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THE question of a Masonic Press is a very important and a very difficult one in every respect. We apprehend indeed that few Freemasons will deny that in the great publicity which now accompanies and attends all matters, and awaits all systems of human thought, procedure, and organization, a fitting report from time to time of the proceedings of a world-wide Order like ours is both needful and valuable, deserves encouragement, and claims support. Such information is needful for the use of our brethren, and valuable for the instruction of the public. Many ridiculous and insensate attacks have been fulminated from time to time against Freemasonry, and, therefore, while it is always important in this world of ours to dissipate error and disseminate truth, so it is most advisable that all who are extern to Freemasonry should, on the one hand, form a correct judgment on the real facts of the case, and that on the other hand the good brethren of our great Fraternity should be cheered and edified by Masonic truth and Masonic light. It is only thus that the former can realize the true meaning and benefit of Freemasonry for age and mankind; it is only thus that the latter can be assured that Freemasonry itself will eventually triumph over its detractors and its opponents. There are however great and serious hindrances attendant on all Masonic publications which should never be lost sight of, should always be kept in view. There are many subjects, for instance, which it is utterly unfitting and altogether impossible to dilate on in even a professedly Masonic paper, and outside the lodge. Hence a sort of limited scope, a narrow formalism seem to be the characteristic of all true Masonic journals, as, independently of the forbidden ground of "politics and religion," the esoteric realities of Masonic teaching, and the forms, symbols, and ceremonial of the Craft require the most tender and judicious handling in a paper read by non-Masons. It is one thing to give to the world, always curious and not a little exacting, statistical accounts and after-dinner speeches, the records of our works of charity and our labours of love, a "resume" of important declarations meant as much for the outer world, after all, as the Craft in particular, and brief and careful reports of our gatherings, our addresses, and our resolutions, as a corporate body. It is quite another thing to go into precise disquisitions of ritual and ceremonial, and to discuss subjects peculiar to the lodge room. But even making allowance for the apparently large field of information and discussion which may be carefully entered upon, we find as we proceed how much we are hemmed in on every side by considerations and drawbacks which result from the very peculiarity of our Constitutions, our life, our laws, our "norma vivendi et agendi." Over publication is the "Scylla," trite information the "Charybdis," of Masonic literature. We say too much, or we put forth too little, and in either case we get upon quicksands where we thought all was deep safe water, or find ourselves surrounded by breakers, hard and fast on a "lee shore," where we thought our navigation was perfectly safe, easy, and straightforward, without fear and without peril. To strike the even mean between these two extremes, to obey Masonic law and yet not exceed Masonic liberty, is the great desideratum, as well as the grave trial of true Masonic Journalism, worthy of the name. In our humble opinion much that is published too frequently had better not be printed at all, while a good deal that may be safely handled is normally left out and avoided. The laws of our Craft require that all Masonic publications purporting to be Masonic reports shall have the permission of the GRAND MASTER, whether they be the proceedings of Grand Lodge, provincial, and of private lodges. But just now non-Masonic papers, finding that Freemasonry is before the world, high in prestige, active in life, well esteemed and approved of by the great inquisitive public, set apart a column for Masonic news, which is either industriously compiled from existing Masonic periodicals, or is the unlicensed and individual publication of some one brother who may or may not be versed in Masonic lore. We have often been greatly amused by extracts which "kind" friends have sent to us of hasty, of striking, of amiable paragraphs, of remarkable opinions, of stately deliverances, which appear in such a form. We always feel that if they amuse the writer and his readers, they do not harm us, and therefore we treat them complacently, and regard them indifferently. By these writers all remarks are permissible, to them all discussion is free; they are controlled by no law of Masonic responsibility, and are beyond the penalties of our legal code. But the Masonic Press, which is governed by considerations of Masonic privilege, duty, loyalty, often finds

it very difficult to "steer clear" both of contending sections, personal grievances, and individual likes, dislikes, amiabilities, personalities. Masonic journalism has not always a "bed of roses" to lie on, so it equally merits the confidence of its readers and the good opinion of the Craft.

OUR worthy brethren at York are preparing another agreeable "conversazione" for the 20th inst. True it is this time the meeting is not a pure Craft gathering; but it is that of the Rosicrucian College there. The *Freemason* is, we hope, marching—(lawfully probably, be it understood)—with the times, and does not, and will not, refuse to allude to other bodies, distinguished by their love of research, their courtesy to others, and their desire to attract and expand archaeological knowledge, to advance friendly intercommunion and scientific light. We all just now have this end in common, and it would be churlish and un-Masonic in the extreme in every respect to ignore the merits of other bodies, or ignore the truth of the old adage, "that there is room enough for us all in the world." So we wish the "fratres" of the Rosicrucian College at York all gratification and success in their energetic proceedings and cultured programme.

A GOOD deal of discussion is going on in our pages anent the Election to the Grand Treasurership, and we invite our correspondents to display alike moderation and restraint in what they say and in what they suggest. It is all very well by an effective antithesis or a pointed passage to meet and master an opponent, but we are writing as Freemasons and brethren, and we had better sacrifice one or two telling points, some smart passages, and some effective sarcasm, rather than wound the feelings of a brother. Masonic Charity, forbearance, toleration, are noble virtues, but they are we fear too often more "honoured in the breach than the observance." When Freemasons rush into print they often become, as we have taken occasion frequently to remark, the most intolerant and inconsiderate of beings, and we often deplore the waste of time, temper, type, and spice employed by those who seem to be of opinion that all is fair in controversy, and who even insinuate, when they do not openly assert, much that they must have known, when they penned it, would deeply grate on a brother's sensibilities and sympathies. In a vexed question like that of the election of Grand Treasurer, where first principles come into action and personal susceptibilities are aroused, it must needs be that considerable difference of opinion exists, and very divergent views may be fairly entertained in favour of this or that candidate. The discussion is open and free to all in our pages, but we invite all controversialists alike on both sides equally, to give as much of "honey and as little of gall" as they possibly can.

THE statistics of the Girls' School returns in respect to lodges sending stewards are now before us, and very striking they also are. In 1883 there were 192 contributing lodges and 4 chapters, 25 unattached Stewards, and while several of the lodges sent up more than one Steward several of the Provinces were represented by individual Stewards. Of the remitting lodges, from 1 to 100, there were 30; from 100 to 200, 18; from 200 to 300, 8; from 300 to 400, 11; from 400 to 500, 6; from 500 to 600, 6; from 600 to 700, 5; from 700 to 800, 6; from 800 to 900, 9; from 900 to 1000, 6; from 1000 to 1100, 2; from 1100 to 1200, 3; from 1200 to 1300, 10; from 1300 to 1400, 13; from 1400 to 1500, 11; from 1500 to 1600, 9; from 1600 to 1700, 11; from 1700 to 1800, 10; from 1800 to 1900, 11; and from 1900 to 2000, 6. These figures must also strike all our readers, as well as the peculiarity of the middle zone of do nothingness from 1000 to 1200. We say nothing more to-day, though we shall again recur to the subject before long.

WE congratulate our good brethren of Scotland on the happy move, announced by Bro. McCONNOCHE in our correspondence columns, on the part of the Grand Lodge to extend their charitable efforts. We have been fully aware of their financial difficulties, and of the cruel treatment Scottish Freemasons suffered from the defalcations of a trusted servant, and of the admirable rally made under the skillful and honest management of Bro. D. MURRAY LYON, the now energetic Grand Secretary. Our sympathies go with our Scottish brethren, and we feel sure they will give us credit with being animated by the most fraternal considerations towards them in writing as we have done. We rejoice to think that our plain speaking, Masonically intentioned as it was, has been received, as we felt sure it would be, by our worthy and warm hearted brethren in Scotland.

THE *Gazette* of Montreal of January 31st gives the "address" of the outgoing Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. We cannot say that the paragraph in which the Montreal Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England are alluded to is either happy in substance or Masonic in form. If the Grand Lodge of Quebec follows out the "cue" so unhesitatingly given, we may expect to hear of some fresh demonstration and proclamation as against the Montreal Lodges and the Grand Lodge of England. We hope the members of the Quebec Grand Lodge will show more Masonic

wisdom and self-restraint than retiring Grand Master JOHNSON seems to do, and avoid another nonsensical exhibition. We shall recur to the subject next week.

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On Monday morning, the 11th inst., Bro. THOMAS CHENERY, the Editor-in-Chief of the *Times*, died somewhat suddenly in his chambers at Serjeants' Inn. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Panmure Lodge, No. 1017, now 715 (of which lodge Bro. Henry Muggeridge was the first Master and Secretary for many years), on the 19th May, 1860, and raised to the Third Degree on the 21st of July following. Bro. CHENERY was not only the able and talented Editor of the *Times*, but a deeply read scholar, who added to his classical and mathematical attainments a large acquaintance with Arabic, Hebrew, and other oriental languages. Educated at Eton he went to Cambridge and there became the centre of a brilliant circle of students. He was highly respected and esteemed in the lodge, and his death will be much regretted by a large number of brethren and friends. Bro. CHENERY was a very genial man, and a most sincere friend. Indeed, very few persons were aware of his private generosity and large-heartedness, as the "public" never heard of either. He sacrificed his life to duty, and died at his post, leaving his chambers at 9 p.m. daily, and walking home in the early morning for many years. He will be a great loss to the *Times* and journalistic literature.

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"THE history of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," by Bro. ABBOTT, which has for some time been appearing in our columns, is now procurable in pamphlet form at our office, and that of the Institution itself, for the modest price of one shilling. We naturally can hardly well say more of it here than that it gives a clear and concise view of what from humbler beginnings has become a very great, very valuable, and most useful Institution.

### THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

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On the decease of this most worthy brother, it was resolved to found a "John Hervey Memorial," and the proceeds—about £800—having been invested in Government Stock, were handed over to the Institution, with a view to the annual interest being apportioned among the four unsuccessful Candidates, two being Men and two Women, who stand highest on the poll at each successive election. The assignment of the fund to this purpose is the more appropriate from the fact of Bro. Hervey having, for a long term of years, played a leading part in the government of the Charity. One other proposition of a somewhat similar character may be mentioned, namely, the Huyshe Perpetual Presentation Fund, established by the Province of Devon as a memorial to the late Brother Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., Past G. Chaplain, who had for many years conducted its affairs with so much advantage to the Craft and such signal credit to himself. The Fund in question, as our readers are aware, has been assigned to one of the Schools, but at the time its establishment was in contemplation, Bro. J. E. Curteis, presumably as a matter of courtesy, addressed a letter to Bro. Terry, with a view to ascertaining what sum must be paid in order to secure to the Province the right of perpetual presentation to the Male Fund. The proposal was very carefully considered, and in the result it was decided that the amount to be so paid must be sufficient to yield an income of £40 per annum, that being the amount yearly payable to a Male Annuitant.

The foregoing incidents in the story of the Benevolent Institution have been grouped together advisedly. With the exception of the "John Hervey Memorial," which benefits sundry of the candidates, and the second of the points raised by Lodge No. 261, Taunton, they have had little or no effect on the fortunes or constitution of the Charity, while as to the place they should occupy in this narrative, it matters very little where they are introduced. But in dealing with the events which still remain to be described, it will be as well if we revert to our old plan of noting them pretty much in the order of their sequence. Indeed, as regards the Festivals and the elections by which they are severally followed, no other course would convey as emphatic an idea of the amazing progress made by this the youngest of our Masonic Institutions. Thus in 1862, when the Earl de Grey and Ripon occupied the chair for the first time, there was a very large decline in the amount of the subscriptions announced, and the number of Annuitants remained stationary. But in 1863, when Bro. John Havers, then G. Junior Warden, presided, the total announced was £2203, and on the strength of the additional £200 or thereabouts, the Committee recommended a slight but serviceable increase from 78 to 79 Old Men, and from 45 to 47 Old Women Annuitants. In January, 1864, the Duke of St. Albans, then Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, kindly gave his services as Chairman, and the amount subscribed was £2375. In the May following, the Male Annuitants were raised to 80, but there was no increase on the Widows' Fund. In 1865, the Earl de Grey and Ripon presided for the second time, and so successful was the appeal that he made on the occasion, that it was arranged the numbers to be borne on the two Funds should henceforth be 84 Males and 50 Females. In 1866, when Bro. Col. H. A. Bowyer, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was in the chair, there was once again a diminution in the total announced, the aggregate result being ultimately stated at rather more than £3017. Under these circumstances, the number of Male Annuitants remained unaltered, but that of the Widows was increased to 53. Early in 1867, the old system of granting Annuities according to a sliding scale was done away with, and it was resolved that the Annuities paid out of both Funds should be uniform in amount, the Old Men to be paid £26 per annum, and the Old Women £25, the men receiving £30 to be left in undisturbed enjoyment to the superior sum. This somewhat increased the outlay on the Widows' Fund, and as the Festival under the presidency of Lord de Tabley, Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, only yielded £2692, it must be admitted that the prospect for the approved candidates was not encouraging. However, on the advice of the revision Sub-Committee, it had been resolved to appro-

priate two-thirds of the Life Donations towards the payment of annuities, and so the males were increased to 88 and the females to 56. At the Festival of 1868, Bro. Alexander Dobie, Prov. G.M. Surrey, occupied the chair, and the amount announced was £3128; in May 5 men and 7 widows were added to the Funds. The Earl of Carnarvon, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, was President at the Festival in 1869, but the result announced was under £2220. However, better fortune attended the efforts made in the years 1870 and 1871, in the former of which the sum of £3266 was raised, the Chairman being Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, while in the latter, under the presidency of Bro. Samuel Tomkins, G. Treasurer and Treasurer of the Institution, instead of Col. F. Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, the sum announced was £3377, afterwards increased to £3514. In 1872, at the last Festival held during the Secretaryship of the late Bro. Farnfield, the services of Earl Percy, M.P., Prov. G.M. Northumberland, were placed at the disposal of the Institution, over £3577 being raised for its purposes, and the number of Annuitants borne on the two Funds together was increased to 193, namely, 115 Men and 78 Women.

The remaining Festivals have taken place under the auspices of Bro. Terry, who, towards the close of 1872, succeeded Bro. Farnfield in the Secretaryship. They one and all tell the same tale of active and successful exertion on behalf of the Institution, and together present results which, if not unsurpassable, are well nigh unexampled in the history of British Charitable Institutions. One piece of good fortune occurred on the very threshold of Bro. Terry's new career. The Prince of Wales had not long previously accepted the position of Patron of the Charity, and in that capacity he very graciously consented to occupy the chair at the new Secretary's first Festival, in February, 1873. The Board of Stewards numbered 185 brethren, and the result, as first announced, presented the large total of £6866, which was subsequently increased to close on £7000. The result did not materially affect the election in May, no alteration being made in the number of Male Annuitants (115), though that of the Widows was increased from 78 to 82. This, however, may be accounted for by the increase made in the amount of the Annuities, which in the case of the Old Men had just before been raised from £26 to £36, and in that of the Old Women from £25 to £28. Other changes in connection with the Annuitants were made about the same time, one of them being to the effect that the independent income of a Male applicant must not exceed £40, and that of a Female applicant £30 per annum. In January, 1874, when the President of the day was Lord Waveney, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, the efforts of the 135 Stewards resulted in a subscription of £5063, subsequently raised to £5220. Thereupon the Committee increased the Male Annuitants to 120 and the Females to 88. In 1875, the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire, presided. The Stewards were 175 in number, and the total of the lists £7020. With such a result the Committee recommended an increase of 10 Men and 12 Women, raising the former to 130 and the latter to 100. In 1876, Lord Skelmersdale—now Earl of Lathom—Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, occupied the chair, when, with a Board of Stewards 215 strong, a total of £9380 was raised. This still greater success induced the Committee to increase the Male Annuities to £40, and the Female Annuities to £32, while an addition of 10 was made to the number of Widows, the roll of Annuitants being 130 Men and 110 Women. In 1877, the chair was to have been taken by Prince Leopold, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire and G.J. Warden of England, but at the last moment His Royal Highness's health failed him, and the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot very kindly supplied his place, the aggregate of subscriptions being £13,368. In these circumstances, the Committee made a bold plunge, and 15 Annuitants were added to each Fund, making the numbers respectively 145 Males and 125 Females. In 1878, when the chair was taken by the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, there were 225 Stewards and a subscription of £11,333. Therefore, having regard to what had latterly been done, the Annual Meeting contented itself with sanctioning a moderate increase on the Widows' Fund, the number borne on which was raised to 135, while the men remained as before, at 145. In 1879 the ruler of our largest Province, Col. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, took the chair, and his appeal, backed up by the exertions of the 294 Stewards, resulted in the collection of £14,386, the Chairman's Province taking the lead with a round sum of £3500. As a result, the two Funds were equalised in point of numbers, there being on each 145 persons in receipt of the benefits provided by the Charity. The following year, the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, presided, and the 230 Stewards brought in £12,280; as there were 31 Male and 47 Female candidates, the numbers on the two Funds were increased to 150 and 155 respectively. In 1881, Sir H. Edwards, Bart., Prov. G.M. of the contiguous Province of West Yorkshire, enacted the part of President, and as some 400 brethren supported him as Stewards, it is not surprising that the total of Subscriptions should have amounted to £14,360, the Chairman's Province following the example of East Lancashire on a previous similar occasion, and contributing a round £3,500. At the election in the month of May following, the Funds were extended, and the prescribed annuities were paid to 155 Men and 160 Women. In 1882, under the presidency of Col. Lloyd-Phillips, Prov. G.M. South Wales, Western Division, the 255 Stewards raised amongst them £12,600, but no increase in the numbers on the respective Funds was made. However, a new law instituted since the previous year now came into operation for the first time; the numbers elected being, in each case, swelled by the addition of three, to be placed on their proper Funds as vacancies occurred. In 1883, the Chair was taken by General Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey. The Board of Stewards was composed of 276 brethren, and by their joint efforts the sum of £13,260 was raised. It was determined, therefore, to raise the number of Annuitants to 330, of whom 163 are Males and 167 Females; and in addition, there are no less than 19 Widows, each in receipt of a moiety of her late husband's Annuity. Now, the amount required to defray these payments is in excess of £12,200, irrespective of the sum required for Management, Maintenance of Building at Croydon, &c., &c. In May, 1843, when the first election on the Male Fund was held, 15 Annuitants were elected out of an approved list of 16, and the aggregate of their Annuities was £305. In May, 1883, there were 163 Male Annuitants, who absorb amongst them £6520. In May, 1851, when the Widows' Fund came into operation, 5 Old Women were taken on without ballot, and were assigned Annuities of £15 each, making a total of £75. In May, 1883, there were 167 Widows, receiving amongst them £5344; while the amount paid away—but for a limited term of three years only—

in half Annuities, £380, exactly equals the £305 distributed among the first batch of Male Annuitants placed on the Fund, together with the £75 assigned to the first batch of Female Annuitants. We imagine there are few Charitable Institutions which in so short a time can exhibit so large an increase in their expenditure for the purposes for which they were established.

The above particulars show what has been done by means of voluntary subscription among the general body of the Craft, and the Supreme Authority has been equally assiduous in looking after the welfare of this beneficent institution. It has already been shown how Grand Lodge started the Annuity Fund for Aged Brethren with an endowment of £400 per annum, payable out of the Fund of Benevolence, and subsequently increased it to £500. A few years later it set on foot the Widows' Fund, with an annual grant of £100 from the same source of income, subsequently increasing it to £300 per annum. These fixed contributions remained at the same figure for a long term of years, when it occurred to different brethren that, as the operations of the Charity had been so vastly extended, it was only just that Grand Lodge should take upon itself a larger share in providing for our necessitous old people. Accordingly, in the year 1881, a resolution was moved and carried in Grand Lodge to the effect that henceforth the grants from the Fund of Benevolence to the Male and Female Funds should be supplemented from the Fund of General Purposes by the annual payment of £300 to the former and £500 to the latter. However, that portion of the minutes relating to this resolution being non-confirmed, the resolution was again submitted and carried, and no second attempt being made to non-confirm the vote, Grand Lodge now figures as the contributor of £1600 per annum to the Royal Benevolent Institution, of which one moiety, composed of £500 from the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 from the Fund of General Purposes, goes to the Male Fund, while the other moiety, consisting of £300 from the Fund of Benevolence, and £500 from the Fund of General Purposes, goes to the Female Fund. Similarly, Grand Chapter has, in its more limited sphere, been a liberal supporter of the Charity, and if it has not increased its grant of £100 per annum to the Male Fund since 1847, or its £50 per annum to the Female Fund since 1856, it has exhibited its solicitude for the welfare of the Institution by such liberal donations—beyond those already recorded—as £500 to the Male and £500 to the Female Fund, in 1868; £500 in 1873, and a like amount the year following; £500 (Consols) to the Male, and £500 (Consols) to the Female Fund, in 1878; and £300 in 1880. The occasional donations of Grand Lodge have already been specified, while the annual vote for coal for the use of the Asylum inmates, which was originally £50 but is now £70, is continued.

The services of the principal executive officers of the Institution must be our next care. The steady progress and present status of the Charity testify to their having been exceptionally brilliant, and this circumstance, if it does not lighten our task of adequately describing them, very materially enhances the pleasure we feel in paying these brethren their just tribute of praise and respect. The names of Farnfield and Terry have figured often enough in the pages of this history, nor is it likely they will be forgotten while the Society of English Freemasons remains. The late Bro. Farnfield enjoyed the unusual privilege of having been in a position to minister at different times to the requirements of two antagonistic charitable schemes—or rather of two schemes which many brethren once regarded as antagonistic—and when the rivalry had ceased and the schemes were amalgamated, he was chosen to fill precisely the same position on the staff of the united Charity. At the very first meeting held in June, 1835, in aid of the proposed Asylum for Aged Freemasons, Bro. Farnfield, in conjunction with Bro. E. Pitt, was invited to act as Honorary Secretary, the two "having in the most handsome manner volunteered their services." On the retirement of Bro. Pitt, he became sole Secretary, and only resigned his trust in November, 1839, when open war was declared between the partisans of the Asylum and those of the Annuity proposal, and his retention of the post might have imperilled his position in the office of the Grand Secretary. In 1842, when Grand Lodge established the Male Annuity Fund, Bro. Farnfield was chosen its Secretary, and in 1849-50, when the Widows' Fund was started and the two were amalgamated with the Asylum, he became Secretary of the united Institution, and so remained till the close of the year 1872, when failing health compelled him to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of office, and he retired on a well-earned pension amid the regret and good wishes of the Craft generally. His death occurred in 1876, and when the sad event was announced to the Committee of Management, the following resolution of condolence with his family was unanimously passed, namely, "That the Committee, having been informed of the death of Bro. W. Farnfield, late Secretary of this Institution, desires to convey to his widow and family their heartfelt sympathy and warmest condolence in the bereavement they have sustained. Deeply sensible of the long and valuable services rendered by him to Freemasonry generally, and notably to this Institution, the Committee bears vividly in grateful recollection the interest manifested by him during the many years he was so intimately associated with it, and is anxious to place on record its high sense and appreciation of the manner in which he discharged the duties of his position, and, in so doing, to pay a fitting and merited tribute of admiration and regard for the memory of one whose loss it so deeply deploras." Bro. Farnfield's life had been an active and a useful one, and his family must have been greatly touched by so emphatic a testimony to his merits.

Bro. Terry's association with the Charity has been necessarily less prolonged. In June, 1864, on the resignation of Bro. B. Rees Davies, he was appointed that brother's successor in the office of Collector, and in December, 1872, he took the place of Bro. Farnfield as Secretary. What he has done since may be judged pretty accurately from our account of the Festivals which have been held from the year 1873 inclusive, and which constitute a series of brilliant successes, such as it is rarely within the compass of one man's power to achieve. But there is also much else of good for which the Institution is indebted almost entirely to the initiative of Bro. Terry. To him must be ascribed the institution of the summer and winter entertainments which are now given regularly to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon. He it was who suggested he should periodically visit the lodges in the Provinces with a view to arousing their interest in the Charity, and after one year's trial the experiment was found to work so well that the Committee authorised the continuance of the system. During his administration the Asylum has gradually assumed more of the character of a home, and the inmates now have opportunities of enjoying themselves such as must vividly recall to their memories the pleasant associations of their earlier and more prosperous years. That he has done all this, and much else that might be mentioned, we have in evidence, not only in that furnished by the formal and usually unsympathetic language of the minute book, but in the more stirring

and eloquent language that is spoken by successive testimonials, and especially by his "counterfeit presentment" which adorns the walls of the Asylum Hall, side by side with that of the founder of the Institution, Bro. Crucefix. However, it is no part of our present purpose to write a eulogy, nor, indeed, is it desirable we should think of so doing in this instance. Bro. Terry is still in the very prime of life, and it will be time enough to submit the story of his Secretaryship when age and health no longer permit him to bear the weighty responsibilities of so exacting an office. May the time be yet far distant when this record is completed!

Prominent among other brethren who have rendered valuable aid in connection with the Charity must be mentioned Bro. Dr. Strong, successor of Bro. Henley as Honorary Surgeon to the Asylum. Bro. Strong has endeared himself to the inmates by his many thoughtful acts of kindness and the professional services he has rendered for more than twenty years, while the suggestions he has made with a view to ensuring the maximum degree of comfort to our old folks have invariably proved acceptable to the Committee. The testimonials he has received from residents and the Executive show this. Latterly, also, the non-residents have been better circumstanced in respect of medical assistance, Bro. Middlemist having kindly placed his services as Honorary Surgeon at the disposal of the Institution in respect of all Annuitants not in residence at Croydon. Then the office of Collector has with hardly an exception been filled by brethren of energy and good business habits, and Bro. John Mason, the present Collector, albeit he has held the position for a few years only, is very far from being an exception to the rule. Nor ought we to pass over in silence the services of the House Committee, which was revived in 1872, and which, though varying from time to time as to the members constituting it, is uniformly in earnest in its watchfulness over the Asylum and the comfort of its inmates. Lastly, there is the Warden, an officer chosen by the Committee from among the resident Annuitants, whose duty it is to look after the interior economy of the Asylum, and report any unseemly conduct that may come under his notice. On his shoulders rests a considerable amount of responsibility, and when, as has more than once happened, a resident has proved himself unsociable or litigious, his task is neither an easy nor an enviable one. The present Warden is Bro. James Norris, who was elected an Annuitant in 1862, and appointed to his office in 1868. His services, as well as those of his daughter, Miss Norris, who acts as Matron, have given every satisfaction to the Committee, while, though he has reached the patriarchal age of 94, his regular monthly reports are as lucid and methodical as if they had been compiled by a far younger man.

To devote any portion of our space to a consideration of the Petitions presented by Brethren and the Widows of Brethren for admission into the Institution would be both painful and unprofitable. The printed lists of Candidates which appear shortly before each annual election will give a sufficiently accurate idea of the usual character of their contents. It is enough to remark that they one and all disclose a state of want on the part of the applicants which is only more or less distressing to read as the contrast with their previous circumstances is more or less pronounced. In general terms it may be said that all who have sought or seek relief from this Institution once belonged to what is commonly known as the well-to-do class of people. There was a time when the future that lay before them was bright and clear, and the idea of poverty ever overtaking them would have been set down as being, if not impossible, at least most improbable. Unhappily, in their case it is the unforeseen which has come to pass, and great indeed would have been their distress had there been no Benevolent Institution to lend them a helping hand in the day of their tribulation. But though the stories told in these Petitions so closely resemble each other in respect of the misery they disclose, there are a few cases among the Candidates who have been elected on one or other of the Funds which, as being exceptionally sad, may claim a passing word or two. Such a case is that of the Vice-President and ex-Trustee, one day in affluence, now and for a long time past the recipient of an Annuity from the Institution to which in his palmy days he had so freely contributed. Then among the Female Annuitants is the widow of a Brother who was a Past Grand Steward, a Governor of the Institution, and Chairman at two of the Festivals held in aid of the Aged Masons' Asylum. The protracted illness and death of her husband left her without the means of support. And there is yet another widow still living, whose husband again and again acted as Steward at the Asylum Festivals, and helped to promote its success, not only by the moneys he contributed, but likewise by the eloquent addresses he penned on its behalf. Many other instances might be cited, but the above will serve our purpose of demonstrating the utility, and even the necessity, of such an Institution as this, while the care that is taken by the Committee to secure only worthy persons as Candidates is proved by the very rare instances of misconduct which have occurred among the Annuitants since the Charity was established.

It only now remains to say a few words respecting the Rules and Regulations by which the Institution is governed. Those which were drawn up by the Board of General Purposes and adopted by Grand Lodge, when the Male Fund was established, have already been given in full, and a similar code was prepared when the Female Fund was started. Changes followed, as a matter of course, when the Asylum was amalgamated with these Funds, and, as year after year brought some fresh experience, other changes, such as seemed imperative or desirable, have been introduced in the conduct of the Charity. Many of those changes have been noticed at the time of their adoption, but others will be better appreciated after comparing the present with the original scheme of government. One circumstance must be especially gratifying to the Board of General Purposes, as constituted in 1841-2. The Rules which are now in use follow very closely in the main features the Rules as originally drawn up. The mode of voting at elections has been assimilated to that in force with the Schools. All three Institutions now stand on the same footing as regards the Charity Jewel, and there are Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents, whereas at the outset the highest rank of contributor was that of Vice-President. But the constitution of the Committee and the qualifications of the Candidates are in all material points pretty much in 1884 what they were in 1842, when, under the auspices of the Duke of Sussex, Grand Lodge, ignoring its own previous motion of approval on behalf of an Aged Masons' Asylum, set itself seriously to the task of establishing a rival Institution in the shape of an Aged Masons' Annuity Fund. However, while the bitterness of feeling which this rivalry engendered has long since passed away, the kindly sympathy which originated, and the wisdom which devised the plans of the now united Charities, survive, and the one wish which animates the whole English Brotherhood is that the Institution may long remain an honour to those who have established and who maintain it, as well as a source of help and comfort to the aged people for whom it is maintained.



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**To Correspondents.**

P.M. has not complied with our rule by sending his name.  
The following communications have been received, but  
are not inserted in this issue owing to want of space:—  
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231.  
Jordan Lodge, No. 1402.  
Loyal Welsh Lodge of Instruction.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"Die Bauditte," "Masonic World," "Jewish Chronicle,"  
"Plain Facts about Arkansas," "The Gem," "Citizen," "Broad  
Arrow," "Victorian Masonic Journal," "Hull Packet," "Royal  
Cornwall Gazette," "East Anglian Handbook," "Allen's Indian  
Mail," "Court Circular," "New York Sunday Times," "Orient"  
(Budapest), "Public Ledger Almanack" (Philadelphia), "The  
Tricycling Journal," "Montreal Gazette," "Keystone," "Municipal  
Review," "Rough Ashlar."



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1884.

**Original Correspondence.**

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

**THE ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,  
I have most sincerely to apologise to you and to  
your readers, which I humbly do to-day, for having  
drawn down upon you and them that alarming outpour of  
long-winded and excited correspondence which your  
columns last week display, by my most unfortunate but  
well-intentioned letter. But I felt then, as I feel still, that  
to Bro. White's objurgatory epistle, in the previous week's  
*Freemason*, some reply was needful, unless, indeed, we  
were to allow a few brethren banded together to dictate  
to the Masonic Press as well as to Grand Lodge.  
Whether the form my letter took was the best adapted  
for reply to Bro. White matters nothing; I wrote it in  
sincerity, and I see nothing in it to alter or to explain.  
For, if my readers did really peruse it, they will remember  
that the gist of it was this, as clearly put as possible, that  
the circular inveighed against was for "defence," not  
"defiance," was but in truth the inevitable outcome of the  
publicity given in the *Freemason* to the proceedings of a  
peculiar and private meeting, which adopted certain resolu-  
tions anent the Grand Treasurership, as well as to the  
openly-avowed success of a private canvass going on ever  
since, so successful as to render opposition hopeless and  
the return of their candidate secure.

And not only this, but a most worthy brother is openly  
given out as a selected candidate for 1885.

Objecting to such overhand and unprecedented proceed-  
ings, 300 brethren (many more by this time), all of  
Masonic standing and distinguished services to our Order,  
signed the circular complained of, and I, for one, am  
inclined to think their conduct both Masonic and patriotic  
in the highest degree, tending to uphold the prestige and  
dignity of Grand Lodge, and to safeguard the inestimable  
privileges both of free discussion and aggregational selection.  
For thus very simply and moderately stating my views there  
is hardly any form of invective and insinuation which has  
not been hurled against me, even by professed Masonic  
writers, and I am informed that in a non-Masonic paper I  
am accused by a writer, whose frequent announcements  
create great amusement, whether he be a member of our  
Order or not, of "vulgarity."

I think I am able to see where the "shoe pinches;" but  
as I am one of those who deem it better to "wash our dirty  
linen at home," I incline to the Spanish proverb, that in  
such a fishy state of affairs "silence is golden." I again  
apologise to you heartily for the suffering inflicted on many  
of your readers through the "boredom of twaddle" which  
my unhappy letter brought out, and I, for one, leave the  
matter to be settled eventually, without fear and with  
fullest confidence, by the "wisdom of Grand Lodge."—  
Very fraternally yours,  
OBSTA PRINCIPIIS.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,

If any further argument were needed against the  
novel proposal to change the Grand Treasurer every year,  
it is, I think, supplied by the tone and character of some  
of the correspondence on the subject, which during the past  
few weeks has filled several columns of your paper. What  
matters it to the Craft whether Bro. Marshall's candidature  
for the office was determined on before or after the "good  
dinner" to which reference has been made, or whether or  
not Bro. Marshall himself was the munificent provider of  
the feast?

Under the provisions of our Constitution, Grand Lodge  
possesses the undoubted right, if it sees fit, to change its  
Treasurer every year. Although the office is one of great  
dignity, and its holder takes precedence of all the executive  
officers of Grand Lodge, it is competent for any member of  
Grand Lodge to propose any Master Mason for the office,  
without the slightest regard to his fitness for the position.  
The supporters of Bro. Marshall, with the entire body of  
the Craft to choose from, have selected him as the brother  
who, in their opinion, possesses most eminently the special  
qualifications essential to support the dignity of, and reflect  
credit on, that high office. As the worthy candidate is unknown  
to me I am not prepared to question the propriety of their  
choice. It does, however, occur to me that if Bro. Marshall  
is possessed of those charitable instincts with which he is  
credited, it must be most repugnant to his feelings to have  
his charitable achievements paraded as they have been by  
his supporters. I further note that in regard to his other  
Masonic achievements his supporters are altogether silent.

One of your correspondents has seen fit, with, what I  
venture to think, questionable taste, to compare the chari-  
table contributions to our Masonic Institutions of our  
present Grand Treasurer with those of the brother seeking  
to supersede him. I know I should be grossly outraging  
Bro. Allcroft's feelings were I to follow your correspond-  
ent's example and publicly proclaim those manifold acts  
of princely though unostentatious charity and munificence  
which have characterised his private life no less than his  
public career. I will draw no unworthy comparisons.  
What I desire to point out is that it cannot be for the  
interests of the Craft we all profess to love so well that  
year by year there should be a repetition of what, from a  
Masonic view, cannot be regarded otherwise than a most  
unseemly controversy and discussion.

If the Craft, as a body, seriously believe that it will  
be for the advantage of our Order that there should be a con-  
stant change of Grand Treasurer, let us adopt some  
machinery by which the voice of the Craft can be ade-  
quately expressed.

It is true that in theory Grand Lodge represents the  
Craft, but to what extent does it really represent the views  
of the 20,000 Masons who, it may roughly be estimated,  
are entitled to attend its meetings? If Grand Lodge was  
to consist of delegates from all lodges under its jurisdic-  
tion, and we had a building capable of accommodating  
them, there would be little difficulty in ascertaining the will  
of the Craft in regard to any candidate for the office of  
Grand Treasurer, or the same object could be obtained by  
addressing voting papers to the various lodges. But so long  
as the existing state of things continues, it is in the power  
of any clique, 300 strong, to secure the return of their  
nominee, provided they can obtain possession of the seats  
in the building in which Grand Lodge meets.

Reference has been made by some of your correspondents,  
in terms not too respectful, to a circular to which are  
attached the names of many of the oldest and most  
honoured members of the Craft, brethren to whom we have  
a right to look for counsel and advice, and whose position  
and services justly entitle them to the most respectful con-  
sideration. It is, I fear, ominous for the future wellbeing  
of our Order when a communication such as that to which  
I have referred is treated by members of the Craft with  
ridicule and contempt.—Yours fraternally,  
A PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICER.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Bro.

Would not the withdrawal of the objectionable  
circular respecting the Grand Treasurership tend to smooth  
matters down and thus restore the harmony and peace that  
have been so unwarrantably destroyed. Surely the un-  
authorised originator of it will not deem it beneath his  
dignity to follow in the footsteps of our M.W.G.M.,  
who being badly advised with respect to an alteration in  
the status of Grand Chaplains, and finding the change was  
contrary to the almost universal wish, immediately rescinded  
the order. Were my suggestion adopted the present  
Grand Treasurer would retire from office at the end of that  
year for which he was elected, and in doing so would keep  
faith with his electors, whilst at the same time the signa-  
tories to the circular would be relieved from a false position.

Why should a brother of such eminence be made a tool  
to carry out the mistakes of a misinformed brother? Twenty  
years ago it might have gained its point, but it will not do  
for the enlightened Masons of the year of grace 1884. In  
looking through the circular one is much struck at the  
absence of the names of those who were asked to sign; I  
most heartily congratulate them on their independence in  
having refused to sign away their rights and privileges. It  
will be as well for those Grand Officers from whom this cir-  
cular emanated if, in future, before issuing others akin to it,  
they will deign to look down from their exalted position and  
ascertain by doing so whether or not their action is in  
accordance with the wishes of the majority, and likely to be  
productive of good or evil.—Apologising for the length of  
this letter, yours fraternally,  
ONE OF THE PRESENT GRAND TREASURER'S  
SUPPORTERS.

**PROVINCIAL HONOURS.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I quite agree with the letter written by "Com-  
panion" with reference to provincial honours, and which  
appeared in your issue of the 2nd inst. There is no doubt  
that these honours are frequently obtained by influence  
rather than being conferred according to "merit and  
ability." I think it a very good suggestion that every  
lodge should recommend one of their number for Provin-  
cial Grand Honours, but I would stipulate that no one  
should be eligible until he had made himself proficient and  
was able to open and close a lodge in the Three Degrees,  
and initiate, pass, and raise a candidate without assistance

and in a satisfactory manner. Were this made a "sine  
quâ non" and perfectly carried out, it would doubtless  
stimulate brethren to study their work more and make  
them anxious to do it in a creditable manner instead of  
"slubbing" over it as I fear it sometimes is. Trusting  
that this matter may be taken up in the proper quarter,—  
I am, yours fraternally,  
SOUTH LOWESTOFT, FEB. 8th.  
MASTER MASON.

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

So far back as August, 1879, I addressed myself,  
through the columns of one of your contemporaries, to the  
brethren of West Yorkshire on this subject. I am very pleased  
to see brethren in other provinces are interesting themselves  
and expressing their opinion upon provincial appointments.  
Having written so fully on previous occasions, I will not  
occupy much of your valuable space on the present. If  
"Justice" will watch the appointments and let the brethren  
hear, through your columns, of honours being conferred  
without merit, it may eventually have a good effect. Last  
year the appointments made in West Yorkshire gave fair  
satisfaction, but why a Prov. G.D. of C. should be re-  
appointed is to me a mystery which I am trying to solve. I  
cannot see any merit in it. The Annual Provincial Meeting  
will be held in this town, and I am informed we may expect  
some startling events on that occasion, of which I intend you  
to hear.

If "Senior P.M." should see this and deem my letter of  
10th May, 1882, worthy an answer, or will enlighten me on  
the manner of these appointments, I shall be obliged.

Query: Can our Deputy Prov. G.M., remembering his  
remarks at Dewsbury respecting "canvassing for position"  
in Craft Lodges, make his own action coincide with the re-  
marks there made. I allude to his signing the recommenda-  
tion for Bro. Allcroft's re-election as Grand Treasurer. I  
look upon the signing of that recommendation by our  
D.P.G.M. as a direct canvass for, and also to influence the  
votes of brethren of this Province. With fraternal regards,  
I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully,  
HUDDERSFIELD, 11th Feb. JUNIOR P.M.

**THE MASONIC CHARITIES.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Your urgent and conclusive articles in the *Free-  
mason* must have been read with great interest by all mem-  
bers of the Craft. If not considered too presumptuous on  
me, I would suggest that every lodge throughout England  
should have a whip round for the particular charity whose  
annual festival is to be celebrated at the lodge meeting  
next before each of these great festivals, in order that every  
Freemason may participate according to his means to swell  
the benefactions there rehearsed, after the fashion of the  
Hospital Sundays. There is a standing rule in the York  
Lodge, 236, that the charity boxes shall go round the  
table in their banqueting room after every lodge, when the  
brethren retire from labour to refreshment, and the result  
is highly beneficial to the Girls' and Boys' Schools. With-  
out being irksome to the brethren, I fancy the average sum  
collected is at least £10, and in no way interferes with the  
ordinary lodge contributions.—Yours fraternally,  
THOS. SIMPSON CAMIDGE,  
P.P.G.D Wills, and N. and E. Yorkshire.

**THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.**

*To the Editor of the "Freemason."*

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your issue of 2nd inst. you mercilessly, but  
kindly, come down on Scottish Freemasonry, in more par-  
ticularly referring to the want of a Benevolent Fund worthy  
the name. While I am not to be held as admitting the  
accuracy of all your statements on the subject—some show  
of defence could surely be made, and that without trying to  
throw mud at one's opponent—I admit with sorrow that  
Scotland has for many years been a disgrace to the Masonic  
Craft in the matter of charity. It is difficult to explain why  
this state of matters should have continued so long. Since  
the appointment of our present Secretary we have been  
engaged in placing our affairs on a sound financial basis  
and saving money to pay creditors, in whose hands we have  
been for many years. You have long been fortunate in  
those at the head of affairs, we have been the reverse. For  
at least a generation our Grand Lodge would seem to have  
been looked on as a mine from which those who had the  
opportunity should take as much as they could escape with.  
One delinquent improved upon another till at last our late  
Secretary (to change the metaphor) completely killed the  
goose that layed the golden eggs, and only when the dead  
body was found was it discovered how our means had been  
squandered and our funds made away with. Then, but not  
till then, did the Scottish Craft as a body awake to a  
sense of what was due to itself by those in charge of its  
purse. A rough estimate has been made of the amount  
lost to us by various speculations, but it amounts to so  
many tens of thousands that I am afraid I would be con-  
sidered as romancing by stating the sum. For the last  
good few years we could do nothing more than spend a  
paltry £400 or so annually in charity because we had to be  
just before we were generous. Now we can look the  
world in the face—we owe nothing, and, besides our build-  
ings, have over £1000 in cash at our credit.

So soon as this desirable state was found to be approach-  
ing many of us set ourselves to the consideration of that  
charity by which alone the Craft can expect to flourish and  
to occupy its proper position among the greatest of the in-  
stitutions of the country. On Thursday last the usual  
Quarterly Communication was held—the first since our last  
debt was extinguished—and at that meeting (which was a  
large one, Freemasons' Hall being crowded), Major Crom-  
bie, Grand Junior Warden, proposed a remit, seconded by  
Bro. Alexander Hay, Past Grand Jeweller, to Grand Com-  
mittee to prepare a scheme for the extension of our present  
Benevolent Fund, embracing annuities to necessitous and  
deserving members and their widows, and the education of  
their orphan children. Bro. Crombie's proposals were very  
favourably received and the remit unanimously made. Your  
lauderette came so very opportunely that it was believed by  
some to have been inspired.

The 7th inst. then is the turning point (for good) in  
Scottish Freemasonry. Let me, however, state that we do  
not propose to build schools or asylums, for we think that  
in Scotland we can accomplish what we wish with more  
comfort to the recipients by other means, and at the same  
time more economically. We can never, of course, distri-  
bute such a princely amount annually as your great Masonic



with the building." In movements of this nature it is found that to carry them out some two or three brethren, not more, always exist who will have the energy, the zeal, and courtesy to execute them. The honoured names I have before mentioned are the companions in this instance who have found the time and devoted unceasing toil to the accomplishment of this object, and it is my good fortune as a native of Doncaster to thank them and congratulate them on the accomplishment of a long-cherished wish—that of having suitable rooms to be set apart, and I hope dedicated, for the sole purposes of Freemasonry. St. George's Lodge and Magdalen Chapter are fortunate in having such lovers of the Craft dwelling in their midst who have done so much to keep alive the earnest spirit of Freemasonry, and who have moulded by their influence and characters the destinies of the lodge and chapter in Doncaster. And what a grand thing to again repeat "that for 104 years the lodge has never been without a Master, has never ceased to hold its meetings, has never lost a single record of its proceedings, still possessing its original warrant, its original furniture, and its original working tools." I say this is an incomparable history. This is a lodge which ought to prosper. This chapter ought to thrive. Royal Arch Masonry ought not to languish, but every Blue Craft Mason ought to join the Magdalen Chapter. Let me here compliment Bro. Delaney on the publication of his "History of St. George's Lodge" in 1880, and the Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, William James Hughan, P.M. of No. 131, Truro, for the capital introduction to the history of the lodge in its centennial year; also Comp. Hartley for the admirable letter-press of those records; and you, brethren, for the truly Masonic kindness displayed in presenting me with a copy of such invaluable records. I appreciate the book as one of my most valuable Masonic literary possessions, and the one link of interest which binds me through the St. George's Lodge by memories to the town where in my boyhood I spent many pleasant years of joyous life. On looking through the memorials of the lodge's history I find the lodge constituted only, at the Red Lion Hotel, under the Constitution of England, whereof the Duke of Manchester in 1780 was Grand Master. Now, constitution in the Masonic sense signifies that your lodge was then set up, that officers were appointed, and Freemasonry established. In 1781 the lodge was removed to the Town Hall, and you have to thank all the Mayors of Doncaster, the Corporation, and the worthy Town Clerks for their kindness in giving your warrant a habitation in the Town Hall. To-day, then, we render those chief magistrates of the borough our unbounded acknowledgments for the use of these public premises, and for many other courtesies besides. But I do not find any notice that the lodge has been dedicated and consecrated—dedicated, that is devoted to the sublime principles of Freemasonry, or consecrated for the performance of the ritual, and appropriated to the solemn services of the Craft. I presume you could not set apart the Town Hall rooms for these purposes. Therefore, under this new lease of 10 years it is open to you to have these rooms dedicated, and all appertaining to the Craft consecrated for the sole and special purposes of Freemasonry in all its branches. This is for you to consider, and the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter will be glad to promote any rite of this kind which may be brought before it. This may mark in the most pointed manner the transfer of your warrant and charter to these new and well-appointed rooms. And now a few words as to the charter attached to the lodge. The charter of the Magdalen Chapter is dated 1820, and on the 8th May, 1822, the old charter of 447 was returned to Supreme Grand Chapter, when I presume a new one was sent back in due course. The career of this charter has been a chequered one, for I believe that up to 1830 there was no recorded minutes, and from 1830 to 1843 with but sparse references of meetings, and simply the names of those present without any note as to business. Up to within the last few years I am told great difficulty has been experienced in getting the requisite number of companions to work the chapter. But I new point out by illustration what I have intimated before, how much the courage and energy and ability of one or two earnest Arch Masons can accomplish in the work of resuscitation. Comp. Delaney in the chapter's returns this year has added to the register 11 names, making 48 subscribing companions. Comp. Rigby (now retired) resuscitated the chapter some 20 years ago. All honour to him and gratitude to those present for continuing this generous work. I believe I have said all that can be said for the past and for the future of the chapter's history. Let the gathering to-day and the presence of so many be an assurance of hope that the chapter may have as brilliant a history in time to come as the St. George's Lodge has in its records left memorials of the past. I would that all Past Masters and Master Masons should take advantage of the Royal Arch, and I would that all these should become possessed of the genuine secrets of the Craft in this degree for the substituted secrets of the Blue Craft or Third Degree. The R.A. symbolisms, ritual, and lectures eminently exemplify the high and lofty principles of religion, the very foundation of truth, of harmony, and unity. If perseverance in worldly matters brings prosperity, both should give us unity, and all three charity, for "God hath called us to peace." I can only appeal to the Doncaster companions present to make this chapter a means of usefulness and a blessing to all around; to work it for the love of the beautiful principles its symbolisms typify; to endeavour to encourage all just, perfect, and upright Masons to enter this chapter; to encourage them to make themselves acquainted with its lessons, for its mysteries are profound and its teachings exalted and worthy to be comprehended by every enlightened Craftsman. With these observations, and thanking Comp. Shirley, the learned and experienced Town Clerk, and all of you for your attendance, I declare these new rooms, not even constituted, neither dedicated nor consecrated, but formally opened for Freemasonry in all its various orders and branches, and may the omniscience, the omnipotence, and the omnipresence of the great Jehovah watch over you, guide you, and direct you in all your deliberations from generation to generation until time shall be no more.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Tew for his admirable address, on the motion of the M.E.Z., seconded by Comp. Shirley.

The death of Mr. Frank Ives Scudamore is announced from Constantinople, where for some time he had acted as superintendent of the post-office.

Australia.

[FROM OUR MELBOURNE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE NEW FREEMASONS' HALL IN MELBOURNE.

After considerable delay there is at last a chance of a Masonic Temple worthy of the leading city in the southern hemisphere becoming an accomplished fact. The first project broached was the purchase of the old dilapidated hall in Lonsdale-street, the property of a company who were not at all particular to whom they let the place, as no doubt your readers will have previously noticed in an account of some unsavoury particulars months ago. Several meetings were held, and the company at last offered to sell the building and land for £6500. Another company was formed, under the title of the "Freemasons' Hall Company, Limited," with a capital of £20,000 in £1 shares. Sir W. J. Clarke entered warmly into the scheme, but in the meantime the provisional directors came across a much more eligible property, that of a late doctor's residence in the best part of Collins-street, opposite the Melbourne Club, and close to the Houses of Parliament. This they have secured for £10,750, and it is proposed to alter the front of the premises and convert the whole into a Masonic Club, a proposition that has met with much encouragement amongst town and country brethren. The space behind the present building will be taken up with the erection of lodge and banqueting rooms, dressing and ante rooms, lavatories, &c., and a large hall for special Masonic occasions, balls, concerts, meetings, "such not being opposed to the principles of Freemasonry," as set forth in the articles of association, which latter will be adhered to after the scandal that occurred in connection with the old hall. The dimensions of the property embrace a frontage of 66 feet and a depth of 213 feet. The company has been registered, and a large number of shares have been taken up by brethren and lodges, Sir William Clarke being down for 1000, or double if required.

The laying of the corner-stone of the new buildings is already talked of. One suggestion that I hear is very appropriate. It is proposed to wait the arrival of Sir W. J. Clarke's patent as District Grand Master of the three combined Constitutions, and then hold the installation on a large scale in the Melbourne Town Hall, which accommodates 2500, and has one of the finest organs in the world. Subsequent to the installation of the new District Grand Master, he would lay the corner-stone of the new hall with full Masonic honours, a grand banquet in the evening to wind-up the first day's proceedings. The second day the ladies are thought of, for it is proposed to give a Masonic garden party at Rupertswood, in the magnificent country residence of the Victorian baronet, distant 25 miles from town. An affair of this kind, if carried to an issue, as in every way seems likely, would lay claim to rank with one of the Masonic memorabilia in this or any other part of the world.

THE POSITION OF THE MARK DEGREE.

Lately there has occurred an unpleasantness amongst English Mark Masons, arising out of the formation of the pseudo Grand Lodge of Victoria. On the very day of its institution, the P.G. Secretary of the Mark province, under instructions from the R.W.P.G. Master, communicated with the authorities at home, with a view of ascertaining the position of those Mark brethren who had gone over to the new-fangled body. Unfortunately, the P.G. Secretary totally misrepresented the true state of affairs, as he asserted that the new Grand Lodge had been formed of English, Scotch, and Irish lodges. The fact is, however, that not a single English lodge deserted its colours. The result of this letter showed itself in a reply to the effect that the Mark Degree, being an independent institution, could not interfere with those of its members who had gone over to the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Here was a pretty state of things for the many loyal Mark brethren, for bear in mind that the Mark seceders are a very small minority. In order, however, to test the question as to exclusion, a new Mark lodge has been opened in Melbourne, under dispensation from the P.G. Master of Victoria; but its inauguration gave rise to an unpleasantness that has culminated in an angry correspondence through the medium of the *Masonic Journal* of Melbourne, the semi-official organ of the loyal brethren of the Craft. First of all, the P.G. Secretary introduced the P.G.J.W. (a noted seceder) to the meeting without any notice, and because the W.M. designate of the new lodge—a P.M. of Combermere Lodge, 752, Craft, and D.G.S.W. of Victoria—refused him admission on personal grounds, as his presence was likely to disturb the harmony of the proceedings, he (the P.G. Secretary) declined to hand over the dispensation. The Combermere Mark Lodge, though, was consecrated, and its first Master installed by your correspondent, who, after due consideration, determined to act on his own responsibility, being confident that, when the true facts of the case are known at home, he will be exonerated from any blame in the matter. A curious part of the affair is the significant circumstance that the dispensation was handed to the W.M. of the new lodge by the P.G. Master some days after the occurrence; and, as I am not afraid to adduce other facts, I shall add that the P.G. Secretary was one of those who sent a letter of sympathy to the promoters of the Victorian Grand Lodge, which was read at their first meeting; and, further, that the R.W.P.G. Master of the Mark presided at such meeting. Neither, however, have formally severed their connection with the home Constitutions. Mark brethren in the old country will readily perceive things are decidedly "mixed" in this Province of Victoria, a jurisdiction, permit me to say, that has never once been called together for the space of three years, despite the bye-laws providing for a communication every six months. There is clearly a screw loose, and I trust for the future welfare of the Mark Degree in Victoria that the Board of General Purposes will take the matter in hand without delay.

THE RED CROSS DEGREE IN AUSTRALIA.

Hitherto the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine has not been introduced into Australia, although there are conclaves of the Order in New Zealand. The Grand Imperial Council, through Em. Sir Knight W. R. Woodman, Grand Recorder, have authorised the formation of a conclave in Melbourne, and to that end a sufficient number of Master Masons will, in the meantime, be installed sir knights, after which a petition for a warrant will follow in due course. Melbourne, Dec. 29th, 1883.

A Calcutta telegram states that Lord Ripon will probably return to England in November.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN CITY PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

The annual Masonic sermon was preached to the brethren in St. Clement's Church, on the 3rd inst., by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. C. C. Macdonald, from Mark li., 10. The sermon, which was intently listened to by the brethren (about 250 being present) and by a crowded congregation of the general public, was delivered in such a manner as shewed that the preacher estimated Freemasonry as a great power for good in the world, the allusions he used shewing a deep knowledge of the working of the Craft Degrees. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Beveridge, was present, along with most of the Provincial Grand Office-bearers. A handsome sum was collected at the close for the poor of St. Clement Parish.

ABERDEEN.—St. Machar Lodge (No. 54).—This lodge held its usual fortnightly meeting on Monday, the 4th inst., the Past Master in the chair in the unavoidable absence of the R.W. Master, Bro. John H. Bott. There was a large muster of the members, as well as of visiting brethren. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, Substitute Grand Master Mason of Scotland, was admitted an affiliated member, and three candidates for initiation were also balloted for and initiated.

ABERDEEN.—Bon Accord Lodge (No. 669).—This lodge held its second annual assembly in the Music Hall Buildings on Friday, the 1st inst. The ball, which was a subscription one, was a success in every way, about 90 couples being present. The decorations were very tastefully executed, the music was good, and the supper excellent; indeed, everything was done to render the gathering an exceedingly pleasant one. The oil painting of the R.W. Master, Bro. Andrew Stott, lately presented to him by the lodge, was exhibited at the top of the ball room, and was generally admired. Among the invited guests present were Bros. Major Crombie, G.J.W.; Savage, D.P.G.M.; Shepherd, P.G.S.W.; and several of the Masters of lodges in the city.

Obituary.

BRO. R. J. COTTON.

News has been received in Liverpool of the death of Bro. Robert John Cotton, a member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, from its consecration. Bro. Cotton, who was better known under his professional name of R. J. Roberts, died King's Lynn a few days ago, at the early age of 35. About the year 1873 Bro. Cotton, who we believe was a native of Yorkshire, became a member of the company then attached to the Prince of Wales Theatre, Liverpool, and, developing considerable comic power, was entrusted with the performance of numerous prominent parts. Subsequently he successfully appeared at the Prince of Wales and the Alexandra Theatres. From time to time Bro. Cotton, who was especially acceptable in Irish parts, also fulfilled engagements of importance throughout the provinces.

THE FUNERAL OF BRO. CAPT. WEBB.

The last act in the famous Webb tragedy is over, and the remains of our noted brother have been consigned to their final resting place in Oakwood cemetery, Niagara Falls, with appropriate services. Mrs. Webb brought with her from Boston, papers certifying that at the time of his death Captain Webb was a member in good standing of an English lodge. This fact being made known to the members of Niagara River Lodge, of Suspension Bridge, and Niagara Frontier Lodge, of Niagara Falls, they offered to take charge of the obsequies. The kind proposal was gratefully accepted by Mrs. Webb, who felt that she had indeed fallen among friends. The work of disinterring the body was laborious owing to the deep snow and the frozen earth. Mrs. Webb had expressed a desire to look again upon the face of her husband, but friends prevented her from doing so. The contents of the rough pine box bore little resemblance to a human form. The frost had failed to stay the work of dissolution, and nothing but a mass of corruption was presented to view of those who opened the box. The widow bore this fresh sorrow with the resignation that has become a part of her character. The remains were with difficulty transferred to an elegant black broadcloth covered casket, and carried to the newly made grave. The funeral took place at the cemetery at two o'clock. The beautiful burial service of the Episcopal church was read by the Rev. Sidney Wilbur, of the church of the Epiphany, whilst Most Worshipful Benjamin Flagler, Past Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, read the service according to the Masonic ritual. Both lodges were well represented by Masons wearing white gloves and aprons. Mrs. Webb laid a beautiful wreath of flowers upon the casket, and sprigs of evergreen and a white apron were deposited in the grave by the members of the Order. The widow was accompanied by two ladies of Suspension Bridge, and during the service stood near the head of the coffin. She wept bitterly whenever allusion was made to the dead man. At the conclusion of the services she stepped up to Past Grand Master Flagler and thanked him heartily for the kindness shown her by the members of the local Masonic Orders. Then she cast a last look at the open grave and turned to the waiting sleigh. The place of interment is in a quiet portion of the cemetery, where grand oak trees spread their shade in summer. It adjoins the sealed grave of Francis Abbott, the hermit, concerning whom there is so remarkable a history. At present the snow is knee deep in the cemetery, and the surroundings are dreary in the extreme.

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### Craft Masonry.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 31st ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Present: Bros. H. Povey, W.M.; W. Cook, S.W.; Jos. Corbett, J.W.; E. F. Storr, P.M.; George Britton, P.M., Sec.; G. M. Vane, S.D.; L. Walker, J.D.; J. P. Collings, P.M.; D.C.; A. McGregor, I.G.; F. Stanton Hopper, Stwd.; Joseph Parkinson, Tyler; H. F. Griffin, J. R. Taylor, Thos. Whiting, E. Hollands, C. V. Jolliffe, C. W. Gray, P.M.; J. Wilcox, P.M.; John Frost, T. J. Lawrence, G. Waterall, P.M.; H. S. Crawford, P.M.; J. W. Shanderwick, W. R. Brooks, W. Ashwell, P.M.; H. Savidge, R. Peart, sen.; B. Peart, jun., and J. Wm. Lewthwaite. Visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, Grand Sec.; T. Hamer, P.M.; E. Sturmfels, R. Coffee, J. R. Jones, H. Bickerstaff, W. Winnett, W. Morgan Jones, Joseph Schuley, James Tatlock, D. W. Pearse, C. Morgan, and Jas. Sergeant.

After the opening of the lodge Bro. Lewthwaite was passed to the Second Degree, and this ceremony being completed, the installation of Bro. Robert Walpole Coulcher took place, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. H. Povey, the retiring W.M., in a most fluent and eloquent manner so as to call forth high eulogium from the great number of visitors. At the conclusion of this ceremony the newly-installed Master presented a jewel to Bro. H. Povey, the I.P.M., stating that it gave him great pleasure to be the delegate of the members of the lodge to present the jewel as a token of the high appreciation, the energy displayed, the admirable efficiency of the working of the lodge, and the fluency with which he conducted the ritual, together with his proverbial congeniality during his year, at the same time wishing him health and strength to appear in the lodge with the jewel at his breast for many years. Bro. H. Povey, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for their kindness to him, and assured them it would ever be a year of happy reminiscences. The Master then proceeded to initiate Mr. John Wm. Standerwick.

The lodge being closed the usual banquet took place, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master. The dinner, handsomely served by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, was evidently appreciated, the table being decked with spring flowers, and on its conclusion the customary toasts were proposed and received with enthusiasm. The Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clarke, responded for "The Grand Officers." In the course of his speech he stated the Neptune Lodge had been in existence upwards of 130 years. He was much gratified at the reception he met with, and had had much pleasure in witnessing the performance of the ritual in so satisfactory a manner.

This was followed by a very spirited solo on the violin by Bro. H. Savidge. Then came the toast of "The W.M.," and a song by Bro. J. Taylor. The usual toasts followed, also another song by Bro. Taylor, and solos by Bros. Winnett and Sergeant, the latter of whom presided at the piano.

**EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).**—The Egyptian Lodge held its *jour de Pan* on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, when the Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. A. Grammer, punctually at 4 p.m. There was a large attendance of the members of the lodge, and also a large number of visitors present, among the latter being Bros. Terry, P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. P. Albert, P.G.P.; C. J. Scott, J.D. 299; T. Jenkins, 299; W. Bolton, J.D. 1314; W. A. Austin, 1900; R. J. Taylor, P.M. 144; B. Crumpler, 834; F. Wetherelt, W.M. 189; H. M. Levy, 188; Haswell Furners, W.M. 1608; G. T. Brown, P.M. 65; J. Pryor, W.M. 1677; Geo. J. Palmer, 11; George Musto, 813; W. Stuart, P.M. 141; J. Shearman, 1146; H. Brookman, J.W. 11; H. Howard, 1744; and E. C. Massey (*Freemason*).

There were two candidates for passing, viz., Bros. A. J. Morrison, and Gustav Derzö Greenhut, but the former was unable to attend. There were also two candidates for initiation, Messrs. Alfred William May and Andrew Lyon, both of whom were approved upon the ballot being taken. Mr. Lyon, however, was the only one in attendance. Both ceremonies were very ably performed by the W.M., who afterwards installed his successor, Bro. J. Murch into the chair of K.S., performing the ceremony in a very careful and impressive manner. There were twenty-five installed masters present at the board to assist at the ceremony and congratulate Bro. Murch on his elevation. On the lodge being resumed and the other brethren admitted, the newly installed master was proclaimed and greeted in the three degrees, and appointed his officers for the year as follows: Bros. E. B. Haynes, S.W.; M. Hale, J.W.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; John B. Poole, Sec.; Dixon, S.D.; Webster, J.D.; Todd, I.G.; Jacobs, W.S.; John Easton, A.W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The collar of D.C. was not disposed of. After Bro. Grammer had delivered the customary orations to the Master, Wardens, and lay brethren, letters were read from Bros. F. Binckes and Chas. Atkins regretting their inability to be present, and the lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

The members and their guests subsequently dined together. The tables were beautifully decorated, and each brother present was presented with a "button-hole" of choice flowers, the gift of Bro. Haynes, the S.W. At the conclusion of the banquet, which was admirably served, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who of course presided, and the intervals between the speeches were enlivened by the vocal performances of various brethren, Bro. Austin, 1900, being the pianist. After disposing of the first two toasts, "The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.," the W.M., in proposing the health of "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon; The Dep. G.M., the Earl of Lathom; and the other Grand Officers Past and Present," coupled with it the names of Bros. Albert and Buss, who therefore responded.

Bro. Albert said he rose with pleasure and regret—pleasure produced by the cordial reception which the lodge

had given to this toast, and regret that he should be unable to express his thanks on behalf of the other Grand Officers and for himself, so well as they could be expressed by Bro. Buss, who had been associated with Grand Lodge so much longer; but assured the brethren that he thoroughly appreciated the hearty manner in which the toast to the Grand Officers had been received.

Bro. Buss said that he had hoped that Bro. Albert would have so returned thanks as to have left nothing to be added, but as Bro. Albert had left part of the toast in his hands he had great pleasure in responding to the call. As the brethren were aware, the Grand Officers of England were always anxious to do their duty, and it was always a source of gratification to them to know that their efforts were appreciated by the Craft. Masters of lodges knew from experience how difficult was the task of selecting their officers so as to secure efficiency and give satisfaction to all the members; how much more difficult a task than must be that of the Grand Master? His Royal Highness however had always been most fortunate in his selection of officers, a selection which secured, as it deserved to secure, the approbation of the Craft at large. With Bro. Albert he (Bro. Buss) returned the brethren of the Egyptian Lodge the hearty thanks of the Grand Officers for the compliment that had been paid them.

Bro. Grammer, in proposing the health of "The W.M.," said that Bro. Murch and himself had been associated for many years; they had both filled every office in the lodge until they reached the chair, Bro. Murch having always trodden close upon his (Bro. Grammer's) heels, and it gave him much pleasure to propose Bro. Murch's health in his new position.

In returning thanks Bro. Murch said that so long as he was Master it would be his endeavour to keep up the prestige of the Egyptian Lodge; he hoped the officers would assist him to carry out the duties of his office, and trusted that they would all have but one end in view, to be happy and communicate happiness to others.

After proposing "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Lyon," who replied in a modest but effective speech, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Grammer, I.P.M." During the last 12 months Bro. Grammer had performed the duties of the office of W.M. with great credit, always doing his work to the very best of his ability, and that he had been diligent was proved by his having that evening concluded his year's work with the difficult task of installing his successor. It gave him (Bro. Murch) much pleasure to place now on Bro. Grammer's breast the jewel which his brethren of the lodge had given him in recognition of his services, and he trusted that Bro. Grammer would be spared to be among them for many years to come.

Bro. Grammer in returning thanks said that it afforded him great pleasure to respond to that toast. Though he had occupied the very important position of Master for 12 months past, he rather thought that the dignified ease of his present position made it nowise less desirable than that which he had vacated, and therefore his expectation that he was going to be snuffed out was not likely to be realised. He had been very ill, and in the early part of the week he was afraid that he would be unable to take his place that evening; but God had been good, and had restored him sufficiently to enable him to come and perform the ceremony which he had set his heart upon doing. He also thanked them warmly for the beautiful jewel with which they had presented to him.

The other toasts included "The Charities," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary and other Officers of the Lodge." In responding for "The Charities," Bro. Terry made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, and said that the amount of annuities now payable was £12,850, so that, at least, that sum was necessary to be raised every year to meet the demands upon the Institution.

**ROYAL NAVAL LODGE (No. 59).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. B. Wilson, Treas., as W.M.; Geo. Rousey, S.W.; Wm. Winnett, J.W.; C. F. Matier, P.M., Sec.; J. Russell, S.D.; F. J. Tyler, I.G.; S. E. Yates, Stwd.; Hanson, P.M.; J. Nicholson, P.M.; Goldney, and others; the visitors being Bros. Chas. Belton, P.M., Prov. G.D. Surrey, C. E. Soppet, P.M.; Portway, and Frederick Binckes, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The minutes having been confirmed, a candidate, Mr. A. G. Beale, was duly initiated by the Senior Past Master and Treas. Bro. S. B. Wilson was elected a joining member. It being contemplated to establish a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the lodge, the formal permission was asked for, and unanimously granted. Several propositions were made and the lodge closed. The usual banquet took place at the Holborn Restaurant.

**TEMPLE LODGE (No. 101).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on the 5th inst., Bro. Dr. J. Powell, W.M., in the chair, supported by a large attendance of members and the following visitors: Bros. Horace Brooks Marshall, I.P.M. 1949; Pigot, W.M. 1677; Wrigley, P.M. 210; Dance, P.M. 754; Mallett, 1445; L. M. Phillips, C.C., Adelphi, New York; Scott, 1964; Durrant, P.M. 569; Smith, S.W. 1839; Noble, 1329; Johnson, J.W. 124; Jones, 124; Brown, 284; Hopkins, 1196; Altman, C.C., P.M. 1657; Dyke, P.M. 665; Berkett, 569; Smith, I.P.M. 1639; and Walter, 1257.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. installed Bro. John Robins, C.C., as his successor in the chair of K.S. in an excellent manner, and after the usual salutations the newly-installed W.M. invested his various officers, addressing appropriate remarks to each. The officers for the year are Bros. Altman, S.W.; Bullock, J.W.; Lardner, S.D.; Round, J.D.; T. G. Beard, I.G.; Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; Bond, Treas.; Hastilow, D.C.; Fradd, W.S.; Haywarth, A.W.S.; and Potter, Tyler.

A capably served dinner followed the closing of the lodge, and after the cloth had been removed the Worshipful Master gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master," and "The Pro G.M., &c.," introducing each one in a very eloquent and appropriate speech.

Dr. Powell, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He felt assured he would add lustre to the office, and congratulated the brethren on their having a Master so well able to preside over them not only in lodge but at the banquet table.

The Worshipful Master returned thanks briefly and proposed "The I.P.M." In the long role of P.Ms. of the Temple Lodge brethren with various qualifications had filled the office, but whilst he was debarred in the presence of the I.P.M. from saying as much as he would have liked, he would ask if any of his predecessors had surpassed him in courtesy, urbanity, and kindness to every member of the lodge. He could assure him of the friends he had at the commencement of his year of office. He had certainly not lost one, but had increased their number materially. He then in the name of the lodge presented him with a very handsome P.M.'s jewel as a token of their appreciation.

Bro. Power returned thanks, stating that from the time he was elected W.M. he had determined to carry out to the best of his ability the duties of his office and felt gratified his exertions were appreciated. He sincerely thanked the brethren for the very handsome jewel.

The Worshipful Master then proposed what he made no apology for calling the toast of the evening; it was that of "The Health, long life, and prosperity of their indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Reynolds, P.M." At the audit supper on the previous Tuesday, Bro. Bond, P.M., had expressed the opinion that the time had arrived when the services of their Secretary should be recognised. The idea was seized with avidity, and the first task the Committee had to perform was that of limiting the amount of the subscriptions. Every member of the lodge had subscribed the full amount he was permitted to, with the exception of some three brethren who were away from England. This fact spoke volumes for the respect and esteem in which Bro. Reynolds was held. The W.M. then presented the testimonial, which consisted of a very handsome silver candelabra, which could be readily converted into a stand for fruit and flowers, weighing 112 oz., expressing the hope that Bro. Reynolds might long be spared to look with pleasure on the gift, and to those who survived him it would speak of the esteem in which he had been held.

The candelabra bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. H. J. Reynolds, P.M., P.G.S., by the members of the Temple Lodge, as a token of their high esteem and in recognition of his valuable services as Hon. Sec. for the past 10 years."

Bro. Reynolds in reply said he was completely overcome by the kindness of the brethren. Usually the recipient of such a gift hears a whisper of what was going on; but in this he knew not a word till the testimonial was placed on the table. He could assure the brethren that this would indeed be a red-letter day in his life's history. He had in the past endeavoured to discharge the duties of his office satisfactorily, and he should be stimulated to do more, if possible, not by reason of the value of the very splendid present now given, but no man could help being moved by the deep and earnest kindness of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master gave "The toast of the Visitors." The first name on the list was that of Bro. H. B. Marshall. It was a matter of regret he could not by reason of prior engagements stay to banquet. The W.M. thought all present would give Bro. Marshall their hearty aid and sympathy in his candidature for the Grand Treasurership. It had been asked what had Bro. Marshall done for the Craft? the W.M. ventured to say that although Bro. Marshall had been a Mason but for five years he had done more than almost any living Mason in the same time for the charities, for in that time he had given no less than within a few pounds of £1700.

Bros. Allman, Wrigby, and Pigot responded.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the Worshipful Master congratulated himself on having such able brethren to support him, and the pleasure he felt in having been able to appoint Bro. T. G. Beard as I.G., he being the son of his old friend, Thomas Beard, Esq. Bro. Altman, jun., S.W., responded. Songs and recitations were interspersed during the evening.

**BEDFORD LODGE (No. 157).**—On Friday, the 5th inst., the installation meeting of this old and distinguished lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. Arthur Triggs, who had been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, was duly installed. Bro. Thos. Hall having opened the lodge, the minutes and proceedings of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M. 157, P.M. 1732, P.Z. 177, having taken the chair, Bro. Triggs was presented by the D.C. as the Master elect for the benefit of installation, and was inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite, and in the able and efficient manner which has characterised the work of Bro. Briggs as Installing Master of this lodge for some years. Bro. Triggs having been proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees, then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Walter Snodin, S.W.; J. Soper, J.W.; Briggs, P.M., Treas.; Liddall, P.M., Sec.; Clark, S.D.; Barron, J.D.; Jones, I.G.; and Longstaffe, Tyler; reciting to each his duties, and adding a few words of congratulation in his kindly and genial way. The ballot was then taken and found to be unanimous in favour of a candidate for initiation, Mr. Arthur Wells Toms, and he was afterwards initiated into the secrets and mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, assisted by his officers. A very pleasing duty now devolved upon the W.M., namely, to present to his predecessor, Bro. Hall, a Past Master's jewel which had been voted at the previous meeting for the very able, kind, and courteous manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past twelve months, and wishing he might long be spared to wear it. Bro. Hall thanked the W.M. and brethren in feeling and suitable terms.

No further business being on the agenda paper the lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently dined together at the Freemasons' Tavern, where a very excellent banquet was provided under the personal superintendence of the worthy manager, Bro. Dawkins. After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been drunk, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the Visitors," in responding to which Bro. Terry pointed out that nearly £56,000 had been contributed to the three Charities last year. This statement was received with applause, and the "veteran mariner," Bro. Thomas Cubitt (who will represent this lodge as Steward at the Benevolent Festival), ever ready in the cause of charity to take "the tide at the flood," came round with his list, to which the brethren liberally responded. "The Health of the Initiate" having been drunk, our jovial Bro. Thomas Walton, P.M., gave the song of the "Entered Apprentice," the brethren heartily joining in the chorus. Bro. A. Toms returned thanks in a



short but appropriate speech. The remaining toasts were quickly disposed of, interspersed with some excellent singing, and the meeting broke up, all expressing themselves very pleased with their evening.

**PHOENIX LODGE (No. 173).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. F. D. Vinc, W.M.; G. Güterbock, S.W.; H. W. Davie, J.W.; Capt. J. Finch, Treas.; Walter Holcombe, Sec.; J. Millier, S.D.; W. Williams, J.D.; H. Conolly, I.G.; E. V. New, Stwd.; Speight, Tyler; Blyth, P.M.; Andrews, P.M.; Phillips, P.M.; F. R. Vine, P.M.; Herbert, Linom, Hart, Moore, Stanham, Gilbert, Kearley, and Hopkins. Visitor: Bro. R. P. Stevens.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Mr. A. E. Hubert, who was unanimously elected and afterwards initiated. Bro. Finch, Treasurer, proposed that a committee consisting of the P.Ms., officers, and four M.Ms., be appointed to arrange the centenary festival of the lodge on the 27th September, 1885. Twenty guineas were voted to the W.M.'s list, who represents the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Girls School, and the same sum to Bro. Blyth's list, who goes up to the Benevolent Institution festival on the 26th inst. Lodge was then closed.

**LION AND LAMB LODGE (No. 102).**—At the ordinary meeting of this lodge held on Thursday, the 7th February, at Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. H. A. Pratt, W.M., was supported by Bros. H. Stevenson, S.W.; B. Perkins, J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; George Abbott, P.M., Secretary; W. Medwin, P.M., S.D.; W. T. Rickwood, P.M., D.C.; W. Dowland, I.G.; Dyer, Tyler; S. T. Lucas, P.M.; J. G. Chillingworth, P.M.; Dart, A. Gutter, Fisher, and Cook.

The lodge having been duly opened the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The selection of a W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting unanimously in the election of Bro. H. Stevenson. Bro. H. Legge was re-elected Treasurer. After a few minor matters and the ordinary routine business had been disposed of the lodge was closed and adjourned.

**KENNINGTON LODGE (No. 1381).**—The installation meeting of this very prosperous lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington-park, on the 5th inst. Among those present were Bros. Cockburn, W.M.; Appleton, S.W., W.M. elect; Stranger, J.W.; W. P. Webb, I.P.M.; W. Mann, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Ploverman, J.D.; W. Collett, D. of C.; R. La Feuillade, W.S.; H. F. Foale, A.W.S.; Koch, P.M.; George Everett, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Köhler, P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler, and others. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Bean, W.M. 188; Griffin, W.M. 975; Martin, W.M. 1320; Sims, W.M. 1524; Lalliard, P.M. 186; Churchley, P.M. 615; C. Sims, P.M. 861; H. Salter, P.M. 861; Noble, P.M. 975; J. Pope, P.M. 1305; Wray, P.M. 1604; Dawson, P.M. 1835; E. Saunders, 33; Crabtree, 141; Thompson, 169; H. Price, J.W. 177; Harvey, D.C. 177; Wood, 177; Sanders, 861; Foot, I.G. 1194; Taylor, 1316; Stuart, 1320; Browning, 1328; C. Smith, 1328; Elliott, 1589; Tyler, 1685; Hedges, 1900, Sec. Girls' School; Gardner, J.W. 2016; J. La Feuillade, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Radcliff was passed to the Degree of a F.C. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. Appleton was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Mann, P.M., to receive the benefits of installation. The W.M. having appointed Bros. Walls as S.W., Higgins as J.W., Webb as D.C., and Ayling as I.G., proceeded to carry out the arduous duties of Installing Officer. The officers appointed and invested for the year ensuing are: Bros. Stranger, S.W.; Ploverman, J.W.; Cockburn, I.P.M.; W. Mann, Treas.; W. Stuart, Sec.; W. Collett, S.D.; R. La Feuillade, J.D.; R. Lingley, I.G.; H. F. Foale, D.C.; J. Collins, W.S.; and J. La Feuillade, Hon. Org. Previously to the lodge being closed a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer for his services.

The members and their visitors then adjourned to the large Concert Hall attached to the Tavern, and partook of a banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the I.P.M. in flattering terms.

The Worshipful Master in his reply expressed his obligations to the brethren for having elected him to so dignified a position. He had arrived at the chair of 1381 much sooner than he had expected, and he hoped to show the brethren during the ensuing year that he was not unmindful of the great honour they had bestowed upon him.

The toast of "The Installing Master" followed, and Bro. Cockburn in reply said that it was his first essay as Installing Master, and although the ceremony was not carried out so well as he should have liked to have done it, yet he had striven to do his best, and should another opportunity occur he would endeavour to discharge the duties more effectively.

"The Masonic Charities" was coupled with the name of Bro. Hedges, who, in the course of his brief but pertinent speech, expressed a hope that whilst wishing every prosperity and support should attend the forthcoming festivals of the Benevolent and Boys' School, yet he ventured to desire that the claims of his particular Institution should not be forgotten.

"The Health of the Visitors" having been proposed and responded to, Bro. W. P. Webb, whose name was coupled with "The Past Masters," replied to that toast in a neat speech. "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings, which were enlivened by the instrumental, vocal, and dramatic abilities of Bros. La Feuillade, Martin, Dawson, Stuart, Sanders, Buxton, Webb, and others.

**THE GREAT CITY LODGE (No. 1426).**—The fifth meeting for the season of this lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Bros. F. T. C. Keeble, W.M.; W. Baber, S.W.; R. Fendick, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Potter, S.D.; Skinner, J.D.; Cadiot, D.C.; Jenkins, Org.; Hamer, P.M.; H. Thompson, P.M.; H. J. Bertram, S.S.; J. L. Hudd, J.S.; G. K. Gwyn, J. R. Greening, C. J. Small, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the January lodge were read and confirmed. There were four brethren candidates for advancement to the Second Degree, and they were duly passed as F.Cs. Bro. G. J. Parker moved that a Past Master's jewel of the usual value be presented to the W.M. on the termination of his office, which was seconded and unanimously agreed to. The case of a brother of the lodge who had been struck down by severe affliction was then brought under the notice of the lodge, and on the motion of Bro. H. Thompson, P.M., seconded by Bro. N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas., it was resolved unanimously that the W.M. be requested to visit the afflicted brother and support a petition on his behalf to be presented to the Board of Benevolence. The greatest sympathy was manifested in this case, and on the proposed petition being brought forward it was signed by every member present, and a substantial sum was voted from the Samaritan Fund of the lodge to relieve his immediate necessities. It was announced that the annual lodge ball will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel on Saturday, the 22nd of March. A discussion as to one of the bye-laws of the lodge having taken place some routine business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

**HENLEY LODGE (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above snug little lodge took place on Tuesday, the 5th inst., at the Three Crowns, North Woolwich, when on account of the large amount of work before it, it was opened at 6 p.m. punctually by Bro. E. West, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts. The ballot was taken for Mr. G. Gennings and proved unanimous. Bro. Tyler was then raised by Bro. West in capital style. The W.M., Bro. V. J. Holloway, having arrived, took the chair, and Bros. Richardson and Wood were passed and Mr. Gennings initiated by him with due solemnity. The ballot then took place for W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing 12 months, and Bro. C. T. Lewis, S.W., was unanimously elected to the chair, and Bro. A. J. Manning, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Essex, was unanimously re-elected Treas. Those brethren having returned thanks, Bro. W. Page, P.M. 1076, was re-elected Tyler. Bros. C. Heffer, Canning, and Gladding were elected to serve on the annual audit. A handsome testimonial was presented to Bro. James Elder, I.P.M., as some acknowledgment of the many services rendered by him to the lodge during his term of office and for the admirable manner in which he had installed his successor, the present W.M., and Bro. Elder returned thanks. It was then unanimously resolved that a Past Master's jewel of the value of 10 guineas should be presented to Bro. Holloway for services rendered by him during his year of office, and to mark the esteem of the brethren. Bro. Holloway returned thanks suitably.

The lodge was then closed and the brethren partook of supper. The usual toasts were given, but no harmony was indulged in on account of the recent death of Bro. Steele, P.M. of the lodge, who died suddenly of disease of the heart a week previously, and for whom the lodge was in mourning. Among the brethren present, besides those enumerated, were P.Ms. J. Ives, Sec.; B. B. Brayshaw, and N. Vance; A. G. Ives, J.W.; J. Paul, I.G.; M. Caul, W.S.; J. Savage, D.C.; J. Gaskill, P.M. 1076; C. H. Wehauon, 956; W. Alslond, 1529; F. Osborne, 1287; and C. Jolly, S.D. (Freemason).

**NEW CROSS LODGE (No. 1559).**—On Friday evening, the 8th inst., the 48th meeting, which was also the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Never in the history of this lodge has there been so large an attendance of visitors, and this must be accounted for by the great popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Hiram Henton. Initiated at the first meeting of the lodge after its consecration, Bro. Henton has steadily pursued his career in the Craft, working through the various offices with a patience and perseverance which has at length met with its due reward. Apart from his ability as a Freemason, Bro. Henton has made a name for himself in the profession which claims him as an ornament. As principal bandmaster of the Park Band Society (which has four bands under its control) he has figured prominently before the public, and last year he was appointed bandmaster of the London Rifle Brigade. That he has earned the respect of many friends in this latter capacity was amply proved by the large attendance of officers and members of the Brigade at Friday's meeting. Then again for some years he filled the position of a professor at Kneller Hall, the Military College of Music. On the 1st inst., Bro. Henton was presented at a Board of Installed Masters, at Bro. Pinoli's restaurant, Wardour-street, and gave every proof of his ability to fill the exalted position to which he had been elected by the brethren of the New Cross Lodge.

There were present Bros. Thomas Grumant, W.M.; Hiram Henton, S.W.; Rev. J. Sturdee, J.W.; W. Cowley, I.P.M.; Eugene H. Thielley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M.; G. P. Bertini, S.D.; Carlo Grassi, J.D.; F. Cash, I.G.; A. Priest, D.C.; C. Westall, Org.; A. B. Church, Tyler; Charles Pinoli, J. D. Graham, G. E. Court, John Faulkner, T. Metham, J. H. Meyer, W. Thackway, C. Mazzone, W. R. Waters, H. Wild, H. H. Baker, J. Neville, and R. Borrett. The following were among the visitors: Bros. Major J. H. S. Reid and W. Binnie (late 1st Life Guards), and C. Cousins, P.Ms. 209; E. J. B. Bumstead, P.M. 548; Neville Green, P.M. 1962; I. Stephens, P.M. 1475; Vickery, P.M. 1475; Lowell Keays, P.M. 917; D. Rose, P.M. 73; J. Wrigglesworth, P.M. 975; D. Channon, P.M. 1475; R. A. Vaisey, P.M. 1641; W. C. Claridge, W.M. 1962; W. Hamblin, W.M. 1622; W. C. Page, W.M. 1475; J. Addington, W.M. 217; R. J. Vincent, W.M. 1963; F. Hilton, S.W. 1475; C. Leeds Smith, J.W. 803; A. S. Sandie, J.W. 1599; C. R. Williams, J.D. 72; T. O. Harding, J.D. 1460; T. V. Walker, J.D. 22; Brinton, J.D. 1329; C. F. M. Mundy, 859; B. Parello-Rocco, 1305; J. Baker, 1319; J. Hooker, 1681; T. Scoborio, 177; W. Banbery, 217; T. O. Davis, 1201; P. Preston, 1062; Sergt.-Major W. Gowling (L.R.B.) 1962; and others. Letters of regret at inability to attend through previous engagements were read from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Charles Godfrey (Royal Horse Guards), Hamp, Ex-Superintendent Eccles, Supt. Harris, and other brethren.

Lodge having been opened by the W.M. the minutes of the last regular meeting and those of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was then received and adopted. This cleared the way for the great event of the evening, and after the

usual preliminaries Bro. Cowley, P.M., presented the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation, and in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters numbering 21 Bro. Grumant installed his successor in the chair of K.S. with all due rite and ceremony. The brethren having saluted the newly-installed W.M., he then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Grumant, I.P.M.; the Rev. J. Sturdee, S.W.; Giovanni Bertini, J.W.; Eugene H. Thielley, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Middx., Treas.; Ernest E. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Carlo Grassi, S.D.; Frederick Cash, J.D.; Alfred Priest, I.G.; Charles Westall, Org.; J. Graham, D.C.; John Hermann Meyer, C.S.; George E. Court, W.S.; J. North, A.W.S.; and A. B. Church, Tyler. The ceremony of installation was worked throughout faultlessly by the outgoing W.M., who was presented with a Past Master's jewel of the value of 12 guineas, the W.M. accompanying the presentation with some appropriate observations.

The banner of the new W.M. is particularly handsome, and was the work of Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain. The groundwork is Masonic blue, bordered with blue and white cords and tassels. Coat of arms: per fesse indented gold and argent, six fleur-de-lys countercharged; crest: an eagle's leg erased, encircled with a serpent proper; motto: "Ne m'oubliez." This makes the fourth banner now in the New Cross Lodge.

At the termination of Masonic business the lodge was closed and the brethren to the number of 57 sat down to a banquet at the Ministerial table in the Grand Saloon. After the lengthy and elaborate menu had been run through and grace said, the customary preliminary toasts were done justice to.

Bro. T. Grumant, I.P.M., having assumed the gavel, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said from the time he joined the lodge up to that moment he had been a careful observer of Bro. Henton's zeal in Freemasonry, and he saw that the nearer he (Bro. Henton) approached the chair the more assiduous he became; indeed, he happened to know that for some months past Bro. Henton had been working up the ceremonies with a view to discharging his duty as W.M. in a creditable manner, and now that they had him in the chair he (Bro. Grumant) would guarantee that the work of the lodge would be done in a thoroughly sound and perfect manner.

The toast was received with vigorous fire, and the Worshipful Master in reply said if he failed to express his thanks to the brethren in a very lengthy and eloquent speech they must bear with him, because he felt somewhat strange in the exalted position in which he had but just found himself, and also because he could not boast the oratorical ability of most of the distinguished brethren he saw around him. As the oldest initiate of the lodge, and one who had seldom missed a meeting, he had worked his way up through the various offices; and although at one time he feared that he would never reach the chair of W.M., patience and perseverance had triumphed in the end. He now saw that those fears had been ill-founded. The responsibilities of the office he knew to be very great, but, having had a brilliant example set him by his predecessor, felt convinced that with the aid of the G.A.O.T.U. and the assistance of his Past Masters and officers, he should be equal to the occasion. At any rate, when at the termination of his year of office he yielded up his charge to his successor, he assured the brethren that the warrant which had been entrusted to his charge should be handed to that successor, whoever he might be, pure and unsullied.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Visitors," paying especial compliment to the Masonic abilities of Bros. Binnie, Major Reid, Neville Green, Bumstead, C. Leeds-Smith (who had travelled many miles to London in order to attend this meeting), and C. F. M. Mundy.

In reply Bros. Hamlyn, Binnie, W. C. Claridge (on behalf of the members of the London Rifle Brigade who were present), Brinton, and C. F. M. Mundy each addressed the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Grumant." The brethren had heard for themselves how admirably the ceremony had been rendered, and he (the W.M.) should never forget the great pleasure that Bro. Grumant had given him while he was being installed into the chair of K.S. He took this opportunity of presenting to Bro. Grumant, in the name of the members of the New Cross Lodge, a Past Master's jewel, which he trusted he would be spared to wear for years and years to come.

Bro. Grumant, who was well received, made a suitable reply.

To the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. Cowley replied, and Bro. E. H. Thielley, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Middx., acknowledged the compliment in response to "The Secretary and Treasurer."

In giving "The Officers of the New Cross Lodge" the Worshipful Master complimented them individually on their abilities and expressed the confidence he placed in them. Bros. Sturdee, the Rev. S.W.; G. E. Court, W.S.; and C. Westall, Org., responded, and the Tyler's toast closed the list.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Chas. Westall, and the vocal talent of the lodge was fairly tested, Bros. G. E. Court, Grassi, Bertini, Meyer, and Neville giving the company a taste of their quality. Bro. Bumstead's recitation was as usual highly appreciated, and it was considerably after eleven o'clock when the brethren broke up and the London division made a hasty retreat to the railway station, after spending one of the most agreeable and successful evenings recorded in the annals of 1559.

**LODGE OF LOYALTY (No. 1607).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, under the presidency of Bro. Fredk. Carr, W.M. The officers present were Bros. C. H. Webb, P.M., as S.W.; H. Brown, Treas.; J. Newton, Sec.; W. Ganton, S.D.; Jas. R. Large, J.D.; A. J. Clark, D. of C.; R. S. Cushing, I.G.; and Thomas Jones, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Antill, 720; Robt. H. Halford, 1580, P.P.G.S.D. Herts.; H. W. Humphreys, 1638; J. W. Taylor, W.M. 78; Henry Jay, 174; Henry Weld, A.D.C. 1539; R. H. Harland, Sec. 1716; E. Bacon, 807; T. J. Maidwell, P.M. 27; and H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928 (Freemason).

Bros. Harrison and Hodgson were raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. Charles Knifton and Mr. W. Wytthe were initiated, the work being done in splendid style. The W.M. presented the lodge with a set of gauntlets for the Master and Wardens, and on the motion of Bro. H.



Bro. Court, J.W. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or of this lodge in particular the same was closed.

**WATERLOO.—Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).**—Although only consecrated in 1871, the Skelmersdale Lodge, named at the time after our esteemed Deputy Grand Master, who had not then been raised to the Earldom, has shown Masonic vitality and earnestness of purpose which would do no disgrace to older confraternities. It enjoys the distinguished privilege of having Bro. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, R.W.D.G.M. of England, R.W. Prov. G.M. West Lancashire, as one of its members, who occupied the position of W.M. during its first year; and the past twelve months' existence of the lodge reflects most honourably upon all who have had an active share in its working. At the close of the financial year of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the Skelmersdale Lodge had the valuable and much-coveted honour of occupying the first place on the list of subscriptions and donations, having contributed individually and collectively no less a sum than £136 10s., while a further amount of about £20 has been generously given to the Hamer Benevolent Fund, the relief fund, and cases of distress. After this extraordinary display of true Masonic liberality by a lodge which is only about 70 strong, it is satisfactory to find that a striking improvement has taken place in the actual financial position of No. 1380, for while the year opened with a balance of £49 10s. 10d., it closed with a sum to the credit of the lodge of £113 10s. 3d. This success has been largely owing to the admirable manner in which its affairs have been managed; and this special excellence of management was conspicuously shown in connection with the annual installation gathering, which took place on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Waterloo.

The lodge was opened at three o'clock, and amongst the chiefs present were Bros. F. Smitton, W.M.; F. W. Barnes, I.P.M.; R. H. Exton, P.M.; G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Rev. T. W. Richardson, P.M., Prov. G.C.; R. A. Davies, S.W., W.M. elect; W. S. Limrick, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas.; Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; G. Ratcliffe, S.D.; G. H. Taylor, I.G.; and J. Almond, Org. The members present were Bros. P. J. Fegan, A. McWilliam, A. Breslaue, H. Davis, P.M. 605; T. Carline, J. Barnes, L. Smith, J. Woosey, T. A. Ryder, P.M. 1357; J. Deacon, J. Joyce, P. Sword, P. Blackburn, J. Birch, A. G. Bernard, R. B. Preston, P.M. 333; J. Sawyer, J. Fairhurst, W. A. McGeorge, W. H. Edwards, W. H. Gardner, and A. W. Harris. The visitors during the afternoon included Bros. H. S. Alpass, Past G.S.B. of England, Prov. G. Sec. W.L.; Rev. F. Neep, J. P. Platt, P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire; T. Barlow, 381; Dr. Crawford, J. Aspden, 381; G. Westby, P.M. 33; J. B. Mackenzie, P.G.S.D.; J. Orr Marples, I.G. 1689; M. Hart, P.G.D. D.C.; R. Young, P.P.G.S.D.; T. P. Simcock, P.P.G. S.B.; T. G. Fisher, P.M. 1299; W. T. Smith, W.M. 786; R. Morrison, P.G.S.D.; J. S. Beauford, P.P.G.J.W.; W. Graham, T. G. Coonan, T. Ellison, W. Derryhouse, W.M. 216; E. King Ellison, 1350; W. Brogden, 1473; J. A. Muir, T. Mawdesley, 216; T. H. Sheen, P.M. 241; T. Berry, P.M. 155; C. J. Wahlers, 1035; and others.

Bro. R. A. Davies presented by Bro. G. Broadbridge, P.P.G.D.C., and Bro. Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., was installed W.M. by Bro. F. Smitton, whose performance of the ceremony was marked by an impressiveness and efficiency which has rarely been equalled. The following officers were subsequently invested: Bros. F. Smitton, I.P.M.; W. S. Limrick, S.W.; H. A. Tobias, J.W.; E. Ford, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); G. Ratcliffe, Sec.; G. H. Taylor, S.D.; H. M. Quick, J.D.; P. Blackburn, I.G.; J. Almond, Organist (re-appointed); P. Broadbridge, D.C. (re-appointed); and W. H. Ball, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. Smitton, I.P.M., as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren.

In the evening about 90 brethren, including numerous Prov. G. Lodge Officers, sat down to dinner at the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, Liverpool. Bro. John Cobham, P.M. 241 and 1380, provided the banquet, which was of the highest quality, eliciting the heartiest commendation of every brother who was present. The menu card, specially designed by Bro. J. Orr Marples, I.G. 1609, was most artistic and original. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Alpass responding for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. the Rev. T. W. Richardson for "The Prov. G. Officers."

Bro. G. Broadbridge proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was acknowledged by Bro. R. Martin, who referred with satisfaction to the fact that in connection with the most successful year ever experienced by the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution the Skelmersdale Lodge occupied the leading position as to the donations and subscriptions.

Bro. F. Smitton, I.P.M., submitted the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was received with great enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. Davies.

Other toasts followed, and a choice musical programme was given by Bros. D. Williams, W. Lewis, A. Child, J. A. Muir, R. N. Hobart, and H. J. Nicholls, the accompaniments being admirably played by Bro. Almond.

**WIDNES.—Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).**—On Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the festival of St. John was held in connection with this lodge, when Bro. J. W. McTear was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the officers invested being as follows: Bros. A. G. Kyle, I.P.M.; W. W. Copeland, S.W.; J. Matthews, J.W.; Jonas Foster, P.M., Treas.; John Patten, Sec.; A. E. G. Robinson, S.D.; J. Hough, J.D.; Thos. Williams, I.G.; D. Foster, S.S.; George Clay, J.S.; Wilkinson, Org.; Jas. White, P.M., D.C.; and C. H. Kennion, Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed in the presence of a crowded lodge by Bro. Jonas Foster, P.M., assisted by Bro. Jas. White, P.M. There was a good attendance of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. P. Platt, P.M. 337, P.P.G. J.W. Cheshire; G. Legge, P.P.G.O. South Wales; E. C. Cooper, P.M. 484, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Eastham, W.M. 333; J. H. Selkeld, Sec. 758; W. Taylor, W.M. 1230; Robert Heaton, S.D. 1250; S. H. Hartley, W.M. 86; and others. About 50 of the brethren subsequently partook of an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. J. W. R. Fowler, at the Central Hotel, when the usual toast list was gone through. During the evening a handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Kyle.

**BARNESLEY.—Friendly Lodge (No. 1513).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. R. Massie, W.M.; W. J. Lowrance, I.P.M., as S.W.; J. Wood, J.W.; J. Hutchinson, Treas.; E. J. Massie, Sec.; C. F. Seward, S.D.; B. Smith, J.D.; J. H. Gratton, P.M., D.C.; W. Shergold, I.G.; R. C. Parker, Org.; C. W. Fincken, J. Cheater, and W. J. Frankland, Stwds.; R. Carter, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Tyas, P.M., P.P.G.W. (Mayor of Barnsley); T. Braithwaite, P.M.; J. Mitchell, P.M.; S. C. Alderson, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Tew, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, Grand Senior Deacon England; E. Drury, P.M. 296, P.P.G.W.; Hy. Smith, P.M. 302, Prov. G. Sec.; S. Slack, P.M. 910, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. W. Spark, P.M. 289, P.P.G. Org.; A. M. Bolsover, W.M. 242; C. H. Verity, P.M. 242; J. Gerrard, P.M. 154; W. Harrison, P.M. 296; F. Cleaves, W.M. 904; B. Craven, W.M. 495; J. Hartley, P.M. 495; J. A. Woodhead, W.M. 1462; and brethren from other lodges.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed Bro. T. E. Embleton was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the earlier portion of the ceremony being taken by the retiring W.M., and the remainder by Bro. S. Slack, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Bro. G. Newton, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., acting as D.C. Having received the salutations of the brethren, the W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. R. Massie, I.P.M.; E. J. Massie, S.W.; C. F. Seward, J.W.; W. W. Kirby, M.A., Chap.; J. Hutchison, Treas.; A. W. Gratton, Sec.; B. Smith, S.D.; R. C. Parker, J.D.; S. C. Alderson, P.M., D.C.; W. J. Frankland, Org.; G. James, I.G.; J. Cheater, W. Senior, and J. J. Addy, Stwds.; and T. Rogers, Tyler. Bro. J. H. Gratton, P.M., was elected to serve on the Provincial Charity Committee for the ensuing year, and, thanking the brethren for the support they had hitherto given him, hoped for an exhibition of even greater interest in the Charities of the Order during the coming year. The W.M. presented Bro. W. R. Massie, I.P.M., with a handsome P.M.'s gold jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him at the preceding lodge, hoping he would long live to wear it, and Bro. Massie having briefly acknowledged the gift, the lodge was closed and over 60 of the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet and honoured the usual toasts, the proceedings being enlivened with a good selection of vocal and instrumental music.

**DUNMOW.—Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel. There were present Bros. A. Rattray, W.M.; G. D. Clapham, P.M., P.P.G.R., S.W.; J. P. Lewin, P.M. 276, P.P.G.S. of W., J.W.; Rev. F. B. Shepherd, P.P.G.C., P.P.G.S.W., Chap.; F. J. Snell, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Warner, Sec.; J. C. Rhind, S.D.; W. Rowe, J.D.; W. Calanan, I.G.; R. Russell, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, P.P.G.S.D., I.P.M.; C. Birt, W. de Vins Wade, and G. H. Williams.

Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. de Vins Wade having been passed to the Second Degree, Bro. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair and initiated his friend Mr. G. H. Williams, Bro. Clapham giving the charge. The W.M., Bro. Rattray, then reassumed the chair and closed the lodge in perfect harmony. The brethren dined together, and the W.M. gave the customary toasts. Bro. Lewin sang the "Entered Apprentice's" song, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The I.P.M., Bro. Dehane, represents the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming anniversary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the J.W., Bro. Lewin, representing Lodge 276 at the same festival.

**INSTRUCTION.**

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst. at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, when there were present Bros. J. Laurence, W.M.; H. Purdue, S.W.; W. Middlewick, J.W.; G. Read, Treas., Preceptor; H. Dehane, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; E. S. Humphress, J.D.; A. Hardy, I.G.; C. R. Wickens, Stwd.; C. S. Mote, Pro Sec.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M.; E. J. Brown, J. R. Phillips, E. Breitbart, C. H. Wood, W. J. Mason, C. J. Morse, R. E. Cursons, W. J. Green, R. Game, R. Cullen, J. Goslin, C. Vandyk, H. P. Gilbert, H. Taylor, J. W. Belshaw, T. Segger, and W. H. Wadham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cursons being the candidate. Bro. Mason having answered the usual questions was entrusted, and the lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. Lodge was then closed in the Second Degree, and the First and Second Sections worked by Bro. Laurence and Read. Bros. Segger and Goslin were elected members. A vote of thanks and congratulation was accorded to Bro. Laurence for his able and careful working as W.M., and the lodge closed in due form with perfect harmony, and adjourned until the 18th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked.

**WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th inst., at the Adam and Eve, York-st., Westminster. Present: Bros. J. Gibson, W.M., Treas.; Coughlan, S.W.; Grist, J.W.; A. T. Hayes, Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Power, J.D.; Adams, I.G.; Lewis, Stwd.; F. J. Wray, P.M., Preceptor; Brindley, Perugia, Holmes, Folsom, Stamp, Ray, Purnell, H. White, Green, Smith, Heil, Foscutt, Balchin, and W. H. Baker.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. H. White candidate. Bro. Brindley answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree with Bro. Brindley candidate. The lodge was closed in due form.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—At the weekly meeting on the 7th inst., held at the Cranbourne, 1, Upper St. Martin's-lane, W.C., there were present Bros. Ralph, W.M.; Fowles, S.W.; Z. Mordecai, J.W.; Ford, S.D.; B. Solomon, J.D.; J. Figgess, I.G.; W. H. Richardson, P.M., Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; W. C. Smith, Graham, J. Jacobs, Cousins, Frank Gulliford, P.M.; G. Coleman, T. A. Dickson, Wetherall, 1681; Hyams, G. Howard, and Shannon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. Jacobs offering himself a candidate for initiation the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Hyams having offered himself as a candidate for passing he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of F.C. Bro. W. H. Richardson, Preceptor, worked the Fourth Section of this Lecture, assisted by Bro. W. C. Smith. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bros. G. H. Reynolds, Frank Gulliford, and Wetherall, 1681, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Fowles was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A committee consisting of Bros. T. A. Dickson, W. C. Smith, G. Coleman, and G. Reynolds, Sec., was appointed to make arrangements for a supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction, to take place in the month of March, and to report thereon at the meeting on the 21st inst. The lodge was then closed.

**EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).**—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 6th inst., at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E. Present: Bros. C. Sims, W.M.; Johnson, I.P.M.; Paton, Sec.; Skeeg, Eidmans, Forster, Baker, Temple, Treacher, Paling, Sutton, Lecqueur, Gartley, Smith, Russaires, and Thomson. The lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes of previous lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro. Johnson worked the First Section of the Lecture. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree and the questions leading to the Second Degree were put to and answered by Bro. Sutton. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Sutton acting as candidate. The questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Sutton. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Johnson worked the Second Section of the Lecture. Bros. Gartley, Skeeg, and Baker were admitted joining members. Bro. Skeeg was elected to fill the chair of K.S. at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Auditors' report was then received and adopted. A cordial vote of thanks, the same to be entered on the minutes, was passed to Bro. Johnson for his handsome present to the lodge of the tracing boards. Bro. Johnson replied, and the lodge was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

**Royal Arch.**

**KENNINGTON CHAPTER (No. 1381).**—This chapter met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. H. Higgins, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; W. P. Webb, II.; C. Köhler, J.; G. Everett, jun., S.E.; Appleton, S.N.; Cooper, P.S.; Ayling and Cruse, Assts.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.Z.; Palmer, H. J. Lardner, and others. Comp. Elliott, 1589, was a visitor. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of officers for the year ensuing resulted as follows: Comps. W. P. Webb, M.E.Z.; Köhler, H.; Appleton, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., S.E.; Cooper, S.N.; Ayling, P.S.; Geo. Everett, P.Z., Treas.; and Daley, Janitor. Previously to the convocation being closed a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Comp. H. Higgins, for the manner he had officiated as M.E.Z. during a portion of the past year in consequence of the lamented death of Comp. H. Speedy. The companions then adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. "The Health of the M.E.Z. in the chair" was proposed by Comp. Walls. In response Comp. Higgins feelingly touched upon the merits of their late Comp. Speedy, who was M.E.Z. at the time of his demise. He (the speaker) had endeavoured to carry out the duties of the First Principal's chair since that melancholy event to the best of his ability, and if he had given the members of the lodge satisfaction he was amply repaid. "The Three Principals elect" was acknowledged by Comps. Webb, Köhler, and Appleton. "The Visitor" was acknowledged by Comp. Elliott. "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and S.E.," and "The Officers" toasts followed.

**WHITBY.—Britannia Chapter (No. 312).**—The annual convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, West Cliff, on Monday evening, the 11th inst. There were present Comps. John Stephenson, M.E.Z.; James S. Moss, H.; William H. Falkingbridge, J.; S. Reed, P.Z., S.E.; John N. Lawson, P.Z., S.N.; Francis Thornton, P.Z.; H. Walker and William H. Attlay, Asst. Sojs.; Thomas H. Trueman, Janitor; John W. Andrew, William Clarkson, John Brand, B. Newbald, and Henry Wald. The election of officers took place for the ensuing year, Comps. James S. Moss, William H. Falkingbridge, and Francis Thornton being elected to the chairs, and John N. Lawson, P.Z., to the Treasurership.

After the close of the chapter the companions met under the presidency of the M.E.Z., and spent a pleasant evening.

**Mark Masonry.**

**WORKINGTON.—Derwent Lodge (No. 282).** The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 8th inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. A. Salkeld, W.M., P.G.A.D.C., Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., presided, supported by Bros. Tom Dixon, P.M., P.G.M.O.; J. J. Coverdale, P.M., P.G.S.D.; Rev. E. M. Rice, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; S. W. Bradbury, J.W.; J. C. Thompson, M.O.; J. Eden, S.O. and Sec.; James Thompson, J.O., P.G. Stwd.; J. Cooper, P.P.G. Org.; J. H. Hartley, S.D.; P. Podmore, J.D.; W. Bedford, I.G.; W. Wagg, Tyler; J. Evening, J. Coward, and others.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for Bros. C. Thompson and J. Taylor, both candidates being accepted and advanced to the honourable Degree of Mark Master. Subsequently several brethren were presented with their Provincial Grand Lodge certificates, when with "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

Her Imperial Majesty the Empress of Austria will hunt with the Pychley hounds in Northamptonshire. Cottesbrooke Hall is being prepared for her reception.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

## MOUNT CALVARY CHAPTER (No. 3).

This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 8th inst. Among those present were Bros. Alfred Williams, M.W.S.; T. C. Walls, Prelate; Tayleur, 2nd General; W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas.; D. M. Dewar, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Major Gardiner, G.M.; Barkley, Raphael; Lott, Org.; R. Stewart, P.M.W.S.; Roebuck, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, P.M.W.S.; Charles Driver, P.M.W.S.; Anderson, Mather, T. Poore, Storrs, Festa, H. J. Lardner, W. Lake, Murray, Williamson, Gravely, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the M.W.S. vacated the chair in favour of Ill. Bro. Dr. Coffin, who carried out the ceremony of perfecting Bro. A. J. H. Goldney, of Lodge No. 1702, the work being well performed. Previously to the lodge being closed it was resolved "That in consequence of the second Friday in April being Good Friday the next meeting of the chapter be held on the second Tuesday in that month."

The brethren then adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, and partook of an excellent banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed. "The Health of the M.W.S." was given in kind terms by Bro. Paas, and the M.W. having replied then gave "The Newly Perfected Brother." Bro. Goldney having responded, the toast of "The Past M.W. Sovereigns" followed, and was coupled with the name of Ill. Bro. Coffin, who duly acknowledged the compliment. "The Visitors" came next in order and was responded to by Ill. Bros. Ramsay and Westcott. The toast of "The Officers" was coupled with the name of Bro. Walls. The proceedings then terminated.

## HULL.—Antient York Chapter of Redemption

(No. 68).—This time immemorial chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, on Thursday, the 7th inst., assisted by the officers of the chapter. Five candidates, viz., Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Captain B. Whitehouse, Thomas Wells, Michael B. Clarke, and Henry Pratt, being in attendance, were perfected by Ill. Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G. N.E. Dist., 30°, assisted by Ill. Bros. Walter Reynolds, 31°, and Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, the ceremony being most impressively given in each part. The M.W.S. elect, Bro. F. A. Hopwood, 18°, was then installed by Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, and the following officers were invested: Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Ex. and Perfect Bros. E. Kiffs, High Prelate; H. Logan, 1st Gen.; T. Thompson, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. M. C. Peck, Treas. and Recorder; Ex. and Perfect Bros. W. Gilbert, Grand Marshal; H. E. Cousins, Raphael; Ill. Bro. W. Reynolds, 31°, P.M.W.S., D. of C.; Ex. and Perfect Bros. Thomas Oates, Org.; W. Hall, Stwd.; W. W. Thackray, Capt. of Guard; and Bro. W. Clayton, Equerry.

After a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister for coming to install the M.W.S., the chapter was closed and the brethren dined together in the banquet hall under the presidency of the M.W.S. The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly and earnestly proposed and responded to, and a truly happy evening was spent by all. Some most excellent songs and recitations, admirably delivered, contributed to the pleasures of the evening. The musical arrangements were faultless, under the care of Bro. Thomas Oates, Org.

## Red Cross of Constantine.

## WIGAN.—St. George's Chapter (No. 42).

A meeting of this prosperous conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, under the presidency of its M.P.S., E. and P. Sir Knight G. L. Campbell and Sir Knight A. H. Crossley, V.E., the other sir knights present being J. D. Murray, P.S., Recorder; W. M. Wylde, Wm. Johnson, J. M. Kerr, James Wilson, and R. B. Seddon. A hearty reception was accorded to Ill. Sir Knight G. P. Brockbank, Intendant-General of this district, and Ill. Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. George Turner, P.P.G.M., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren were then balloted for and duly installed and proclaimed as knights of the Order: Bros. E. Barber, H. G. Bell, H. T. Byrom, W. W. Cottom, G. B. Cliff, J. S. Garner, P. M. Hunter, F. A. Huet, L. W. Marsh, S. Mattison, T. E. Skidmore, T. C. Thorburn, A. Beaven Beaven, J. Lawrence, Rd. Knowles, and J. George Christian, all being proposed by Sir Knight Murray. The sir knights having retired a College of Viceroy was opened, and Sir Knight W. M. Wylde was admitted and advanced to the dignity of Viceroy E. A Senate of Sovereigns was next convoked, and Sir Knight A. H. Crossley was enthroned as M.P.S. for the ensuing year, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. W. Johnson, 18: G. n.; R. B. Seddon, 2nd Gen.; J. M. Kerr, Prelate; J. Wilson, Std. Br.; P. M. Hunter, Herald; J. D. Murray, P.S., Recorder. The conclave was then closed.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

## WIGAN.—Mount Ararat Lodge (No. 158).

The installation meeting of the members of this lodge took place on the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, King-street, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. A. Byron, C.N.; J. D. Murray, P.C.N., as S.; P. M. Hunter, J.; A. H. Crossley, Scribe; W. M. Wylde, S.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.C.N.; W. Johnson, Jas. Wilson, H. T. Byrom, R. Knowles, R. B. Seddon, and G. P. Brockbank, P.C.N. Visitors: Lieut.-Col. Geo. Turner, and A. H. Jefferies, S. United Manchester Lodge.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the following brethren were elevated to the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner: Bros. E. Barber, A. Beaven Beaven; H. G. Bell, G. B. Cliff, J. G. Christian, W. W. Cottam, J. S. Garner, J. M. Kerr, J. Lawrence, S. Mattison, Leo. W. Marsh, T. C. Thorburn, and T. E. Skidmore, all being proposed by Bro. J. D. Murray. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. D. Murray, P.C.N., who proceeded to install the W.C.N. elect, Bro. P. M. Hunter, as W.C.N. for the ensuing year. The following were the officers appointed by the W.C.N.: Bros. A. H. Crossley, S.; Wm. Dean, J.; R. B. Jeddon,

Scribe; W. Wylde, S.D.; Wm. Johnson, J.D.; and and H. T. Byrom, I.G. The visitors tendered "Hearty good wishes." The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and together passed a most enjoyable evening.



Before "Jack and Jill" is taken off the boards of the Surrey we can confidently recommend some of our readers to see it and take their children. Like the pantomimes at the west-end theatres it is full of fun and free from vice. To adults, the topical songs and allusions to the current events of the day must be considered first-class, whilst the children will be most amused with the doings of a monkey, who is as mischievous and funny as the wolf in "Red Riding Hood." The ballets of precious stones and the transformation scene are quite worthy of a west-end house.

"The Theatre" for this month is continuing the course which it has followed since being taken over by Mr. Clement Scott. Photographs of an exceptional quality will be found in it of Bro. Kendal and Miss Minnie Palmer, while last month contained those of Bro. Henry Irving and Miss Mary Anderson. It is full of interesting papers on theatrical and other topics, and records of the past month's doings at the theatres. This journal will no doubt exercise a healthy and beneficial influence on dramatic literature, and continue to afford deep interest to the lay and professional public who read it.

At the Globe a very smartly written and well acted comedy is now being played. We cannot open our columns to the discussion as to whether Mr. H. Hamilton, the author, has "annexed" it or not; he allows it is taken from the German. Whatever be its origin it is intensely funny. It describes the horror a certain Mr. Dobbinson has for officers of the army, and the admiration his wife, daughter, and niece have for the military; and therefore the squabbles which take place. Mr. Henley plays with increased vigour the part of the husband. Miss Carlotta Leclercq is Mrs. Dobbinson, and of course loses no point where she can gain one of winning the applause of her audience. Miss Florence Trevelyan is not only very pretty, but by her acting and winning manners is gradually gaining her hold of those who see and hear her. Miss Fanny Brough is always welcome, and in the character of the niece, Miss Thurston, wins the loudest applause. She is a great acquisition to the London stage again after her long absence. Mr. Gerald Moore, as Guy Warren, one of the officers of the 8th Lancers, is specially to be congratulated in the marked advance he has made in the profession. Many would over-play this particular part of an army swell. Without a moment's intermission "Our Regiment" is productive of laughter throughout the evening. Its merriment should be its success.

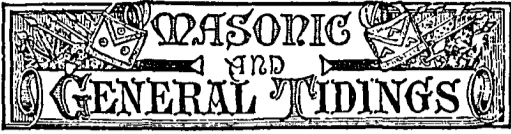
Lotta has now made her appearance at the Opera Comique in an adaptation of "The Old Curiosity Shop," by Mr. Chas. Dickens. The original author would almost turn in his grave if he could see what his own son has done to one of his works. Dickens's works will not dramatise, and in Mr. Dickens's version, as specially written for Lotta, one is unable to trace much of the great novelist's story. But, be that as it may, Lotta now is seen to advantage in her dual characters as Little Nell and the Marchioness. How she contrives to change her make-up and dresses so many times is a marvel. We hope she is feeling satisfied now at having come over here. Her first appearance as Musette is almost forgotten; she need not fear the English people bear prejudices. If she comes before them in something pleasing to their tastes Lotta will be popular. Her dancing is very clever; her voice, too, though not powerful, is sweet, and she knows how to use it to the best advantage. It is in conjunction with Mr. Wyatt—Dick Swiveller—Lotta is seen at her best. In the supper scene as the Marchioness she brings more fun out of the character than one can get by reading the book. Without boring oneself one could easily see this again and again, and still feel it is quite fresh. Bro. Harry Jackson and Bro. Douglas Cox we hope are finding their venture a profitable one. This little American lady they have brought over here is so full of life that she puts life into those who look at her.

"Nell Gwynne" at the Avenue has been looked for with much anxiety and pleasure to see if it would take its place with the two successful comic operas, "Les Cloches de Corneville" and "Rip Van Winkle," by the same composer, M. Planquette, and in the result it has been acknowledged by all as destined to run a long time. Its music is not perhaps so striking and original as "Les Cloches de Corneville"; but its airs will shortly be as well known. We admire it chiefly because it gives to a number of first-class actors good parts, and whilst Miss St. John is the heroine, Bro. Lionel Brough, Bro. Arthur Roberts, Bro. Henry Walsham, and Miss Guilia Warwick have all very good characters to render. On Thursday week it was produced before a brilliant and select company. Miss Florence St. John has fairly eclipsed herself. The ladies must go into ecstasies over her numerous and beautiful dresses. Once more she has proved herself an accomplished vocalist. Her first song, "Only an orange girl," elicited a hearty encore, and is destined to become very popular. Equally charming are her songs "Ah! work-a-day life's hard," "The broken cavalier," and "The ball at Whitehall." In one of her songs she was encored four times, whilst Miss Warwick in her "Song of the clock" was equally well received, and with the encores accorded to other popular favourites it was nigh midnight before the curtain fell on one of the most beautiful and striking operas lately produced. Bro. Walsham fully deserved the enthusiastic reception his two solos met with—"Sweetheart if thou be nigh" and "The tryst-

ing tree"—the latter one of the prettiest songs in the opera. Bro. Lionel Brough, the beadle, and Bro. Arthur Roberts, a pawnbroker, awakened the loudest mirth in their clever and comical acting and singing. Miss Victoria Reynolds is included in the cast, in which she throws much liveliness and originality. This young lady came over, we think, from America with the Edouin troupe some months ago, and we then had occasion to speak of her in flattering terms, which we are glad to see have been fulfilled by her being with Bro. Henderson, and we venture to predict she will have still better characters to play. Nor are there other characters without interest. My Lords of Buckingham and Rochester (Messrs. Dwyer and Cadwaladr) give valuable aid to the opera; indeed, all the minor characters are most efficiently represented. We are still very hazy about the plot of the piece. It is not worked out very clearly, and is difficult to follow; but M. Planquette fully amends for delinquencies in this line by his exquisite harmonies, whilst the picturesque scenery, the lovely dresses and faces, and the get up of the opera are simply delightful. No expense as to detail has been spared. From first to last it is free from vulgarity. Charles II., who is mixed up too much with this not over reputable person, Nell Gwynne, in history, is a very minor personage in the opera. It is not till the last act he makes his appearance and then is more striking for his kingly robes than anything else. It is almost a source of wonder that "Nell Gwynne" has not ere this been made the groundwork for a play. After Mr. Farnie's success of making her the heroine of an opera some author may be inspired to write a play founded on her adventures. We shall not be surprised if "Nell Gwynne" prove the success of the season. After each act the principal artistes were called before the curtain and at the close loud cries were uttered for the author. Bro. D'Alborton however came forward and apologised for Mr. Farnie's absence, and thanked the audience for the reception of his work and announced he would telegraph their verdict to the author.

Bro. Hollingshead's "sacred lamp of burlesque" shows no signs of flickering yet, but even is burning with greater brilliancy than ever. Mr. Burnand has contributed to the "series" another burlesque which is like many of those gone before, but perhaps more renowned than some of them for word-twisting and puns. "Camaralzaman" is taken from the Arabian Nights, and on this we shall say no more other than it is more difficult than ever to trace any coherent story in it, or what its origin may be. But it matters nothing to the Gaiety audiences whence the burlesques are derived, or how intelligible they are. It is the excellent company, the pretty faces and figures, the bright songs, and the beautiful dancing that are wanted, and at the Gaiety are to be obtained without stint. "Camaralzaman" appears to be written for the characters who play in it, and they do ample justice to their parts. The Djin gives by its name opportunity for any number of puns, and in its representative, Bro. Terry, it could not have a better impersonator; his command of expression is so good; his make up, his songs, and his dances one and all are applauded and endorsed. His whistling duet with Miss Farren is a novelty, and perhaps the most applauded. Bro. Terry has since the production of the burlesque been suffering from a severe hoarseness—we hope ere this he is better—and the manager has had to come before the curtain and claim the indulgence of the audience, which, of course, is generously and sympathetically given; so that Bro. Terry has not yet been heard at his best. Mr. Elton as the Shah has eclipsed his former successes as a dancer. He would seem to be like a piece of indiarubber, and never was an encore more deserved than he obtains. Miss Farren, both in dress, dance, and song, is the life of the piece. Her "Bachelor's song" is excellent, and is likely to be heard a great deal of for some time to come. Mr. Soutar, as the French Ambassador, is well got up, and his allusions to France and China of course go down well. Miss Connie Gilchrist makes a very charming Princess; her dresses are very beautiful, whilst she has made a rapid progress in her art; she seems to try and improve herself; she dances nimbly and looks fascinating. There can be but little doubt to our mind she has set before her the success her predecessor made here, and endeavours to follow her. In this she is not unsuccessful, and in course of time will, we believe, take the place of the lady who so long charmed the public with her gracefulness. Success seldom fails to those who try to seek it, and we are glad that the criticisms on this recent burlesque have one and all taken up a line we have predicted some time ago—that Miss Gilchrist has talents innate in her, which she is steadily and successfully developing. The part of Princess Badoura affords her considerable scope, which she readily seizes, and shows how she improves in every new character. Mr. Ward, unfortunately, has not much opening for his originality in dancing, which the Gaiety folk must regret, for he is nothing without he is a dancer. Miss Phyllis Broughton has received on all hands the warmest signs of approbation, and she must also take her place now amongst the chiefs of that stage. In this burlesque she shows a distinct advancement, not in dancing only but in her manner of speech and acting. When not actually doing anything she is at any rate looking pretty. Her dress is remarkably suited to her figure. It is little wonder she obtains such hearty encores. She dances most gracefully and contributes not a little to the splendid success of this number of the burlesque series; in her voice also she exhibits improvement. Bro. Squire is another of the favourites here, and is as full of life and activity as ever. The unlimited laughter "Camaralzaman" provokes is a proof, if that were wanting, that it is pleasing to its audience.

An "International Peasant Festival and Musical and Dramatic Fête," on a grand scale, opened at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday last, and will continue to the close of the week. The fête has been organised in behalf of the funds of the West-end Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Paralysis, and Epilepsy." Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family head the long list of patrons who are engaged in the good work of promoting the interests of this most excellent charity. Many of the lady patrons have kindly consented to preside over the stalls, and an interesting series of entertainments has been arranged for the three days on which the fête will continue. Among the countries which will be agreeably symbolised at the entertainment are China, Russia, Spain, Ireland, Switzerland, France, and Germany, while the stall allotted for refreshments will be of an international character.



Bro. Lord Suffield, who has been for the past month shooting along the coasts of Albania and Greece, is shortly expected home from Athens.

Bro. Lord Carnarvon commences a set of papers which he says have been communicated to him, and which he calls "Letters by Ruricola," in the current number of the "National Review."

It is announced that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will preside at the annual meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which will be held at Willis's Rooms on the 15th prox.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction on Monday next, the 18th inst., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Bro. G. Read, P.M. 511, in the chair.

We regret to hear that Bro. Geo. Everett, P.M. and Treas. 177, 1381, W.M. 2012, has been suffering from an attack of gout, which necessitated his absence from the meeting of the Chiswick Lodge on the 11th inst., his place as W.M. being taken by Bro. Fergusson, P.M. 177.

Bro. J. Freeman has retired from the business which, for many years in partnership with Bro. N. B. Headon, he carried on at 65, Friday-street, and 88, Milton-street. Bro. Headon, having joined with Bro. J. Archer, will continue the business.

The regular meeting of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, will take place at 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Monday next, when four gentlemen will be initiated into the Order, and the first five initiates of this new but promising lodge will be passed to the degree of F.C.

We understand that the petition for a warrant to constitute a lodge which shall meet on Temperance principles has been granted by the M.W.G.M., that it will rank as No. 2029 on the roll of lodges, and bear the name of King Solomon, and that Golden-square will in all probability be its headquarters.

Bro. Dr. Gayton, 174, S.D. 1607, who for 13 years has been the Medical Superintendent of the Homerton or Eastern District Small Pox Hospital, has been presented by the staff of that Institution, on his appointment to the North Western District Hospital, with a costly drawing-room clock and appendages, suitably inscribed.

His Grace the Duke of Manchester, R.W. Prov. G.M. of Northamptonshire and Hunts, has been elected an honorary member of the Duke of Manchester Lodge, No. 1068, Melbourn. Some time ago the Duke paid a visit to the Australian colonies, and a lodge being named after him he has since accepted the additional compliment of honorary member.

Why cannot the mummy of one of the ancient architect Pharaohs be secured for our Philadelphia Masonic Temple? We observe that Cornell University has secured the swaddled remains of one of the "ancients" of the twenty-third Egyptian dynasty; and what Cornell can do certainly the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania can do. By all means let our Library Committee secure something of this kind. If we cannot get an Architect Pharaoh, we will be satisfied with the remains of a genuine ancient Master Mason!—*Keystone*.

The new Masonic Hall for the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, at Sydney, will be consecrated in January next. The event will be celebrated by a dinner in the evening, a grand ball on the following day, and a monster picnic on the day after. The building is a large one, and will contain two halls, one measuring 58 feet by 50, and the other 40 feet by 33. The upper portion will be arranged for banqueting rooms. Bro. George Kenning has received instructions to manufacture the furniture, appointments, and insignia.

Shortly after the intelligence of Baker Pasha's rout reached the House of Commons, Lord Wolsey crossed over to that chamber from the Upper House and disappeared amongst the congeries of private rooms wherein Ministers are wont to discuss acute crises. This incident gave rise to an impression amongst the quidnuncs that the Adjutant-General had been "sent for" by the Prime Minister with a view to the adoption of measures in the Sudan. We are pleased to have it in our power to allay anxiety by stating that Lord Wolsey had simply crossed from one House to the other in order to hear the debate on Egypt. He had not been "sent for."—*Broad Arrow*.

The following are the dinners, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the present week:—Monday, February 11th—London Society Ball, St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge. Tuesday, 12th—Metropolitan Dairymen's Ball, Nobody's Friends, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter, Urban Lodge Installation Banquet. Wednesday, 13th—British Orphan Asylum, Lodge of Fidelity, Enoch Lodge, Manchester Lodge Ball, Royal York Chapter Audit. Thursday, 14th—Danes' Bicycle Club Ball, Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday, 15th—Mizpah Lodge Ball, Jordan Lodge. Saturday, 16th—Tottenham House Ball.

Not a few of the Craft dimit from their lodges under the plea that they must economise—must cut down expenses, but not one such divests himself of any habit that costs him ten-fold more than his lodge dues per year, with no corresponding benefit. Others deprive themselves and their families of Masonic literature on the same plea, and yet spend, unnecessarily, every week, if not every day, more than a good Masonic periodical or paper costs for a year. They profess to desire to learn to subdue their passions (appetites, etc.), and to improve themselves in Freemasonry, and yet are unwilling to deny themselves unessential things in order to pay lodge dues or procure food for the mind and heart. In their haste to pander to the body, they forget that they are solemnly bound to erect the Temple of the Soul, and thus for muckery barter away their dearest interests. Will all such reflect over their error, and again become just and upright?—*Voice of Masonry*.

Bro. Lord Carrington, P.G.W., at his rent audit on Monday at Spalding announced through his lordship's agent a permanent reduction of 20 per cent. on all rents received from the land in that district.

Bro. Samuel White was installed W.M. of the Aldersgate Lodge, 1657, at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., performed the ceremony.

Bro. George Kenning has received instructions from Messrs. Spiers and Pond to supply the furniture and appointments for a Royal Arch chapter for the convenience of Royal Arch Masons meeting at The Criterion, Piccadilly.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has presented the living of Bingham, Notts, of the value of £1500 a year, to the Rev. Percy Howard Droosten, vicar of Prittlewell, in the diocese of St. Albans, in the room of the late Prebendary Miles.

Messrs. Feltham and Co. (Bro. A. J. Altman, P.M. 1657), of the City Steam Works, Little Britain, E.C., has gained the highest award at the Calcutta International Exhibition, for his manufactures in cricket and lawn tennis goods.

On Thursday last a colossal bronze statue of Sir Francis Drake, which has been erected on the Hoe at Plymouth, was unveiled by Lady Drake, of Nutwell Court, the naval and military forces of the garrison and port taking a prominent part in the proceedings.

Bro. the Duke of Portland was admitted to the freedom of the City of London as a member of the Framework Knitters' Company at a meeting of the Court of Aldermen on Tuesday. He will be admitted to the livery of the company on the 22nd inst.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, M.P., will take the chair at the festival dinner of the British Home for Incurables, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, March 18th. The first list of stewards includes the names of Bros. Capt. Bedford Pim, H. Windybank, C.C., and H. B. Marshall, C.C.

This story is told of a reviewer who paid an author back in his own coin. The author, Mr. John Morley, had insisted on printing "God" as "god" throughout one of his books. The reviewer was equally careful in the frequent mention of Mr. Morley's name to have it appear as mr. john morley.

At the annual meeting in Glasgow on Tuesday of the Northern Accident Insurance Company the chairman stated that they had abandoned all risks in connection with football and bicycling. The risk was so great that the ordinary premium would not cover it. The present policies of the kind were nearly run out, and they had determined not to renew them.

Grand Master Graham declined a re-election. His closing words to his Grand Lodge glow with a fervour full of Masonic love and kindness. Few Grand Lodges have been so long and so highly favoured with a Grand Master so learned and scholarly, and one of such admirable fitness and ability. He has conducted the important and often complicated affairs of his Grand Lodge, and has upheld its honour and dignity under many circumstances of a trying nature, with a zeal and manly ability seldom met with, and worthy of the highest admiration.—*Canadian Craftsman*.

Messrs. W. H. Benyon and Co., of Cheltenham, have recently produced a life-like and finished portrait of the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. We have been favoured with the view of a copy and have no hesitation in saying that it is a work of art of the highest order. Messrs. Benyon have achieved a reputation for artistic portraiture and we have seen many meritorious specimens of their work, but this latest effort has to our mind surpassed anything they have previously done. Lord Lathom is a striking figure in Grand Lodge and all who have met him there will not fail to recognise not only a skilfully drawn picture but a faithful portrait.

At the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, on Saturday last, Bro. Edgar Bowyer, at the request of the W.M., occupied the chair for the purpose of installing his eldest son, Capt. Henry Edgar Bowyer, for which a dispensation had been granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the candidate being a minor. The W.M., Bro. Hastings Miller, afterwards entertained the brethren to dinner at his house. Amongst those present were Bros. R. Philbrick, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, S.G.D.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Peter De Lande Long, P.G.D.; H. C. Levander, P.G.D.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; T. Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; and others.

A piece of wood has been picked up near Whitnare Coastguard Station, about five miles from Weymouth, which is conjectured to be a portion of the balloon "Saladin," which was lost with Mr. Walter Powell, M.P., over the cliffs at Bridport, on the 10th of December, 1852. It is a piece of mahogany about twenty-six inches wide, forming three parts of a circle, a part having been broken off. Round the edges are notches, in which are sprints for ropes. It is believed to be the portion of the balloon through which the various ropes communicating with the valves passed to the occupants of the car. It appears to have been in the water a considerable time.

The first election by ballot of candidates on the Mark Educational Fund will take place at the offices of the Mark Grand Lodge, 8A, Red Lion-square, W.C., on Wednesday, the 27th inst., by which day all balloting papers must be returned. There are four approved candidates—two girls and two boys—of whom two will be elected, and as there are already twelve children on the Fund—nine boys and three girls—the number will thus be raised to fourteen. The average cost per child, for education only, is about ten guineas, so that considering how short a time the fund has been established, our Mark brethren are to be congratulated on both the nature and extent of the good work they are doing.

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The City of London Lodge, No. 901, has removed its place of meeting to Ye Old Bell, Adde Hill.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the City Orthopaedic Hospital on June 26th, at the Holborn Restaurant.

Bro. John Murch was installed W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, on Thursday, the 7th inst. During the evening a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. A. Grammer, the retiring Master.

The Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, is about to start a lodge of instruction. The first meeting will be held tomorrow (Saturday) evening at the Surrey County Cricket Club Hotel, Kennington Oval.

The estimated yield of the Victorian wheat harvest is 14,998,250 bushels, the average being 14783 bushels per acre. The surplus for export is estimated at 8,389,250 bushels, or 224,908 tons.

The anniversary festival of the British Orphan Asylum was held on Wednesday evening in the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Duke of Buckingham. Subscriptions amounting to £2190 were announced.

General his Serene Highness Bro. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, K.C.B., has consented to become a Trustee of the Army and Navy Pensioners' Employment Society, in place of General the Marquis of Hertford, G.C.B., deceased.

The loss incurred by the Post Office through the parcels post is considerable. It is said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his Budget, will have to announce a deficit of over £100,000. It is proposed to make certain changes in the tariff for the conveyance of parcels, and one of these alterations will probably be a reduction of the charges for delivery within short distances.

"Dome Burners."—The N.Y. *Masonic Chronicle* refers to the new Order of the Mystic Shrine as the "Dome Burners." We do not know whether this is by authority, or not. If they succeed in authenticating their title to the name, we trust they will communicate official information of the fact to their landlords of the New York Masonic Temple.—*Keystone*.

The annual festival dinner of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society was held on Wednesday evening last at the City Terminus Hotel. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who presided, informed the company that the Prince and Princess of Wales had consented to lay the foundation-stone of the buildings to be erected at Redhill in the summer. Subscriptions to the amount of 2000 guineas were announced.

The Sheffield Town Council on Wednesday formally accepted the gift of the late Mr. J. Newton Mappin of a collection of pictures valued at £80,000, and appointed a committee to confer with the trustees as to the best mode of complying with the conditions attached to the gift. It is suggested that the collection should be located in a building adjoining that to be erected for the purposes of the Ruskin Museum.

The project of M. Achard, Deputy for Bordeaux, for constructing an open-air railway across the English Channel was considered in Paris on Wednesday last by the Parliamentary Committee of Initiative. The Minister of Marine opposed the scheme, and said that such a railway would be very dangerous to the shipping of all nations in stormy or foggy weather. He also reminded the committee that it would be necessary to obtain England's consent before the project could be carried out.

Notice is given at Oxford of a statute to be promulgated on the 26th inst., by which the University examinations are to be partially thrown open to women. Those which are to be open to them are the honours Examination at Moderations, and those in Mathematics, Modern History, and Natural Science. A class list is to be issued, the standard of which is to correspond with that for men, and the candidates placed are to be awarded certificates of their position in the class list.

The first meeting of the members of the Liverpool Masonic House Committee, appointed at the general meeting of the Hall Committee on the previous Friday, was held on Friday, the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., Treasurer, presided at the commencement of the proceedings, and there was a full attendance of members. Bro. T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D., was elected Chairman of Committee for the year, and W. Cottor, P.M. 1264, Vice-Chairman.

We had always thought that wherever commercial transactions were carried on to any appreciable extent there also would be found the—were about to say "ubiquitous"—Jew. That this is not so, however we now learn for the first time, for one of our exchanges, who should be an authority on the matter—the *Jewish Chronicle*—says:—"Zanzibar is an African island which, although it carries on a considerable trade, appears to offer few attractions to the European Jew; for there resides in the country but one person coming under this category. This gentleman is Dr. Isaac Gregory, who fills the honourable position of physician to the Sultan, an enlightened potentate, favourably known by his repression of the slave trade. In a letter to the *Archives Israélites*, Dr. Gregory explains the absence of Jews on the following grounds. Zanzibar has been in turn ruled by two nations who were equally hostile to the Jews. At first, under the domination of Portugal, any Jewish congregation which then existed would have been plundered and maltreated, and otherwise have met with the same fate as did the large Jewish population in Cochin, who had prospered so well under the protection of the native Rajahs. Later on, when Zanzibar was wrested from the Portuguese by the Arabs, the situation was equally unfavourable to any settlement of Jews, for the Arabs had always preserved an implacable hatred against their former Jewish masters. A small number of Beni Israel from India, who are described as being industrious and respectable men, and only distinguishable in their outward appearance from the natives by the fact of their wearing the *Arbang Kanfoth*—reside in Zanzibar, but they are insufficient to form a *minyán*."

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