrated imitations on the English concertina, also adding a song, whilst Miss Huet performed a pianoforte solo with great taste. Later in the evening Bros. Forrest, Ballard, Rumsey, and Murray (who are members of the Athenaeum Dramatic Society) performed very cleverly a farce entitled "The Artful Dodge." The various efforts made to amuse the good old folks seemed to be highly appreciated by them. Altogether the entertainment was a success, and shortly after nine o'clock the annuitants took their departure from the building, to live, we hope, through a happy new year.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met on the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, Grand Standard Bearer, in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bro. F. Adlard, C. F. Matier, J. L. Mather, C. Belton, H. B. Marshall, C.C., Alfred Williams, R. Tyrrell, A. E. Gladwell, J. Moon, E. P. Gillard, Don. M. Dewar, C. H. Webb, C. S. Lane, Rev. R. Morris, D.D., Head Master; W. H. Saunders, H. Venn, F. Binckes, Sec.; and H. Massey, (Freemason).

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the reading of the minutes of the House Committee of the 21st ult. for information, Bro. Binckes reported the purchase of £1,000 four per cent. India Stock, on 25th ult., for £1033 15s. It was therefore resolved to purchase £1,500 stock, making a total of £13,500 invested on account of the Preparatory School Special Building Fund. It was also resolved to purchase £520 stock for the General Fund. Five petitions were examined and the same number of boys placed on the list of candidates for the election next April. Grants of £5 each were made for outfits to two former pupils of the Institution. The number of candidates for next election were declared to be 54, and the vacancies 23.

The following notices of motion for the Quarterly Court next Monday were then received:

By Bro. C. H. WEBB, L.G., &c. :
1st. "That the resolution of the Quarterly Court in April last be rescinded, so far as it relates to the candidate, F. A. Herring."

2nd. "That F. A. Herring be ineligible for the benefits of this Institution (except by purchase), and that his election in October last be declared void."

3rd. Subject to the above being carried, "That the highest unsuccessful candidates at the election in October last be declared duly elected."

4th. "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted fatherless candidate, at each election, any number of votes not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

By Bro. C. F. MATIER, V.P. :

"To add to the Law adopted at the Quarterly Court in October last, approving the new qualification of 'Patron,' a Lady—or a Lewis being a Minor—contributing one hundred guineas, in one or more payments of not less five guineas each, shall be a Patron with eighty votes at all elections of Boys."

"A lodge, chapter, or society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of four hundred guineas."

By Bro. R. W. STEWART :

"That the word 'Friday' be substituted in the 2nd line of Law 36 for the word 'Saturday.'"

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS,

ST. JOHN'S HILL, BATTERSEA RISE, S.W.

CHIEF PATRONESS:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.
PATRONESS:
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on SATURDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1884, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to place Candidates on the List for the Election in April next, to declare the number of Girls then to be elected, and to consider Notices of Motion as under: NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Bro. W. J. MURLIS:—
"That the whole of the business in conducting the Election of the House and Audit Committee and other kindred Elections be carried out in the same room as that in which the presiding Officer is sitting, and that it be referred to the General Committee to consider and report on the best means for conducting such Elections."

By Bro. ROBERT MARTIN:—
To add to Law 63, after the word "thereof" in fifth line—
"Or by an annual payment, under similar conditions, of Fifty pounds, provided that any person nominating a girl under this latter clause shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment during the time such girl remains in the Institution that the General Committee may require."

By Bro. C. F. MATIER:—
"Every individual donor of Two Hundred guineas by one payment or in sums of not less than Five guineas each shall become a Patron and have Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls."

"A Lady or a Lewis being a minor—contributing One Hundred guineas in one or more payments of not less than Five guineas each shall be a Patron with Eighty Votes at all Elections of Girls."

"A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of four hundred guineas."

"That H.R.H. the Prince of Wales be constituted the Grand Patron."

"That H.R.H. the Princess of Wales be constituted the Grand Patroness."

By Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., Vice-Pat.,
"That in consideration of the special services rendered to the Institution by Mr. Prestige, he be elected an Honorary Life Governor with eight votes."

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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January 5th.
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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., M.W.G.M.

A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held at FREEMASONS' HALL, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1884, for the transaction of the Ordinary Business of the Institution, to receive the recommendation of the General Committee for the adoption of a list of 54 Candidates, from which 23 boys shall be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Monday, April 21, 1884, and to consider the following Notices of Motion:

By Bro. C. H. WEBB, L.G., &c.:

1. "That the resolution of the Quarterly Court in April last be rescinded, so far as it relates to the Candidate F. A. Herring."
2. "That F. A. Herring be ineligible for the benefits of this Institution (except by purchase), and that his Election in October last be declared void."
3. Subject to the above being carried, "That the highest unsuccessful Candidate at the Election in October last be declared duly Elected."
4. "That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted fatherless Candidate at each Election any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

By Bro. C. F. MATIER, V.P.:—
"To add to the law adopted at the Quarterly Court in October last, approving the new qualification of 'Patron,' 'a lady—or a Lewis being a minor—contributing 100 guineas, in one or more payments of not less than five guineas each, shall be a patron with 80 Votes at all Elections of boys.'"
"A Lodge, Chapter, or Society shall enjoy the like privileges on completion of the payment, under similar conditions, of 400 guineas."

By Bro. R. W. STEWART, V.P.:—
"That the word 'Friday' be substituted in the second line of Law 36 for the word 'Saturday.'"

The Chair will be taken at four o'clock p.m. precisely.
By order,
FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.),
London, January, 5th, 1884. Vice-Patron, Secretary.

The 56th Anniversary Festival will be held in June next, His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, in the Chair. The services of brethren to represent lodges and provinces as Stewards are most urgently solicited.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION

FOR
AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF
FREEMASONS, CROYDON.

PATRON AND PRESIDENT:
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES,
K.G., &c., M.W.G.M.

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Of this Institution will take place
On TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1884,
AT
FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN-STREET,
LONDON,

Upon which occasion
JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT, Esq.,
GRAND TREASURER,
VICE-PATRON AND TREASURER OF THE INSTITUTION,
Has been pleased to signify his intention of Presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,
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** At the Election in May next there will be 126 Candidates for Election, while at the present time there are only 17 Vacancies.

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Masonic Notes and Queries.

282] HISTORIES OF LODGES. I have received from Bro. T. S. Carter, of Hertford, the "History of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403," compiled by himself; and from Bro. J. Bodenham, of Newport, Salop, the "History of Freemasonry in Stafford," by Bro. T. Ward Chalmers.

283] BARRETT'S MAGUS. Where can I find a life of Francis Barrett? In a print attached to his "Magus" in 1801, he wears on the right side a little jewel with a ribbon attached to the button-side. It seems to be a "Delta" or a "Triangle" on a small square plate.

284] A KNIGHT TEMPLAR DRAMA. In a fifth volume of plays, out of a series I think of many volumes, I find one entitled "The Knight of Malta." It runs from page 2503 to 2834, and is styled "The end of the Fifth Volume" and endorsed "Printed in the year 1711."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of this Institution met on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present Bros. W. J. Murlis, Henry Moore, G. Bolton, James Brett, John Bulmer, A. H. Tattershall, Raynham W. Stewart, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Newton, W. H. Goodall, John J. Berry, C. G. Dille, C. H. Webb, J. H. Sillitoe, J. E. Gordon Robbins, James Willing, jun., Thos. W. C. Bush, G. L. Moore, W. Stephens, Thos. Cubitt, W. Hilton, Louis Stean, W. March, Charles Belton, and James Terry (Sec.)

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the SECRETARY reported the death of three male and three female annuitants. He then read the Warden's report, which stated the receipt of numerous presents by brethren: and ladies for the New Year's entertainment to the old people on the previous Wednesday, consisting of turkeys, hams, fruit, plum puddings and mince pies, tea, and tobacco.

Bro. C. H. WENN brought forward his motion for considering what could be done to assist candidates for the Institution who had been at one time subscribers, a motion which was brought forward at last meeting, but after some discussion was adjourned. It was not his object to create bogus votes, but to act fairly and properly, and to give the candidates no more than was their due.

Bro. W. H. GOODALL objected to one part of the scheme, because it left in a Committee an arbitrary power of settling a value in votes on the subscriptions.

Some of the brethren thought a Committee should be appointed to thresh the subject out. This suggestion was adopted and a committee was appointed.

Bro. HENRY MOORE, P.M. 73, wished to obtain some information as to who invited the ladies and brethren who attended at the entertainment to the old people and partook of the turkeys, &c., which had been presented. He was afraid that by partaking of these good things they deprived the old people of part of them.

Bro. TERRY explained that it was usual to invite those who contributed the money and the good things. The House Committee were also invited. The brethren who attended helped and waited upon the old people, and it was usual for them to have a cut off a joint and a glass of wine after the old people had had their dinner.

Bro. H. MOORE expressed himself satisfied. It was as well to have the matter cleared up first as last.

Nine male and five female candidates were placed on the list for election in May next. One male petitioner was deferred and one refused.

The SECRETARY stated there were 82 widows and 44 men for election, and only 17 vacancies in all.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held on Thursday, the 13th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, when in the absence of the R.W.P.G.M., Lord Suffield, K.C.B., who is at present abroad, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Major Penrice, P.M. 52, P.G.D., presided, entering the lodge room shortly after one o'clock, attended by the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The lodges having been arranged under their respective banners, the D.P.G.M. proceeded to open Provincial Grand Lodge in due form. The D.P.G.M. then explained that in consequence of the death of Bro. H. Fox, P.M. of No. 93, a vacancy had occurred in the office of Prov. G.J.D., and he had decided to confer the honour of the vacant office upon Bro. Chas. E. Sexton, W.M. of Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, which would entitle him to wear the purple, and rank as a Past Officer of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and duly confirmed, and the roll of lodges called, when every lodge in the province was found to be duly represented.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his gratification in seeing so large an attendance at Provincial Grand Lodge. He also expressed his regret at the absence of the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Suffield, who was then on the continent, and who had written regretting his inability to attend. Letters had also been received from Bros. Hamond Le Strange, Prov. G. Treas., and Courtenay Boyle, Prov. G.S.W.

Bro. H. G. BARWELL, Hon. Sec. of the Charities' Committee, then read the report of that Committee, in which congratulations were made for the return of the boy Standford, son of Bro. Standford, who had been voted into the Boys' School with 3107 votes, and was second on the list of successful candidates. The report also contained a proposition made at a recent meeting of the Charities' Committee, recommending the adoption of a provincial scheme for the education of children of brethren of the province who required the same by forming a fund by subscriptions to enable such children to be sent to a local school of eminence.

The report was duly adopted. Bro. C. R. GILMAN then proposed that a Committee should be appointed at once, of not less than five or six members, for the purpose of carrying out the proposed educational scheme, which was duly seconded.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in supporting the scheme, characterised the same as an excellent idea, inasmuch as it took four years to get a boy into the Masonic School, and often before that could be done the boy had attained an age too old to be admitted; but he hoped that if this suggestion was adopted and carried out it would not cause the subscriptions to the Masonic Charities to decrease.

The following were then appointed on the Committee: Bro. C. R. Gilman, G. W. G. Barnard, W. H. Smith, Rev. Pigott, and Burgess.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having declared all the offices vacant, invested the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

- Bro. C. S. Gilman, 52 ... Prov. G.S.W.
R. H. Aldham, 107 ... Prov. G.J.W.
Rev. H. Wimple, 107 ... Prov. G. Chap.
Hamon Le Strange (re-elected) ... Prov. G. Treas.
R. J. Mills, 943 ... Prov. G. Reg.
J. B. Aldis, 52 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Sec.
G. Jewson, 93 ... Prov. G.S.D.
J. D. Hughes, 1193 ... Prov. G.J.D.

- Bro. W. E. Sherringham, 1114 ... Prov. G.S. of W.
G. B. Jay, 1500 ... Prov. G.D. of C.
J. J. Hunt, 807 ... Prov. G.A.D.C.
W. H. Doughty, 996 ... Prov. G.S.B.
F. C. Atkinson, 93 (re-appointed) ... Prov. G. Org.
J. W. B. Johnson, 100 ... Prov. G. Purst.
R. Gunn (re-appointed 19th time) ... Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Le Strange was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

There being no other business to transact the D.P.G.M. having decided that the collection to be made after the cathedral service should be given to the Saint Peters Man-croft Church, now in course of restoration, then closed Prov. Grand Lodge in due form, the brethren afterwards assembling at Norwich Cathedral to attend Divine Service, Bro. F. C. Atkinson, P.G. Org., presiding at the organ. A very excellent Masonic sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. Melville Pigott, vicar of Eaton, Norwich, P.P.G.C., who took for his text "Behold I will lay my stones with many colours." It was understood that at the express request of many brethren in the province the rev. brother has kindly consented to allow the same to be printed and that it will shortly be in circulation.

The banquet was held in the evening, when many brethren attended. It was very ably presided over by Bro. Major Penrice, the D.P.G.M., and the viands were of a most recherché character. At the conclusion of the feast the usual loyal Masonic and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master," observed that no one regretted more than his lordship did himself at not being present to perform his pleasing duties. He (the Deputy Prov. Grand Master) had sent a telegram to Messina, and had received a letter in reply, in which his lordship offered his regret to Prov. Grand Lodge. His lordship had a call to Albania, and he might be some time away; however, he (the Deputy Prov. Grand Master) was sure they would drink his lordship's health with all enthusiasm. (Cheers.)

Bro. SIR F. BOILEAU then proposed "The Health of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master," which was enthusiastically received, and in the course of which Sir Francis characterised the Deputy Prov. Grand Master as most perfect in the performance of his duties, not only in manner, but in looks, and he (Sir Francis) hoped that the Deputy Grand Master would long live to come amongst them.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER in response thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given to the toast of his health, and expressed great difficulty in talking of himself; but he concluded by assuring the brethren that if there was anything he could do for the spread of Freemasonry he should always be ready and willing to do it.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "The Health of Bro. the Rev. W. Melville Pigott," who was obliged, owing to parochial duties, to leave early in the evening, and personally thanked the rev. brother for his excellent sermon, for he had never heard a better exposition of Masonry. (Cheers.)

Bro. PIGOTT having responded, The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER rose to propose the toast of "The Masonic Association, Limited," and spoke of the desirability for the Masons of the province to have a home in Norwich. He coupled the toast with the name of Bro. H. G. Barwell, the late Prov. G. Sec.

Bro. H. G. BARWELL, in response, made a lengthy speech upon the merits of the Association, in the course of which he informed the brethren that the temporary rooms at the back of the Club, which had been used for Masonic meetings, &c., had been recently removed, and it had been proposed to erect a substantial building in their stead from plans which had been most elaborately prepared by Bro. J. B. Pearce, F.R.I.B.A. For this purpose a sum of £1000 was required, and no more, which it was proposed to raise by preference or other shares. If this were done, the Association would be a complete success, as what from subscriptions and rent and other sources the Club was entirely self supporting. He concluded by making an earnest appeal to the brethren to be liberal in their offer to take shares to carry out the above laudable idea.

Bro. ALDIS, Prov. G. Sec., most ably supported Bro. Barwell in his remarks, and a discussion ensued between Bro. Sir F. G. W. Boileau, Bart., C. S. Gilman, and others, and in the result about £100 worth of shares were at once taken.

The D.P.G.M. then proposed the toast of "The Health of Bro. J. B. Aldis, the Prov. Grand Secretary," observing that, although new to his office, he had already gained the respect and esteem of the brethren of the province. (Cheers.)

Bro. ALDIS in response thanked the D.P.G.M. for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the cordial reception they had accorded the toast of his health. He proceeded to speak of his great admiration for Masonry, and begged the brethren to look back and around them to see the immense number of great and glorious movements undertaken and buildings erected by their forefathers. They had now an opportunity of throwing their mite into the great scale in the improvement of their Masonic home, and so hand down to posterity some mark of their existence. He hoped the Masons of the province would throw all their energies and zeal into this matter, in which he personally took great interest, and so provide a home in Norwich suitable for all Masons. Bro. Aldis again thanked them for their kindness, and hoped he should be able to give greater satisfaction in the ensuing year than in the past. (Cheers.)

The Tyler's toast was then given and the meeting broke up.

Much satisfaction was felt at the success of the day's proceedings, and at the large attendance of the brethren at Prov. Grand Lodge.

Several very excellent songs were given at the conclusion of the banquet by Bros. F. C. Atkinson, H. Thonless, J. H. Brockbank, H. J. Brooks, and C. L. Holden, all of Norwich Cathedral, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

MADAME TUSBAUD AND SON'S EXHIBITION.—Portrait Models of H.R.H. the Duke of EDINBURGH, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, President Grevy, Martin Luther, The Orleans Princes, Captain Webb (taken from life). Costly Court Dresses. Also Marwood (taken from sittings).—Admission 1s, Extra rooms, 6d, Open from 10 till 10.—[ADVT.]

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, on the 20th ult., under the presidency of W. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., the following brethren also being present, viz.: W. Bros. Dr. E. A. Briggs, P.G.S.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.P.G.S.W.; P.G. Treas.; J. T. du Jardin, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Barrow, P.P.G.S.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Sec., P.P. Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; W. T. Pugsley, P.P.G. J.W., Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; A. Viel, P.P.G. J.W.; E. L. Bennett, P.P.G. Reg.; O. Dodge, P.P.G. Reg.; P. W. Binet, P.P.G.S.D.; C. Donaldson, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Leat, P.P.G. J.D.; T. J. Ainsley, P.P.G. J.D.; W. H. Bowles, P.G.D. of C.; Philip Blamfield, P.P.G.D. of C.; Charles Naylor, P.P.G.D. of C.; James Pool, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. Gilley, P.P.G. Org.; P. Bois, P.P.G. Purst.; J. I. Elliott, P.P.G. Purst.; Thomas Stone, P.G. Stwd.; F. D. Wallis, P.G. Stwd.; P. E. Sohler, P.P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; and the brethren of the several lodges in the province.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge on the 19th October were unanimously confirmed, and the business of the evening was proceeded with, viz.: To present testimonials to several brethren according to resolutions passed in Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.D.P.G.M. proceeded by presenting W. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur, P.M. 491, P.P.G.S.D., P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Sec., P.P. Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., hon. member of lodges 245, 958, 1003, and chapters 244, 590, P.Z. 491, P.G. Scribe E., with a splendid gold watch and an illuminated address on vellum, of exquisite skill and beauty. The D.P.G.M. in his address said how pleased he was to be the intermediary of the brethren in acknowledging the services of W. Bro. J. O. Le Sueur for the 20 years of his Masonic life, first by fulfilling the different duties of the lodge, but more particularly for the arduous duties of P.G. Secretary for the space of 10 years, during which period the Craft in the island had been in a most prosperous condition, and it was with pleasure that the offices of Prov. G.S.W. and Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps. were conferred on him. The D.P.G.M. could not pass in silence the activity and energy displayed by Bro. Le Sueur for the welfare and prosperity of their Masonic Institutions, and the beautiful testimonial he was about to hand to Bro. Le Sueur gave a good expression of the Masonic motto, viz., "To reward merit and encourage industry."

W. Bro. LE SUEUR responded in terms which gave full expression of gratitude, and promised for the future the same zeal and industry as he had exhibited in the past.

The D.P.G.M. also presented an illuminated address to each of the following brethren, viz., W. Bro. P. W. Binet, P.M. 590, P.P.G.S.D., P.Z. 590; and Bro. W. J. Fentum, P.G. Org., for the industry and energy displayed by them in organizing several concerts, the proceeds of which were applied for the purchase of an organ for the Masonic rituals, and to W. Bro. J. T. du Jardin, P.M. 244, 590, P.P.G.S.W., P.P.G. Treas., &c., on his retirement from the office of P.G. Treas., to which each brother gave a heartfelt acknowledgment.

An illuminated address was also presented to W. Bro. Abner Torkington, Grand Stwd. and hon. member of all the lodges and chapters in the province, but the address not being ready and Bro. Torkington being away from the island, it was unavoidably postponed. The meeting, however, to give full expression of the gratitude they felt for Bro. Torkington, commissioned Bro. Le Sueur to forward the testimonial at the earliest opportunity. In the name of Bro. Torkington, Bro. Le Sueur thanked Provincial Grand Lodge and assured them that the goodwill and brotherly love of that brother was beating as warm in his breast as though he was present with them.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where a supper had been provided by the able caterer, Bro. George Rogers, after the disposal of which several hours were most agreeably spent in fraternal unity. The usual Masonic toasts were duly given and responded to, and the brethren separated after a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE MARINERS' LODGE, No. 249.

IMPOSING CEREMONY IN LIVERPOOL.

There was a numerous and brilliant gathering of the leaders in the Craft at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Thursday afternoon, the 27th ult., for the purpose of celebrating in a becoming and appropriate form the close of the first 100 years' existence of the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, which is deservedly recognised as one of the chief Masonic combinations in the extensive province of West Lancashire. The very large, intensely hearty, and most influential gathering afforded fresh evidence of the combined prosperity and thorough unanimity of the Order in this Masonic division, and there was but one expression of opinion as to the complete success of the splendid meeting. The occasion was invested with special attractiveness in consequence of the presence of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, V.W.D.G.M. of England, R.W. Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, who thus showed his warm interest in the Craft within the division over which he presides so admirably; and the attendance of P.G. Officers and other rulers in the Craft was larger than any which has been witnessed for a long time. There were about 160 brethren present at the business portion of the proceedings, which were conducted in a manner reflecting the highest credit upon all who had been entrusted with the preliminary arrangements. Centenary celebrations are of rare occurrence in the province of West Lancashire, and there was accordingly an amount of enthusiasm displayed which showed how wide-spread was the interest taken in the "Old Mariners" in particular and the Masonic Order in general. According to records in possession of the Grand Lodge of England, it appears that the Mariners' Lodge was founded in the year 1783, its promoters and first members being John Posnett, James Gregory, John Mann, Wm. Sanderson, Thomas Heart, Thomas Palmer, and James Palmer, all of whom were described as mariners. Bro. J. Posnett was the first W.M., Bro. J. Gregory the first S.W., and Bro. J. Mann the first J.W. Many changes and vicissitudes have marked the history of the lodge during its century's existence, but it now holds a prominent place on the long roll of the province, and it can boast the possession of a large number of votes for the following charities: West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Royal

Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Hamer Benevolent Fund. At the present time it has about 140 subscribing members, and these include many brethren who have done good work for the Craft and the cause of charity in this and other parts of the country.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Morris Davies, W.M., and he was supported by Bros. J. Jenaway, I.P.M.; F. Barnett, P.M.; J. Whalley, P.M., Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. Hayes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Corbett, P.M.; J. C. Robinson, P.M.; D. W. Caugley, S.W.; R. C. Bradley, J.W.; Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; R. Collins, Sec.; J. White, J.D.; H. J. Pye, I.G.; J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org., Org.; J. Sparr, W. Hewson, and D. Davidson, Stewards; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. There was a large gathering of the members of the lodge, and the long list of visitors included Bros. G. Godfrey, W.M. 673; R. Martin, P.M. 1182; E. George, W.M. 1356; A. Bucknall, P.M. 667; C. Bargerly, W.M. 1756; Rev. Dr. Hyde, 1086; W. Olver, W.M. 220; G. Morgan, P.M. 1035; W. Brasseley, W.M. 825; A. Cotter, P.M. 1264; W. E. Coxon, W.M. 1675; J. L. Shrapnell, W.M. 1609; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; J. S. Warden, W.M. 1261; W. H. Jewitt, W.M. 1393; J. O. Rea, W.M. 1182; B. Ripley, W.M. 1547; W. Smith, W.M. 706; S. G. Sinclair, W.M. 32; J. Comins, W.M. 724; Squire Chapman, W.M. 1013; Lewis Peake, W.M. 1035; J. M. Smythe, W.M. 98 (Belfast); J. C. McGuire, I.P.M. 1547; S. Butterworth, J.D. 1547; R. W. Hughes, 1609; J. Chambers, 1609; J. Harris, 594; D. Keith, I.G. 203; G. Evans, 1013; H. Round, 1609; H. George, 1182; J. Martin, 1609; C. Burchall, 1035; Josef Cantor, Sec. 1609; J. Croxton, Treas. 1756; W. Davies, 823; W. H. Quayle, 1325; J. Edwards, 1620; R. N. Hobart, 241; J. B. Treasure, 1013; Edwin Gilbert, 1094; H. Horspool, 1094; W. E. Stone, 1609; and others. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Lord Lathom, Deputy G.M., and his officers were then announced, and having been admitted, were received with the usual honours. Besides the Prov. G.M., there were also present in the procession Bros. P. M. Hunter, Prov. G. J. W.; R. Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; John Houlding, P.P.G.R.; J. Andrew, Prov. G.D.C.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Hart, Prov. G.D.D.C.; J. Whalley, Prov. G.A.D.C.; J. B. Mackenzie, Prov. G.S.D.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; J. Chadwick, Prov. G. Sec. East Lanc.; T. Davies, Prov. G. Purst.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; T. Schofield, Prov. G. J. D.; H. Firth, Prov. G. J. D.; W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.; Dr. J. K. Smith, P.P.G.R.; H. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Skeaf, P.P.G.O.; H. Williams, P.P.G.A.D.C.; and W. Longbottom, Prov. G. Steward.

Bro. Dr. J. KELLETT SMITH, P.P.G.R., as the senior Past Master of the lodge, addressing the lodge with reference to the interesting occasion, said that if it were possible to give a full history of the existence of the Mariners' Lodge the account would be both interesting and instructive, but for several reasons it was impossible to furnish this. Great difficulty had been experienced in collecting materials for such a purpose, largely owing to the many changes which were constantly taking place in the Mariners, as in every other lodge within the province. They were all very proud of the old lodge, and had taken a deep interest in its centenary celebration. The arrangements had caused a good deal of thought and anxiety. The lodge had had a chequered career, but through all the storms and tempests the "good old ship" had maintained an excellent position on the books of the Grand Lodge. Years ago the meetings of the Mariners took place in public-houses, but it was largely owing to the efforts of the members of that time, in conjunction with those connected with the Merchants' and Antient Union Lodges, that the first step was taken to secure a hall for purely Masonic purposes. He had been informed by Bro. Hamer (whose memory they all revered) that it was sometimes a matter of the greatest difficulty to secure brethren to fill the different offices at the various meetings, and it was not unusual for them to require to send around the town to find the brethren necessary to carry out the work of the lodge. Great good was secured by their removal to a building devoted entirely to Masonic purposes, and the Mariners' Lodge deserved much of the credit attaching to this movement in the right direction. During its existence the lodge had had several members of eminence, amongst whom he (Bro. Dr. Smith) might mention Bros. James Hamer and Joshua Walmsley, both of whom were willing and indefatigable workers in the Masonic cause. He was certain the members must feel deeply grateful to the Prov. Grand Master for his courtesy and kindness in coming amongst them that day to take part in the centenary celebration. Bro. Smith concluded by asking Bro. the Earl of Lathom to entrust the centenary warrant to the custody of the W.M.

Bro. R. WYLIE, P.P.G.S.D., acting as P.G. Sec. (in the absence of Bro. H. S. Apass, in consequence of illness), then read the warrant, the Prov. Grand Master afterwards presenting it to the W.M. of the lodge, and a specially composed anthem, entitled "Lord, Thou hast been our refuge," by Bro. J. P. Bryan, Prov. G. Org., was sung by a numerous choir, accompanied by the organ and a select orchestra, Bro. Bryan conducting. Bro. Skeaf was at the organ, and the choir included Bros. D. J. Davies, 1675; C. Burchall, 1035; W. E. Stone, 1609; G. Evans, 667; D. Williams, 1675; W. Quayle, 1325; R. N. Hobart, 241; D. Keith, 203; J. A. Muir, 203; Eaton Batty, 1609; H. Ashmore, P.M. 823; and J. Busfield, 216. The instrumentalists were Bros. Hughes, 1609, and George, 1182 (1st violins); Bros. Chambers, 1609, and J. Martin, 1609 (2nd violins); Bro. Harris, 594 (viola); Bro. H. Round, 1609 (double bass); and Bro. J. Cantor (trumpet).

At the conclusion of the anthem, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER replied in suitable terms to the presentation of the warrant, and announced to Bro. the Earl of Lathom that he had been elected an honorary member of the lodge, concluding by requesting his lordship to accept the first centenary jewel.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER in acknowledging the presentation said he felt it a very high honour to be present on that occasion and assist at the centenary celebration of the lodge. In being made an honorary member, he realised that the compliment came from one of the best conducted and most flourishing lodges in the province. He specially thanked Bro. Dr. Smith for the exceedingly interesting statement he had made with reference to its history, and he (Bro. Lord Lathom) hoped Bro. Smith would draw up a complete history of the lodge from its beginning to the present time, as it would prove exceed-

ingly valuable to Masons generally. He then invested the W.M., S.W., and J.W. with centennial jewels.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. HYDE addressed the brethren, and in the course of his remarks said that the fact of that lodge having completed 100 years' existence proved that they recognised God in all their work, and he urged the brethren present to remember the words of their Grand Master the Prince of Wales, when he said that so long as the brethren aimed at being religious Fre emasonry would prosper in the land. There was peculiar appropriateness in the fact that the lodge had been founded by mariners in a city famed for its maritime enterprise, and he was glad to find that it had always been ready and willing to assist in the cause of charity. In thus labouring they had the blessing of the widow and orphan, and he trusted that the unity, good feeling, and helpful spirit which had marked the history of the lodge in the past would continue in the future.

Bro. Bryan's anthem, "Behold, how good," was then sung, the representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodge, headed by Bro. Lord Lathom, retired, and the lodge was closed.

About 160 brethren subsequently sat down to dinner in the large banquetting room, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith, P.P.G.R., who had the Prov. Grand Master on his right. The catering was entrusted to Bro. J. Casey, House Steward, and the admirable manner in which he carried out the arrangements elicited universal approbation. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given during the evening.

Bro. Dr. SMITH gave the toast of "Bro. the Earl of Lathom," which was received with immense enthusiasm, the brethren cheering heartily for some time.

His LORDSHIP thanked them for their most hearty welcome, and again expressed a hope that the Mariners' Lodge would continue to enjoy the prosperity which it had done in the past. He especially thanked Bro. Dr. Smith for the kind terms in which he had spoken of him, and he could assure the brethren that it would always give him the greatest pleasure to attend similar gatherings when circumstances permitted.

"The D.P.G.M. and the Officers of the P.G.L." was acknowledged by Bros. J. Andrew, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Wylie, P.P.G.S.D.; Thomas Salter, P.P.G. J.D.; and J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D.

"The Centenary of the Lodge," given by Bro. Rev. P. Pinnington, P.M., was responded to by Bro. Dr. Smith; and amongst the other toasts were "The W.M."

"The Masonic Charities," was first acknowledged by Bro. R. Martin, Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. He said that as that day they had been giving the history of their lodge, it might perhaps not be without interest to the many brethren present that evening if he briefly narrated the rise and progress of the leading provincial charity which he had the honour and privilege to represent in the capacity of Hon. Sec. of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. That Institution was started in 1850, mainly by the efforts of two worthy Liverpool Masons, Bros. Jos. Walmsley and Thos. Littledale. In 1852 it was formally constituted and its bye-laws approved by Prov. Grand Lodge, Bro. Rev. Gilmour Robinson, D.G. Master, being its first President, Bro. Lewis Samuel the Treasurer, and Bros. Bunning and Colling Hon. Secs. So carefully has the basis of the Institution been fixed by its founders, and its future extension and usefulness anticipated, that the laws first formed had served for its efficient working to a very recent date. The first funds were the proceeds of a ball, a pleasant and profitable means of adding to the funds of the Charity, having been held annually since the one for 1854, taking place on the 8th January, the onerous duties of Hon. Sec. of which he was pleased to say are performed by Bro. J. C. Robinson, one of the Past Masters of the Mariners. The first report of the Institution was issued in 1853, when 17 out of 21 lodges in the province had helped in forming a capital of £847 19s. 10d. In that year the first candidate was placed upon the foundation, and to illustrate the usefulness of the timely aid afforded by the Institution, that boy at the present time occupied a prominent and responsible position as a member of the press. The Institution from that time made rapid strides. In 1861 the capital had increased to close on £4,000, and the children on the foundation 16; in 1871 the capital was £9,000, and the children receiving the benefits of the Institution 42; at the present time the capital was about £17,000. Since the Institution was founded 410 children had by its aid received the benefits of a good and lasting education at an outlay of about £10,000, the whole of which amount had been spent, and the £17,000 capital raised, without a penny being spent in expenses other than printing and postages. During the past month it had been decided to extend the benefits and usefulness of the Institution to children who have had the misfortune to lose both parents by sending them to schools where they will be clothed and maintained, and negotiations for this object had been opened up with the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for the nomination of children from the foundation on payment of an annual sum, and there was every reason to believe, from the spirit in which the proposition had been received, the Committee of the Girls' Institution would adopt the scheme. This increased outlay would require increased means, but the spirit which had all along been evinced by the brethren of the Mariners' Lodge and the brethren generally towards their noble Institution, justified the belief that it would be forthcoming.

Bro. G. MORGAN, P.M. 1035, also responded to the toast, pleading eloquently on behalf of another excellent West Lancashire Charity—the Hamer Benevolent Fund—which, he said, was accomplishing much good work, and well deserved the heartiest support every lodge could give it.

The toast of the "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. S. G. SINCLAIR, W.M. 32; C. BARGERLY, W.M. 1756; and H. WILLIAMS, P.P.G.A.D.C.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Musical Brethren," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were the remaining toasts on the list.

A well-selected programme of music was given by the brethren who had rendered the anthems in the lodge. During the evening Bro. R. Collins, Secretary, was presented with a centenary jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge.

The total number of visitors to the Calcutta Exhibition from the opening to the present date amounts to about 400,000. The juries will commence their labours on the 15th inst.

S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. Wood being re-elected Treas., and Bro. A. W. Martin, Tyler, the elections in each case proving unanimous. Two members of the lodge were appointed Auditors and a P.M.'s jewel voted to the retiring W.M. for the ability he had displayed in presiding over the lodge during a very successful year. Notice of motion was given to vote 10 guineas from the funds of the lodge to the R.M.B.I. for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. The lodge was then duly closed and adjourned.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 20th inst. In the absence through illness of the W.M. Bro. D. Womersley, the lodge was opened by Bro. W. Lambourn, P.P.G.S.B., P.M., assisted by Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., acting S.W.; James Richardson, J.W.; H. G. F. Wells, Prov. G.A.P., P.M., Treas.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; T. W. Jordan, acting S.D.; C. Armstrong, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; Henry Kimm, I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; Charles Martin, J. W. Walder, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed. There being no lodge work, Bro. Currie, Chap., gave a brief lecture on the immovable jewels, which proved most acceptable to the brethren present. The Auditors having been appointed, and a brother proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Camp Lodge (No. 1331).—A meeting of emergency of this lodge was held on the 2nd inst., there being present Bros. Adams, W.M.; Robertson, S.W.; Barlow, J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Clisham, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; Todd, S.D.; Norton, J.D.; Pardoe, I.G.; Burns, Tyler; Fleffer, P.M.; Parker, P.M.; Taylor, Russell, Moore, and others.

This emergency meeting was called for the purpose of clearing off the unfinished work of the year and to lighten the agenda paper for the installation meeting, which will take place in a few days, and the W.M. took the opportunity of remarking that they had been very successful during the past year; they had initiated 15 brethren, in addition to which seven brethren had joined them from other lodges. Their financial condition was also most satisfactory; there had always been a good attendance of the members, and their visitors had invariably complimented them upon the manner in which they carried out their work. He attributed this prosperity and efficiency to the thorough unanimity and true Masonic feeling which had guided their actions, and he earnestly hoped they would ever strive to deserve a continuance of that success which had thus far attended their efforts.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale said he would not intrude upon their time on the present occasion, except to remind them (in his capacity of lodge charity representative) of their Charitable Institutions, all of which were equally deserving of their support; he therefore trusted in their prosperity they would feel it a duty incumbent upon them to increase their donations to these noble Institutions, and also make some addition to the lodge library. The principle of charity and the duty of endeavouring to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge had been forcibly brought under their notice in their various Masonic ceremonies, and it was therefore quite unnecessary for him to say anything further of the elementary duties of every member of their lodge. He was quite sure that the two points—their Charities and the library—would not be lost sight of at their next regular lodge meeting, for he had never found them unmindful of the principles and the tenets that were so early taught them in their Masonic career.

The lodge business having been transacted, "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visitors, and the brethren dispersed.

SOUTHAMPTON.—Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1780).—Bro. T. Walton, the Ex-Grand Master of the Oddfellows M.U., was last week installed W.M. of this lodge by its first Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Hickman, in the presence of a numerous attendance of brethren, the board of Installed Masters including W. Bros. Robertson, 130; Patstone, 359; H. Lashmore, 394; Mayoss, 1112; and D. O. Hobbs, 1416; Bros. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Dr. Broster, P.M.; Parkinson, P.M.; J. S. Pearce, P.M.; Berry, P.M.; T. P. Payne, P.M.; G. Lungley, P.M.; H. P. Aslatt, P.M.; S. S. Pearce, P.M.; Grinyer, P.M.; I. Harle, P.M.; and G. Cross, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Grant, I.P.M.; J. Ireland, S.W.; Sergt. Algar, R.E., J.W.; J. Stevens, Treas.; W. Berry, P.M., Sec.; A. Bailey, S.D.; G. Heathcote, J.D.; W. Foster, I.G.; B. Tanner, D.C.; W. Grunsell, Org.; and H. S. Pearce and E. Warren, Stewards.

Thanks were accorded the outgoing Master and a jewel was voted from the lodge funds. A vote of thanks was also passed to the D.P.G.M. for having attended and so well carried out the duties of Installing Master.

About 70 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, served by Bro. Dartnall, after which the usual Masonic toasts were given, the speeches including an eloquent answer by the Rev. L'Argent Bell, one of the P.G. Chaplains, to the question "Why are you a Mason?" Reference was made by several brethren to the high position which W. Bro. Walton had attained as Grand Master of the Oddfellows, and many hearty wishes were tendered him for a successful year of office.

ALDERSHOT.—Army and Navy Lodge (No. 1971).—This lodge met at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday week, when there was a goodly attendance of the brethren. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Dr. Grier, assisted by Bros. Assist.-Commanding General Cook, P.M., as S.W.; Dr. Barker, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Croisdale, Sec.; Dr. Mullins, S.D.; Foster, J.D.; Dr. Morse, I.G.; Col. Williams, M.C.; Lieut.-Col. Sartorius, V.C., W.S.; and Burns, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous lodge were read and confirmed and the ballot was then taken for Bro. J. Bendall, 706, as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and Bros. Symonds and Nicholson were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., in a very effective manner, the historical part being given with considerable earnestness and expression.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

Bro. Capt. Croisdale, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., in proposing "The Health of the W.M." said he had much pleasure in doing so, inasmuch as it was universally acknowledged that their W.M. had fairly earned their warmest thanks for his unwearied exertions, his careful attention, and the ability he had displayed in having their beautiful ritual correctly rendered, and moreover they had one and all admired and appreciated the kind and genial way in which their esteemed brother had helped them to march steadily along the good old beaten track which led onwards to all that was likely to add dignity and stability to the Craft. It was indeed no small honour to be at the head of a Masonic lodge, and the honour was greatly intensified when the brother who held that office conducted his duties so well and so faithfully as their esteemed Bro. Dr. Grier had done, he therefore felt he was correctly interpreting the feelings of the brethren when he said they were glad on all occasions, whenever the opportunity offered, of showing their worthy brother the respect and appreciation they had for his valuable services.

Bro. Dr. Grier in reply said he could assure the brethren he felt it a great honour to preside over a lodge, which though young in the Craft, already bore signs of becoming as flourishing and he might venture to add as efficient as any in the province. He could not take credit for this himself, he had merely endeavoured to emulate the example and the wishes of the founders of the lodge whose constant care had been to keep up to the high standard of Masonic excellence they had set for themselves when the lodge was constituted by their esteemed Prov. Grand Master, and the first Master was installed by the W. Bro. who had just proposed his health in such eulogistic terms, he would not detain them longer, except to say how much he appreciated the prompt manner in which they invariably responded to his gavel; as military men they all knew the value of discipline, and he earnestly hoped it would always prevail in their lodge and that they would long continue to be firmly united as brethren, always endeavouring to cultivate for each other that endearing friendship which really constituted the very essence of their Masonic profession.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the P.Ms." and complimented them on the way they invariably performed their duties.

Bro. Cooke, P.M., responded on behalf of the P.Ms., and by permission of the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Officers," saying that under the able government of so well skilled a Master and such able painstaking and deserving officers their lodge could not do otherwise than go on and prosper.

Bros. Dr. Barker and the Rev. T. P. Mullens responded. The proceedings at the table closed with the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated after spending a delightful evening.

EAST MOULSEY.—Arnold Lodge (No. 1981).—This lodge, which was consecrated in 1882 by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, from whom it takes its name, held its installation meeting on New Year's Day at the Bell Hotel, and was honoured by the presence of R.W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Arnold, P.G. Chap. and Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Youldon, W.M., assisted by Bros. W. P. Catterson, S.W.; C. G. L. Kipling, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge. For an installation meeting there was a considerable amount of work. After the formal business of reading the minutes and Auditors' report, Bros. Wright and Chapman were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Two initiates were then balloted for and approved, viz., Mr. H. G. Yates and Mr. S. Ellis, and the latter being in attendance was initiated into the First Degree, the work being performed by the W.M. with his accustomed ability. The chair was then taken by the V.W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who had expressed a desire to perform the ceremony of installing Bro. W. P. Catterson, the W.M. elect, and had made a journey of 150 miles in order to be present. The W.M., Bro. Youldon, presented Bro. Catterson to the Installing Master, and Bro. Arnold, after addressing the brethren of the lodge upon the subject of installation, administered the obligation to the Master elect, after which a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. William Prince Catterson was in their presence installed in the chair of K.S. according to the ritual, which was most impressively recited by the Installing Master. The officers for the year were then invested by the new W.M. as follows: Bros. Kipling, S.W.; Catterson, sen., J.W.; Youldon, I.P.M., Treas.; Moorman, Sec.; Bewley, I.G.; and Warren, D.C. Bro. Lane was invested with the collar of Tyler, to which office he had been re-elected, and for which he is well fitted, being an old Crimean soldier, and a very smart man into the bargain. At the conclusion of the ceremonial business Bro. Catterson, sen., said that he had great pleasure in presenting to the lodge the handsome banner which now stood for the first time behind the Master's chair; and he hoped that it would prove a useful ornament. He had been much affected by the kind manner in which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master had assisted them by permitting the lodge the use of his coat of arms which the brethren saw emblazoned on the banner.

Bro. Arnold said as the brother from whom the lodge took its name, and also as an honorary member and the consecrating officer, he had to thank Bro. Catterson for the very generous present which he had given to the lodge. He did not think they could have had one more acceptable than that banner which they could take with them to the Grand Lodge of the province, and he trusted that there would be many occasions on which they would rally under that banner and uphold the honour of the Arnold Lodge.

Bro. Moorman, Secretary, thought that a vote of thanks should be offered to Bro. Croker for the gift of the lodge furniture, which he had provided and generously presented to the lodge.

The I.P.M., Bro. Youldon, said that he had not lost sight of the matter and had intended to be the proposer of that vote of thanks. As it had been proposed by Bro. Moorman he would have the pleasure of seconding the vote.

Bro. Croker acknowledged the compliment and said that though not one of the founders he had all along taken great interest in the lodge and was very pleased to be the donor of the furniture. He was glad to see that they had had so successful a year and trusted that they would go on prospering. It had just come to his knowledge that their new W.M. had presented to the lodge a very handsome set of Masonic tools, and he was sure the brethren could not do less than accord Bro. Catterson, jun., their hearty thanks for the gift.

Bro. Moorman seconded the vote, which was carried by acclamation.

Bro. Youldon, I.P.M., then called attention to the fact that they were indebted to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the very handsome bible which graced the Master's pedestal, and he was sure that the brethren must desire to show by a vote of thanks that nothing could gratify them more than to receive such a gift from the Past Grand Chaplain.

Bro. Arnold said that he had been very desirous of giving something more than merely his name to the lodge, and he thought that considering his profession and that the foundations of Freemasonry rested on the Sacred Law, he could not do better than make the gift which he was pleased to find acceptable to the lodge.

Bro. Catterson, W.M., said a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him and that was to present Bro. Youldon, I.P.M., with a P.M.'s jewel in recognition of his valuable services rendered to the Arnold Lodge during the first year of its establishment. In doing so he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of the whole lodge when he wished Bro. Youldon health and happiness and that he might be spared for many years to come to wear the jewel.

Bro. Youldon in acknowledging the compliment said he scarce could find sufficient words to express his feelings. He had said when he commenced his year of office that if he had had as good a year in the lodge as the year which he had then just concluded in the Brownrigg Lodge he should be satisfied. In the Brownrigg Lodge he had had 10 initiates in his year, but he had been even more successful in the Arnold Lodge, where he had had the pleasure of initiating 13 members. If their new W.M. was equally successful the lodge would indeed be a credit to the province of Surrey. He thanked them very sincerely for the handsome jewel with which they had presented him.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren presented dined together, and at the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W. Master, and were drunk with great cordiality by the company.

The toast to "The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England" was responded to by Bro. Arnold, as P.G. Chaplain, who said that he had no difficulty in doing so, because he knew how ably they performed their duties, which during the past year had been of a very onerous character, including as they did the revision of the Book of Constitutions, which had occasioned one or two rather stormy meetings, at which, however, the inherent loyalty of Masons had enabled all difficulties to be tidied over.

In proposing "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, General Brownrigg," the W.M. spoke of the great ability displayed by the head of the province, who not unfrequently was called upon to preside at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, when he performed the duties of Grand Master to the satisfaction of the metropolitan brethren.

In responding to the toast to "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Arnold referred to the condition of the lodges in the province, and said there was not a single lodge that was not working well, nor one which was not working on the lines of the Lodge of Emulation. Every Master was doing his duty faithfully and well, and he thought that the Province of Surrey stood paramount among the provinces of England in warranting such a report of their working. He thanked them in his own name and in that of the Provincial Grand Officers for the toast. Now that they had their banner he hoped they would always have a strong muster under it, and that every man would be able to say what was said upon that banner, "Vixit qui bene vixit."

Bro. Francis and the I.P.M., being also Provincial Grand Officers, added a few words.

Bro. Youldon proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," who, in acknowledging the compliment, said he hoped that he should be able to give the brethren satisfaction in performing the duties that now devolved upon him. It had been the ambition of his life to occupy that position, ever since—nine years ago—he sat as an initiate at the right hand of the W.M.; since that time he had filled various offices, and now had attained the proud position to which they had elected him. He trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him to execute with ability the duties he had to perform.

The Worshipful Master performed "The Health of the Initiate," "The Visitors," "The I.P.M.," and "The Officers," before the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

There were not a great many visitors present; they included Bros. H. B. Frances, P.P.G.S.B.; W. W. Hopkinson, 548; R. J. Taylor, W.M. 1922; and E. C. Massey (Freemason).

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—At the meeting held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., there was a large muster of brethren. Lodge was opened by Bro. Chretien, W.M., assisted by Bros. Lovegrove, S.W.; Cottebrune, Preceptor; Mount, S.D.; T. D. Dutton, J.D.; Chapman, I.G.; Bassington, Hon. Treas.; Cross, Hon. Sec.; Dairy, Hunt, Cobham, Gardner, Skinner, Green, Bull, Chapman, Coop, Swain, and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Daw-Kessell, who rehearsed fully the ceremony of installation in an efficient manner, installing Bro. Bull into the chair of K.S. Bro. Bull rehearsed the investiture of officers, as also did Bro. Chapman. Bro. Chretien then took the chair of W.M. After the lodge was resumed to the First Degree, votes of thanks were ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. on his taking the W.M.'s chair for the first time, and also to Bro. Daw-Kessell for the efficient way in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation. The Secretary was ordered to convey the condolence of the lodge to the widow of Bro. Cole, who had been a member of the lodge for many years. The lodge was then closed. Afterwards a meeting of the Masonic Charities' Association was held for the purpose of balloting for two life memberships, which fell to the lot of Bros. G. F. Edwards and Forscutt.

PERCY LODGE (No. 198).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on the 22nd ult., when there were present Bros. Gellen, W.M.; Ashton, S.W.; G. Ferrer, J.W.; A. Ferrer, S.D.; Gribbell, J.D.; Cross, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; Galer, Sec.; also Bros. Cohen, Kidder, Powell, Turner, and Millord.

The lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Powell having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Percy worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, and Bro. Cohen the Fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cross, 902, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed.

On the 5th inst. there were present Bros. Gribbell, W.M.; Dixie, S.W.; Gellen, J.W.; Weeden, S.D.; Ashton, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Percy, Preceptor; and Galer, Sec.; also Bros. Bullock, Ferrer, O'Donnell, Love, Harding, Mackey, Geldersere, Woolveridge, and Langdale. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Woolveridge having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Dixie worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dixie was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry the lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday, the 12th inst.

YARBOROUGH LODGE (No. 554).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Green Dragon, Steppney, E., on Tuesday, the 1st inst. There were present Bros. Lincker, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Shingfield, J.W.; Walker, Deacon; G. Price, I.G.; W. Cross, Sec. and Preceptor; Barnes, R. Hirst, Kennett, Bull, Hirst, Stephens, and Bardouleau. The lodge having been duly opened the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Barnes acting as candidate. Bro. Hirst, jun., was next duly tested and entrusted, and on lodge being advanced the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. Lodge was opened up and closed down in due form and Bro. J. Taylor then worked the First and Second Sections of the First Lecture, and was assisted by the brethren. Bros. J. W. Barnes, 1571, and W. Bull, D.C. 781, were elected members of the lodge unanimously. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and lodge was closed.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623).—Notwithstanding that Monday last was New Year's Eve there was a capital muster of the brethren at the new quarters of the lodge, viz., the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate-street, E.C. The worthy Preceptor occupied the chair and was supported by Bros. Stephens, S.W.; Cross, J.W.; King, Sec.; S. H. C. Rumball, Deacon; Higgins, Linnett, Duncher, Rumball, and others. Bro. Pencilfather worked the first ceremony, Bro. King as candidate. Bro. Linnett was afforded an opportunity of preparing himself for his next degree. Bro. G. H. Stephens worked some sections, and to complete a capital evening's work Stewards were appointed to make full arrangements for holding the annual supper on the 7th of February.

GUELPH LODGE (No. 1685).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at this lodge at the Town Hall, Leyton, on the 20th ult., under the able Mastership of Bro. James Boulton, P.M. 1056, and S.D. 28. There were over 150 brethren present and amongst the number, in addition to officers and workers, we noticed the following: Bros. Rev. Jas. Knaggs, 1421; J. Purdue, E. Bare, P.M. 1635; H. Taplay, P.M. 1076; G. Cheir, P.M. 1685; J. Gallaher, P.M. 1228; J. Slade, D.C. 1685; Dr. C. M. Simpson, 1056; Dr. Sharp, 1056; U. Latreille, 28; A. Mitchell, F. Herrold, W.M. 1056; W. Dorton, W.M. 1076; H. B. Holladay, P.M. 1076; Tyler, S. 1685; Dr. Grogno, S.; R. Tucker, P.M. 933; West, 212; Holloway, 1158; Brittain, 1258; H. M. Taylor, P.M. 1421; C. Mansfield, 1421; R. W. Hunter, 1685; Vincent, P.M. 1635; Robbins, P.M. 1056; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, after which the W.M. proceeded to the business of the evening. First Lecture—First Section, Bro. John Dorton, P.M. 1076; Second, Bro. E. Skelt, P.M. 1685 and W.M. 1598; Third, Bro. R. F. E. Hopkins, 749; Fourth, Bro. T. Clark, S.W. 1178; Fifth, Bro. M. Christian, J.W. 860; Sixth, Bro. A. Calver, J.D. 933; Seventh, Bro. B. Cundick, P.M. 1421. Second Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. G. Durrant, P.M. 1056; Second, Bro. J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; Third, Bro. B. Stewart, I.G. 1278; Fourth, Bro. F. Y. Latreille, P.M. 1056; Fifth, Bro. C. H. Stephens, S.W. 1623. Third Lecture—First Section, Bro. W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445; Second, Bro. F. King, P.M. 1056; Third, Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, W.M. 1580, &c.

We cannot speak too highly of the manner in which this was performed, and to the admirable manner in which each brother acquitted himself of the work allotted him. It would be invidious to pick out any individual worker, each and all rendered their task most satisfactorily and deserve the highest praise and credit. This was fully accorded them by the W.M. and various speakers who had the opportunity of expressing their appreciation. The W.M. also came in for his deserved meed of praise for the able manner in which he carried out the duties of the chair. As Bro. Rev. Jas. Knaggs said when he returned thanks on behalf of himself and other brethren (to the number of 42) who were accepted as joining members that evening, he was perfectly astounded when he thought of the number of questions that were asked and answered how any man could retain them in his mind, and conduct the business as Bro. Jas. Boulton had done that evening. It was the first time he (Bro. Knaggs) had heard the Fifteen Sections worked, and he was greatly delighted and left that hall with increased feelings of pleasure that he could claim to belong to so distinguished an Order as that of Freemasons.

Bros. Bare, Gallaher, and Cheir severally proposed and seconded votes of thanks to the W.M. and the brethren generally for coming to Leyton that evening to give them so great a Masonic treat; it would long be remembered by them as a red-letter day for the Guelph Lodge. In the course of their speeches they offered very eulogistic and deserving remarks to the different brethren who had worked the sections.

The W.M. and workers suitably returned thanks, after which the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the acting Secretary, Bro. H. Taplay, P.M. 1076, and Bro. Slade, the Secretary of the Guelph Lodge of Instruction, for the efficient aid given to him in carrying out the proceedings from its conception until that evening so successfully terminated.

The vote was received and carried most heartily, and responded to by Bros. Taplay and Slade. This brought the business to a close, one and all expressing themselves very much gratified with the proceedings throughout.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1695).—At the weekly meeting, held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 18th ult., there were present Bros. Eldridge, W.M.; Gush, Preceptor; Morris, S.W.; Bolt, J.W.; Berry, Sec.; Hall, S.D.; Haynes, J.D.; Scott, I.G.; Fenner, Larchin, Tremere, Knights, Cox, Yeoman, and Gregory.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Fenner having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The First and Second Sections of the First Lecture were then worked by Bro. Larchin. The lodge was then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and Bro. Hall having taken the chair, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Tremere being the candidate. Bro. Morris having been elected as W.M. at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

Mark Masonry.

ALDERSHOT.—Aldershot Lodge (No. 54).—This lodge met on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. Capt. Croisdale, P.G.S.D., W.M.; Askham, S.W.; Stone, J.W.; Harrison, M.O.; Taylor, S.D.; Bendall, J.D.; Campbell, I.G.; Cockaday; Burns, Tyler; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and there being no other business, the W.M. said he would take that opportunity of having the lodge bye-laws read, which was accordingly done. Bro. Taylor, S.D., said he considered it was a waste of Masonic energy for the lodge to meet once a month; he was of opinion that a meeting every alternate month would be sufficient for all requirements, and he formally gave notice of motion to that effect, with a view to the matter being fully ventilated at the next lodge meeting.

The W.M., Bro. Capt. Croisdale, remarked that it was to be regretted Mark Masonry at Aldershot was not making the progress it deserved; it was to him somewhat unaccountable inasmuch as it was a Degree which possessed great attractions, and in his opinion really formed a connecting link in the completion of the Masonic traditional history, he could only attribute it to the want of knowledge of its practical value on the part of those who were tardy in joining, or whose interest in the Degree had not been aroused. However, he had no doubt ere long an Order which possessed such good teachings and had so many worthy disciples as theirs had, would make rapid progress, especially as their future king had taken the Degree and had been recently installed M.W.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge and placed at the head of the P.G.Ms. of the Order. Two brethren were proposed for advancement, and the Lodge was closed.

FRIZINGTON.—Henry Lodge (No. 216).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th ult., Bro. B. Craig, P.G.D.C., W.M., presiding, assisted by Bros. D. Bell, P.G.I.G., S.W.; F. T. Allatt, J.W.; J. Routledge, M.O.; Geo. Lowden, S.O.; W. J. Harvey, J.O.; W. Swain, Reg. of Marks; J. Harper, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; J. Peel, Sec.; Chas. Gowan, S.D.; J. Gordon, I.G.; J. Close, P.P.G.T.; Tyler; Geo. Dalrymple, G.A.D.C., P.M.; Wm. Martin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; R. Baxter, P.M., P.G. Reg. of Marks; R. Wilson, P.G.S. Br.; and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed and the ballot taken for two candidates, which were accepted, and Bro. Bewley was advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master. The election of W.M. was next proceeded with, when Bro. R. Wilson received a unanimous vote. The lodge was then closed in due form.



Mr. Pinero's new comedy has met with a very favourable reception at the Haymarket Theatre. Mr. Pinero has before now proved to the world that any play from his pen is certain to be characterised by strong originality. If it be a fault, Mr. Pinero, in his thorough originality of writing, always takes up the unpopular side of a question and so almost alienates his audience. We think there is a little too much of the cynic in his latest play "Lords and Commons," which we are now referring to, and we are thankful that in real life such personages as are here depicted are few and far between. We should doubt if the author could mention any noble family typical in every respect of the Caryls. The idea of the play seems to be that of a woman who has been ill-treated by a man (Lord Caryl) in her youth and who seeks him out and cherishes for years a bitter revenge; but just as she would wreck upon him her vengeance, love, that all powerful mystery, steps in and causes her to fling away all the animosity she has been heaping up and instead of cursing she comes to bless. Him whom she would fain try and hate, she in spite of herself, becomes to love. "Lords and Commons" is as its title denotes a play of the aristocracy of birth versus aristocracy of wealth. Of the brilliancy of its dialogue and the clever epigrams with which it sparkles we cannot speak too highly. Before the play opens we are to understand that Lord Caryl has been married some years before to the daughter of a nobleman who is on his death bed. Directly after the marriage he parts from her and deserts her on receiving a letter to the effect that he has been deceived, and that his wife is an illegitimate child of the peer. The Caryls are a noble and proud race. The father of the present earl had been a spendthrift, and when Basil becomes the earl he finds he has inherited only the title and his father's debts. Basil sells Caryl Court, the family mansion, to a rich American lady, Mrs. Devenish, who the audience perceive, far earlier than Lord Caryl does, is his wife. Mrs. Devenish sends her agent, Tom Gervoise, to Caryl Court to offer hospitality to the countess, her son the earl, and his sister. But they will have none of it, and are indignant that this plutocrat should do such a thing. The ladies are specially insulted

by the kind offer. Mrs. Devenish comes to her newly-acquired property a day before she was expected, and then personally offers the use of her house to its late owners. The countess and her daughter will not so much as speak to Mrs. Devenish. The carriage is ordered and the countess is about leaving when, just as she has said good-bye to the servants and tradespeople, to whom she is a debtor, the emotion proves too much, and she is taken ill and cannot be moved. Mrs. Devenish has told the family that she purposes making vast alterations in the place; especially she intends removing the family coat-of-arms from the mantelpiece, and replacing it by a portrait of a young lady who has been very ill-used—of course, herself. It must be said that if the play be meant to illustrate that the Upper Ten are not so noble and gentle as they are given the credit of being as a class, on the other hand, little can be said for the plebeian; for when Mrs. Devenish, who, though a peer's daughter, likes to palm herself off as, and glories in being, a woman of the people, declares herself a vandal, and seems to take a delight in torturing the aristocratic ladies with her vulgar sentiments, our sympathy goes entirely with the other side, for she seems to go out of her way to annoy the nobleman and his family, and is positively rude. However, we hope Mr. Pinero is taking an extreme and very rare case of an aristocrat and a plutocrat. In the second act we see Miss Devenish winning the love of the old countess by her attentions to her on her sick-bed. Lord Caryl has furnished a house not far off for his mother and sister; but whilst they are staying at Caryl Court he lives there alone, and rides over every day to see his mother. He thus comes across Mrs. Devenish, and she offers him a situation—that of manager of some lead mines she is working on the estate. Naturally the young man refuses the offer with virtuous indignation of being a manager on his own lost estate. But Mrs. Devenish is equal to any emergency. She meets scorn with scorn, outraged pride with irony. She points to the mantelpiece where the family arms once were, to the portrait of the young lady, whom Basil recognises as his wife. He had told his mother the secret of his marriage and that he could not marry anyone else. Lady Nell, his sister, had suggested he should make a match with some rich lady to repair the lost fortunes of the family, for she thinks any girl would be proud of marrying a Caryl. Lady Nell has fallen in love with the man of business, Mr. Gervoise, who turns out to be a born gentleman and University man, who has been a gold digger for some years in California. The Countess comes to love Mrs. Devenish and the Earl we find in the third act is getting devoted to Mrs. Devenish, whilst she is to her husband. He now accepts the offer of management in the lead mines and also the hospitality of her house, as his own has been burnt down. Mrs. Devenish, seeing the hold she has now got over Basil, concocts with Miss Maplebeck to bring about a reconciliation. The Earl has already owned to her that the young lady whose portrait she shows him is his wife. She makes him promise that if she can restore to him his wife he will acknowledge and cherish her as such. It is not necessary to show how this is done. Mrs. Devenish explains satisfactorily that she and the young lady are the same person, and, that in getting to love Mrs. Devenish he has been loving his own wife; and so all ends; a general pairing off ensues, and the curtain falls on very loud applause. Mrs. Bernard Beere is the heroine, Mrs. Devenish, and strengthens the hold she gained of public opinion in "Fedora." Her acting throughout is of the most superior kind. Mrs. Bernard Beere has certainly improved her position as an actress of strong emotional powers. We think in the last act she was best, because more human and womanly. Mr. Forbes Robertson, who represents with such rigour Lord Caryl, is perfect and should have his full share of the triumph of the success of the comedy. Mrs. Stirling, the Countess, of course is splendid and dignified; that goes without saying. She sustains her part with that consummate grace for which she is so well known. Mrs. Bancroft is the bright little flirt, Miss Maplebeck; whenever she is on the stage, whether speaking or silent, the audience are bound to laugh, if even only at her pertness. Miss Calhoun we like better in "Lords and Commons" than in any other character in which we have seen her. She makes the best of her part—Lady Nell—which is not a particularly easy one. Bro. Bancroft, as the ex-Pall Mall swell, is a most amusing personage; he appears to advantage as the well-born miner. Mr. Brookfield, as Lord Lewiscourt, the old rake, with whom Miss Maplebeck flirts, and Mr. Elliot, the fashionable physician, are two types of character which perhaps are the most true in the play; at any rate, it would be the least difficult to find their prototypes in real life. Mr. Alfred Bishop is always good as an old man, and as the old family butler he keeps up his well-known character; his remarks raise many a laugh. The cast and scenery are of the usual Haymarket style, and it is needless to say any more than this. We incline to the belief that Mr. Pinero's new comedy is likely to have a very successful run.

Obituary.

BRO. C. R. VINES.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Bro. Charles Richard Vines, barrister-at-law, for many years clerk of the Brewers and Clothworkers' Companies. Bro. Vines (who was a son of the late Mr. Richard Vines, chemist, Aldersgate-street) had been unwell for some little time, but he was able to attend at the office of the Leathersellers' Company so lately as last week, and his death was quite unexpected. It took place at East Lodge, Wanstead, on Wednesday evening. Bro. Vines was in the 57th year of his age. The funeral took place on Monday. It started from his late residence, East Lodge, Wanstead, at half-past one o'clock, and was attended by several members of the Court of the Leathersellers' Company, including Alderman Sir C. Whetham, Mr. Bengough, and others, the chief mourners being the two sons and the two sons-in-law of the deceased. The coffin was carried on an open car, and there were none of the usual mourning coaches, but instead it was followed by a large number of private carriages containing personal friends. He was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter's, Walthamstow. The coffin was covered with a profusion of flowers which were sent from all parts. He resigned the clerkship of the Brewers' Company a few years ago, but retained that of the Leathersellers' Company up to the time of his death. He has left a widow and family to mourn his loss.—*City Press.*

