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THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge took place on Wednesday last under the presidency of the Earl of CARNARVON, Pro G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES was re-nominated, amid loud cheers, as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and Bros. CAMA, Major WOODALL, and JAMES WILLING were nominated as Grand Stewards for the same period. We refer our readers to the report elsewhere for the various items of business transacted, and will only add that the dignified reply of Grand Lodge through the GRAND MASTER will, we hope, settle the matter, and convince the Quebec Masons that the Grand Lodge of England cannot give way to un-Masonic menaces or even violent opposition to the ancient and Cosmopolitan laws of Freemasonry.

THERE are, of course, "testimonials and testimonials;" but we confess to be a little jealous of the fashion growing amongst us. The great fear always is that brethren of long service, much value, comparatively of humbler rank or status, are passed over altogether, and some mere factitious incident of the hour, some fictitious "gush," give to the more fortunate presentee, in the happy enthusiasm of his friends, that which ought alone be offered to true merit, long service, or personal qualities of the highest order. At the same time, it is very difficult to check either the impulses of warm feelings or even the passing sentiment of the moment. Men and Masons see things so differently. What is everything to one, is nothing to another; what appears the height of merit to some, is to another proof of no merit at all. And so the world wags on its way, and the whirligig of Time brings strange concerts. Testimonial follows upon testimonial, even in Freemasonry, as a proof of regard, esteem, affection, of merit, of "opportunism," or what you will, and the chronicler has to-day to record, no doubt, what warm hearts have said, and zealous hands have effected. In Bro. W. J. HUGHAN's case there can be little doubt the testimonial proceeds from a genuine admiration of the man and the Freemason, and as a recognition of much literary good work and high Masonic services. There is no one in the Craft, at home or abroad, who can grudge, for one moment, the free-will offering of English and American Freemasons to a brother whose name has been so long before it as a pioneer in the great and goodly enterprise of Masonic culture and archaeological study. From the republication of COLE's Constitutions down to his recent valuable work, Bro. HUGHAN has always been favourably before the Craft. He is known, by patient industry and keen discrimination, to have thoroughly mastered the history of our lodges, and the minutiae of archaeological lore; and, alike in America and England, he is an authority on various moot points. To him a presentation was made on Wednesday last,—of which a full report appears elsewhere,—which is alike most complimentary and most honourable to him. We can only hope that he may be spared many years to realize and enjoy this substantial proof of the regard, respect, and appreciation of his brethren in England and America, for zeal, energy, and courage so long and fraternally displayed in endeavouring to advance Masonic studies, and to illustrate the great cause of Masonic truth.

ENGLISH Freemasonry has suffered a great loss in the lamented and untimely decease of JOHN CREATON. Wherever English Masons most do congregate his name was well known, and his presence always warmly greeted. A zealous and earnest Freemason, he never wavered in his affection for the Order, and his un-tiring work on its behalf. In the odges and chapters which he most attended his name remains and his memory will endure, as a loyal, honest, and devoted brother, always ready to help a friend, always wishful to extend the genial, the philanthropic, and the kindly tenets of the Craft. His attachment to our great Charities is too remarkable and too commendable to be passed over without a few words of kindly and sympathetic remembrance. Unlike many a richer man, he was a zealous and liberal supporter of the Charities to the very last. Hardly a year passed,—indeed, we may

say every year,—as a matter of course, his name was to be found in the list of additional donations, while his presidency at election time and Committee meeting, was hailed by all the subscribers alike, in town and country, as an augury both of a satisfactory transaction of business, and a guarantee for all that was fair, all that was Masonically correct and gratifying. Indeed, when we seek to number up Bro. CREATON's untiring service to English Masonry the record becomes almost too serious and even too striking. He has passed away from amongst us, still in the full fervour of Masonic zeal and good work, and a missed man he will be, in more coteries than one,—missed almost more than words can express. Those who knew him best valued him the most, and there are very many here of us all who will feel very deep sorrow indeed, when they realize sternly that they have seen the last of JOHN CREATON.

"TEMPERANCE" in our last issue touches upon one or two topics which arose out of the remarks of Bro. TEW, and to which we are by no means insensible. Indeed, we showed by what we said, that some of the points he alludes to were before us when we wrote, and that we were not at all insensible of several of the facts and considerations he dwells upon with much force. We were, however, more concerned, in dealing with a "dictum" of our distinguished brother as regards "dictation" by the W.M. of a lodge enforcing the decision of his lodge that no alcoholic liquor should appear in the social circle. We wished to be fair to all. There are, no doubt, grave objections to setting up as it were a line of demarcation between temperance lodges, so called, and other lodges, inasmuch as temperance is one of the Cardinal virtues, and is strictly enjoined and inculcated in all our Masonic lodges. Neither can we quite accord with the expressed theory, that all such lodges are to take a higher status of culture, utility, and the like, than those in which a contrary system prevails. When these new lodges can tell us that they have equalled their compeers and predecessors in work for the Craft and liberality for the Charities, we will have something to say to them. In the mean time we say we hope and expect great things of them, and we ask them to remember the good old English adage, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." We regret to note in our correspondent's letter, a sort of impatience as to differing opinions,—a want of Toleration as to views and feelings contrary to those he is accustomed to and approves of. But surely Freemasonry teaches us all a lesson of Toleration; and, with due submission to his opinion, we hold, and hold strongly, that there is room in English Freemasonry for both schools of thought on the special subject involved.

We were thinking over the question of "dictation," raised as to a lodge in its social circle declining the use of alcoholic liquor, and it occurred to us how easy it was to illustrate the fallacy of the conclusion of those who assert there is in this dictation to other Freemasons. If any brother visitor has a right to complain of the absence of alcoholic liquor, he has equally a right to complain of the absence of any other favoured "compound," any other accustomed "plat" in the menu. Where are we going to? We then must come to the conclusion of our Bro. the Mayor of LEEDS, that those who do not like such "provender" in such social circles, must keep away and seek elsewhere better entertainment. It is impossible that the liberty of any number of brethren all agreed on the subject can be interfered with by the fancies or feelings of a visitor or visitors. If indeed such views are sound we must have Masonic hospitality reduced to a uniform standard. The charm of our Masonic social circles, heretofore, has been variety, and the special customs and ancient usages of each separate lodge entertainment. We ought all to be contented with what is set before us, and it will be a very evil day for English Freemasonry, when we commence to measure and value lodge hospitality by what alone suits our own proclivities, or entirely harmonizes with our special views (which may be very faulty) on the subject.

THE argument of our excellent confrere, Bro. J. W. SIMONS, in the *New York Dispatch*, will suit the "meridian" of the United States Grand Lodges, but will hardly accord with our views in England. As regards the necessity of all voting on a ballot to prevent discovery of individual voting, we in England cannot understand such an argument. The Deacons would know, it is true, who did *not* vote at all, but how such a part-knowledge affects the secrecy of the ballot we cannot for the life of us comprehend. If the ballottee knew who had not voted out of a lodge of 35 persons, namely, seven or eight, he might realize, it is true, that the ayes and the noes were distributed among the remaining members. But how such a knowledge would help him, or affect the inviolable secrecy of the ballot box,

we fail even to see in the remotest degree. It seems to us to be a complete invasion of the absolute right of private judgment and personal responsibility to compel a brother "nolens volens" to vote. There may be many a case, we surely can remember a similar one, where we would not vote "aye," but did not wish to vote "no," for various good and sufficient reasons thereto moving, &c. It would have been very hard to compel us to vote aye or no whether we wished it or no. If, indeed, in American ballot boxes there is a third partition for "neutrals," then something may be said for the theory, otherwise it seems to us both un-Masonic and tyrannical, and we rejoice to think that in our dear old used-up England we have as yet no such Masonic customs. Long may we be without them. As regards variety of ruling on even identical questions, if our good American brethren like it, "chacun a son gout." It certainly does not hurt us, and may amuse and edify them. They have a right to make their own laws, and to stand by their own "vanities" and their own "ideas." We should have been inclined to think "a priori," perhaps we are wrong for thinking at all, that a uniform system of judicial decisions would be better for American Freemasons than the possibility of forty different rulings on the same subject. There would be nothing "infra dig" in the Grand Masters of the American Grand Lodges forming themselves into a Supreme Court of Appeal, and either by personal attention or substitution deciding numerous vexed questions which undoubtedly are trying American Freemasonry, and constitute for it an element of future weakness and danger. Such a Court of Appeal would form a great source of stability to the universal American Craft, while it would take away from individual Grand Lodges the appearances of arbitrary, irresponsible, and "faddy" judgments. But our good friends we concede know best what suits their own wants and their own idiosyncrasies, and we leave the matter here, with very sincere aspirations for the onward progress and still further diffusion of the beneficent and healing principles of Freemasonry in the United States.

UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro G. Master, presided; the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M., for Bristol, acted as R.W. Deputy G.M.; and Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Past G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Cremorne, G.S.W.; and the Right Hon. Bro. Robert N. Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., were in their chairs. The other Grand and Past Grand officers who attended were:

Bros. H. B. Marshall, G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; T. Fenn, Pres. B. Gen. Pur.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. E. Wendt, G. Sec. Ger. Cor.; Baron de Ferrieres, G.S.D.; E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; Horace Jones, G. Supt. of Wks.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C.; Griffiths Smith, Asst. G.D.C.; Major E. Locock, G.S.B.; E. M. Lott, G. Org.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.G.D.M. Bengal; H. Adair Pickard, P.G.Chap.; Lieut.-Col. S. E. Taylor, G. Std. Bearer; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.; J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; Ralph Gooding, M.D. P.G.D.; Jas. Brett, P.G.P.; Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D.; John Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D.; Charles Greenwood, P.G.S.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. Victor A. Williamson, P.G.W.; C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G.C.; William F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Alfred Richards, D.G.D.C.; George Lambert, P.G.S. Br.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; J. C. Meredith, G. Stwd. Grand Lodge of Ireland H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Rev. J. Sedgwick, P.G.C.; J. E. Saunders, P.G.D.; R. N. Fowler, G.J.W.; James S. Eastes, G.J.D.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; Thomas Cochran, P.G. Chap.; Chas. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.; J. Lewis-Thomas, P.G.A.D.C.; Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C.; J. M. Case, P.G.D.; Jas. Peters, P.G.S.B.; T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; C. W. Hutton, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Jas. Glaisher, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. W. Tew, P.G.D.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; Frank Green, P.G.D.; Henry Maudslay, P.G.D.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; Dr. Mickle, Jas. Willing, jun., W. H. Froom, A. H. Tattershall, James Terry, Phillip Jacobs, H. W. Hemsworth, Captain Nicols, F. R. W. Hedges, E. H. Thiellay, Lee, Dodd, Keeble, Pendlebury, Richard Clowes, Willey, W. M. Stiles, T. C. Walls, Wm. Roebuck, Wm. Lake, C. Jolly, George Kenning, J. J. Marsh, Captain Colvill, F. R. Spaul, C. F. Hogard, C. S. Lane, John Lane, T. Mount Humphries, and others.

After reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September,

Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, Prov. G. Treas. Wilts, rose and said—M.W. Grand Master and brethren: I have the distinguished privilege this evening of putting into operation one of the most important functions exercised by the collective Body of Freemasons, namely, the election of their own ruler; for which purpose I have the honour to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master for the ensuing 12 months. This annual election has always been regarded, and is so still, as no mere form or idle ceremony, but as an occasion upon which the brethren from all parts of the kingdom assemble in large numbers, as they have done this evening, to testify by their presence their loyalty to their Prince, and by the cordiality and unanimity of the re-election to show their high esteem for their Grand Master. H.R.H. has indeed proved himself to be an exemplary Mason. Possessed as he is with a peculiar regard for the arts and sciences, he has ever shown himself their liberal patron, and been foremost in promoting the welfare of our Industrial Exhibitions, our Royal Academy, our Royal College of Music, and other kindly Institutions. Nor has he omitted the abundant exercise of that virtue so dearly prized by Masons—Charity—as evinced by the active interest he has taken in our own Benevolent Institutions, in the various Hospitals and Asylums of the metropolis and the country, and in the Royal Commission now sitting with regard to the Housing of the Poor. The practical part of Freemasonry too has been well cared for by him. His Royal Highness has spared neither time nor trouble in laying the foundation stones with due Masonic ceremony of ecclesiastical, educational, and other public buildings in different parts of the kingdom. It may be said that an individual cannot enhance or diminish the lustre of the noble principles and practice of our Order, yet we cannot but be sensible that the Craft is recommended with the favourable opinion of the outside world by the presence and countenance of one holding so exalted a position as his Royal Highness. It would ill become me to say more; to have said less I should have failed

in my duty. I therefore formally nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for re-election as Grand Master for the ensuing 12 months. (Cheers.)

The Earl of CARNARVON: The nomination of the M.W. Grand Master, for the ensuing year, having been now made, it becomes the duty of some one to nominate the Grand Treasurer.

Bro. J. WENTWORTH T. CHAPMAN, W.M. Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, thereupon rose and said—M.W. Pro Grand Master: With reference to the next proposal on our paper I rise to nominate a Grand Treasurer. It is the first time that I have had the honour of speaking in this Grand Lodge, and I have no doubt that some one else would, with much more eloquence than I do, have put forward the qualifications of the brother whom I am about to nominate for the Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. At the same time I must confess I do it with some amount of confidence because I feel assured that the name of the brother I propose is one which will be received with cordial acceptance by you all, and for myself I may add I will yield to none in my appreciation of our excellent brother for his merits and ability. As good wine needs no bush, I feel sure it will be unnecessary for me to state what our brother has done for the good of Freemasonry in general, to at once secure your hearty approval of my nomination. Without further preface, therefore, I have the honour to propose as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing twelve months, Bro. James Willing, jun. You all know him, but I will with your permission read out a few particulars of his Masonic career. He was initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, and was exalted in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056. He was a founder of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, in 1874; of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, in 1878; of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, in 1883; of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, in 1875; and of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, in 1878. He was W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, in 1874; of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, in 1878; of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, in 1883 and 1884; and of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, in 1877. He was M.E.Z. of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, in 1879; of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507, in 1878 and 1884. Treasurer of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; of the Royal Savoy, No. 1744; and of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. He was Secretary of the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, in 1874; Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1876 and 1883; for the Boys' School in 1877 and 1882; and for the Girls' School in 1879. He has been on the Committee of the Benevolent Institution since 1877; on the Boys' School since 1877; and on the Girls' School since 1879. He has served every office in his mother lodge. He has been a member of the Mark Degree for a long time; and he was Steward on the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in the Albert Hall, in 1875. He is at the present time W.M. of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, and M.E.Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. He is Treasurer of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744. He is also on the Board of General Purposes, and on the Committees of all three of the Charities. He is also a subscribing member, at the present time, of the Metropolitan Lodge, the Royal Savoy, the Strand, the Domatic, the Asaph, No. 1319, and the Metropolitan Chapter. He has been a member of Grand Lodge for 11 years, and has had a testimonial of £300 when 200 brethren were present. I am sure with all these qualifications, Bro. James Willing, jun., will have the cordial support of all the brethren.

Bro. STILES, W.M.: I have known Bro. Willing for many years; I shall be glad to second the nomination.

The Earl of CARNARVON: It is quite unnecessary to say anything in addition to what the nominator has said. If any brother desires to nominate any further candidate he is at liberty to do so.

Bro. W. McDUGALL, P.M. London Rifle Brigade Lodge, M.W.G.M.: I beg to nominate Bro. John Woodall, Mayor, and twice Mayor of Scarborough, of the province of N. and E. Yorkshire. He was initiated in Hope Lodge, Bradford, province of W. Yorkshire, No. 302, Feb. 18th, 1856, and raised to the Third Degree, 22nd April, 1856, Worshipful Past Master of Old Globe Lodge, No. 236, now 200, Scarborough; exalted to the Royal Arch in No. 200, Old Globe, Scarborough, in the province of N. and E. Yorkshire, 12th March, 1859, and Z. of the same chapter in 1868, 1878, 1879; Charity Representative of N. and E. Yorkshire; a Vice-President of the three Masonic Charities. Bro. Woodall is also Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Royal Arch of N. and E. Yorkshire, and has assisted in the formation of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, and the Leopold Lodge, Scarborough, and has served several Stewardships for the Charities. He was educated at Rugby, and at the University, Oriel College, Oxford, B.A., 1854; first class in Physical Science School, M.A., 1860; Justice of the Peace, North Yorkshire, and Honorary Lieut. Royal Naval Reserve. This brother I now nominate for the office of Grand Treasurer in Grand Lodge of England for 1885.

The Earl of CARNARVON: Has any brother any further candidate for this office?

Bro. THOMAS CLARK, W.M. 1178—M.W.G.M.: I have the honour to propose for the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Cama, who has been a large supporter of our General Charities. He is a member of several of our Scientific Societies, and I may also remind the brethren in addition to being a member of the Craft and the Royal Arch, he is also a member of the Mark. These qualifications I think will recommend him to the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge. He is a member also of the distinguished firm of Cama, of Bombay, and is the son of Bro. F. Cama, of Bombay. It will be in the recollection of most of the brethren of this Grand Lodge that the first public act performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught on his arrival in Bombay was to open that splendid hospital there. That great work was carried out by the father of the brother I have the honour to nominate to-night. That was entirely effected and endowed by the liberality of Bro. Cama, senior, at the cost of £20,000. I may also remind the brethren that previous to that Bro. Cama, senior, had been a contributor to our Charities. These, brethren, I think, will be qualifications sufficient to attract your attention, and I feel sure that any honour that may be done to Bro. Cama, junior, here in England will be appreciated by Bro. Cama in India. I hope the brethren will send him up by giving him all their votes.

The Earl of CARNARVON: The Grand Secretary will now read a letter dated 3rd October, 1884, from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the subject of the three English lodges in that colony, and addressed to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, together with the reply of H.R.H. thereto.

GRAND SECRETARY having read these letters,
The Earl of CARNARVON rose and said: Brethren, the correspondence which you have just heard read will be printed in due form, and it will

therefore become accessible to every member of this Grand Lodge, and I hope and believe that the independent opinion of each member of this Grand Lodge will ratify the conclusions to which his Royal Highness our Grand Master has been advised to arrive in that letter. It is difficult in such a correspondence as this when read out for the first time to be perfectly intelligible in all its details to every member in a large chamber like this, and therefore perhaps I should do that which is acceptable to you if in two or three sentences I just point out to you what the question is which is now in issue. In the year 1857, after a long contention, which some members of this Grand Lodge may perhaps remember, Grand Lodge of Canada was established, and was recognised by the Grand Lodge of England; recognised cheerfully, fully, frankly, and without any reserve; and, as far as I know, since then there has been no hitch or difficulty in the relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Canada. But at the time of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada there were still some few lodges remaining in Canada which, for various reasons, preferred to continue to work under the Grand Lodge of England, and it was made part of the formal agreement of that day, cheerfully subscribed to by all parties, that those lodges that elected to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England should be allowed to do so without any let or hindrance. In the year 1869, more than 12 years afterwards, the Grand Lodge of Quebec came into existence as an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of Canada. That is a matter with which we had no concern in this country. It was an arrangement effected, I believe, in all harmony and goodwill on the spot, and doubtless for very sufficient reasons. But it so happened that in that body of Quebec there were three of these English lodges, who had bargained at the time of recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada to retain their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. The executive of that time, in accordance with its duty, stipulated for those three lodges the same amount of liberty which had been secured to them at the time the Grand Lodge of Canada was created. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, I am sorry to say, for reasons which I cannot myself appreciate, declined to recognise the freedom of those three lodges to retain their allegiance, and thus it has so happened that in consequence of our being unable, on the one hand, to obtain from the Grand Lodge of Quebec an undertaking that they would respect the liberty of these three lodges, and on the other hand, because the Grand Lodge of Quebec declined to enter into any covenant for them, there has not been that full and formal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec which we were in this country perfectly willing to give, and which has been only hindered, as I have said, by that particular state of circumstances. Well, now there arrives this letter from the Grand Master of Quebec which you have just heard read. On the tone of that letter I do not desire to remark, except to say that it is somewhat broad, curt, and peremptory, and I think is altogether inconsistent with that Masonic unity which it should be the study and object of every body of Freemasons in every part of the world to cultivate. But still all that may be a subject of warmth and misunderstanding, and I do not desire for a moment to dwell upon it. But the point in question is this, that we are informed in that letter that unless we for our part repudiate the allegiance of these three English lodges in the Province of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of Quebec will place both those lodges and ourselves under whatever stress they may, in order to drive them into allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and failing that, they threaten to declare a severance of their connection with us. Now, it is not my object to-night to argue this question; it is merely my duty to make the brethren in Grand Lodge fully aware of the bare facts of the case, and I have stated the case without any colouring or any complexion given to it. I will only say in conclusion that which substantially has been said in the letter of our Grand Master, that we have and can have no selfish or jealous wishes or desires in this matter. Our one object is to promote the welfare of our brethren in every part of Canada and all over the world; but we undoubtedly do contend that the doctrine which is laid down by the Grand Lodge of Quebec would be a very abnormal and a very dangerous, and a very unjust one, that when lodges enjoy a legal existence in any particular territory it should be lawful for some new body to constitute and connect themselves, and to swamp and declare invalid those lodges which preceded them, and which had that legal existence. No doctrine, it seems to me, could be more unjust and unfair than that, and it appears to me, to be our bounden duty, so long as those lodges of their own free will cling to the Grand Lodge of England, to see that they shall not, so far as we can help it, by any word or act of ours be driven or compelled into an allegiance which they repudiate and object to, when we have in years previously specially covenanted for their freedom and stipulated for it; and further, I should be disposed to say that when the Grand Lodge of Quebec came into existence as an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of Canada, it inherited the liabilities, and it accepted, and it was honorably bound to accept, the obligations of its predecessor. Brethren, this has been the principle upon which this Grand Lodge has acted hitherto; it is the principle upon which it has acted in other similar questions which from time to time arise; and, however painful it may be to us to see Masonic concord in any way disturbed—disturbed, I trust, for a very short time, and in a very small degree—still, I think it is incumbent upon us to maintain the good faith which we have pledged, and to insist, so far as we can insist, upon those stipulations for the independence and the freedom of allegiance enjoyed by these three English lodges being still enjoyed, no matter what Masonic authority comes into existence now or hereafter in the Province of Quebec. Brethren, I am sorry to say that I must ask your permission to be allowed to retire from my chair for the present. I have got some rather important duties and engagements elsewhere, and it is sometimes difficult in these days to combine obligations of a different nature. But there is another reason why I should retire. I observe there is a motion on the paper which comes on later this evening, in which I am personally concerned, and from the discussion of which I would rather be absent.

The Earl of Carnarvon then left Grand Lodge and the Throne was occupied by the Right Hon. the Earl of Limerick.

The Earl of LIMERICK announced that the Prince of Wales had re-appointed Bro. Joshua Nunn, President of the Board of Benevolence, and that as only Bro. James Brett had been nominated for Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Coltebrune as Junior Vice-President, those brethren were duly elected.

The election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Bros. George Pole Britten, 183; Joseph Clever, 171; Thomas Cull, 1446; Charles Dairy, 141; George P. Gillard, 657; Charles F. Hogard, 205; William Mann, 186; William H. Perryman, 3; George Read, 511; Francis R. Spaul, 1768; Edward Francis Storr, 22; and Robert J. Taylor, 141.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON then brought up the following:

REPORT OF SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Special Building Committee have to report to Grand Lodge the progress they have made in the work committed to their charge.

The Great Hall has now been restored on the same lines as the one recently burned, but advantage has been taken of the opportunity to re-open the old gallery at the entrance end, and to connect it with the hall by a staircase, thereby providing about 80 additional seats; other extra seats have also been provided in various parts of the hall, making a total increase of accommodation for over 100 brethren below the dais.

It is proposed to commence the decoration of the hall soon after the December Quarterly Communication, and the whole of the works, decorative and otherwise, will, there is no doubt, be completed and ready by the date of the Grand Festival in April next.

So far as the actual renovation of the hall is concerned, the Committee have been enabled to keep the cost of the same within the insurance money, but, as a matter of course, many items, not of mere restoration, but of necessary and substantial improvements, such as the gallery and its approaches, the new exits in case of fire, the system of ventilation, the expense incurred for the pictures above the £50 insurance on each, &c., cannot come under the above head. The Committee will, therefore, be prepared to submit to the Quarterly Communication, in March next, an exact account of the expenditure thus unavoidably and usefully incurred.

The Committee have finally to report that the rearrangement of the internal fittings of the hall has placed an additional half panel on the proper right of the dais, and over the fire door leading to the banqueting hall, at the present disposal of Grand Lodge; and the Committee have, therefore, the greatest pleasure in suggesting that this half panel should be filled with a half-length life-sized portrait of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, as a memento of the affection and respect with which his lordship is regarded by the Craft, and of the able and valuable services which he has rendered to it for many years as Pro Grand Master.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON, Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, London,

Nov. 14th, 1884.

The report was adopted.

The following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were also adopted:

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 202, Devonport	50 0 0
A brother of the Alfred Lodge, No. 306, Leeds	100 0 0
A brother of the Brent Lodge, No. 1284, Topsham	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the St. Matthew Lodge, No. 1447, Barton-on-Humber	100 0 0
A brother of the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Warden Lodge, No. 794, Sutton Coldfield	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 935, Salford	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Prudence, No. 219, Todmorden	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 484, Ashton-in-Makerfield	100 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn	100 0 0
A brother of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester	100 0 0
A brother of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1571, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Faith, No. 141, London	50 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, London	50 0 0

The following Report of the Board of General Purposes was, on the motion of Bro. THOMAS FENN, President, seconded by Bro. JAS. STEVENS, taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes regret having to report that Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, has been reluctantly compelled by the very serious state of his health, to resign his position as chief clerk in the Grand Secretary's Office, after a service of 30 years.

Taking into consideration the lengthened services of Bro. Buss, the able, efficient, and courteous manner in which he has at all times discharged his duties, his advanced age, and the fact of his resignation being forced upon him by his state of health, the Board unanimously recommend to Grand Lodge that Bro. Buss be granted a retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of the salary he has been receiving for several years as chief clerk.

The Board further report that Bros. W. J. Hughan and T. B. Whyte-head have each presented a book to the library, which the Board have acknowledged with thanks.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

18th November, 1884.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November inst., shewing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £1466 6s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance for annual allowance for library £9 12s. 2d.

Bro. FENN then said: M.W.G.M. in the chair, in accordance now with the recommendations of the Board, I beg to propose "That, taking into consideration the lengthened services of Bro. Buss, the able, and efficient, and courteous manner in which he has at all times discharged his duties, his advanced age, and the fact of his resignation being forced upon him by his state of health, the Grand Lodge grants to Bro. Buss the retiring pension of £400 per annum, being the full amount of salary he has been receiving several years as chief clerk." In moving this resolution, I would beg respectfully to remind Grand Lodge that in dealing with those services this Fraternity ought not to be compared with the Government or Bank of England, and similar establishments; they have only justice to do to their retiring servants; but something more than justice should influence us in this case. We have not only to propose the retiring pension to a superannuated clerk, but we have also to provide in sickness and in old age a worthy and valued Mason to whom we are bound by ties of brotherly love and sympathy. I am sure that all those who know Bro. Buss (and who is there here who does not know him?) will agree with me that there is no brother among us who has so deservedly gained the goodwill and affectionate

esteem of his brethren, or who has a greater claim upon our sympathy. Bro. Buss, who has now passed his seventieth year, was, as many of you, no doubt, are aware, struck down two months ago by a fit of apoplexy, which, in the opinion of his medical man, has rendered him quite unfit for active service. Bro. Buss, however, after a short time returned to his duties; but he had another attack, and he has at last been compelled reluctantly to resign. I know there are some brethren who are anxious to join in this vote, but who are still desirous that it should be made an exceptional case, and that it should not be made a precedent for the future. The words in which the Board of General Purposes formulate this recommendation had this object in view—that if you pass this resolution I have to propose in the words which I have used it will clearly be an exceptional case.

Bro. C. T. WALLS: As a member of the Board of General Purposes, I rise with a vast amount of pleasure to second the resolution which has just been proposed by the President of the Board of General Purposes. I, as well as the President, have the highest appreciation of the efficient manner in which Bro. Buss has performed his duties while he has been connected with the office of Grand Secretary, and not only so, but with respect to the very efficient manner he has discharged duties outside Grand Lodge. In this character he has been Grand Treasurer of the province of Middlesex—a very large and important province. Bro. Buss has in that character been brought in contact with a large number of Masons, and whenever he has been brought in contact with them those brethren have received the greatest amount of consideration, attention, as well as every courtesy that one brother could possibly extend to another. Our brother President of the Board has told you that Bro. Buss a short time since had a fit of apoplexy; that was followed by a more serious one, and we were afraid he would not be able to resume his duties in Grand Secretary's office. Fortunately, those apprehensions were not realised, and Bro. Buss was able to return to his duties. Under those circumstances I sincerely hope that the brethren here will by their votes record their high appreciation of the very excellent services of Bro. Buss, and that he may for the remaining time of his life live independent with a competency—not only for his services in Grand Secretary's office, but for the manner in which he has rendered services to Freemasonry.

The motion was carried amidst loud applause.

The Earl of LIMERICK: Brethren, in announcing to Grand Lodge that this vote has been carried unanimously, I feel sure that I only fulfil your wish in expressing from the chair our regret for the cause which has made this vote necessary at the present time. Bro. Buss by his unwearied courtesy and energy in the discharge of his duties has won the esteem and admiration of all his brother Masons, who regret sincerely that he is obliged on account of his health to quit that position which he has so well filled with such advantage to the Craft, and we trust he may be spared long to enjoy the pension which Grand Lodge—I may say, I think, has granted freely, feeling that they were only doing what was right towards a most deserving Mason.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Reg., next brought forward the following appeals:—

1. Appeals of Bro. Joseph E. Duspuch, P.M. of the Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 443, Nassau, Bahamas, against the refusal of the District Grand Master to hear and determine his complaint against that lodge for improperly excluding him therefrom; and against a decision of the District Grand Lodge of the Bahamas finding him guilty of contumacious conduct, and certain resolutions of the District Grand Lodge consequent thereon.

2. Appeal of Bros. Edward Thomas Dover and Alfred George Gleeson, of the Lodge "Victoria in Burma," No. 832, Rangoon, against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Burma, holding that the W.M. of the lodge had not improperly excluded them while a ballot was being taken, and directing them to apologise for charging the W.M. with having acted "willfully and maliciously" in so doing.

The first of these two appeals was allowed and the second dismissed.

The following by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M. No. 1216,

"That it be referred to the Board of General Purposes to consider and report upon the best means for the prevention of the continued impositions practised upon Metropolitan and Provincial lodges by mendicant Freemasons," was rejected.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M.M.M., presided, and the other brethren who were present were

Bros. H. Howard Hodges, G.S.W. Berks and Oxon; Robert Nicholson, P.P.G.J.O. Berks and Oxon; George Joseph Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., Middx. and Surrey, 234; Henry Stone, P.G.M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight, 254; J. P. Lewin, P.G.J.W., East Anglia, W.M. 145, 243; William Vincent, S.O. Middx.; T. Ovenden, P.P.G. Stwd. Kent; J. G. Podovin, Dep. Prov. G.M.M. Kent; J. Mason, P.P.G.M.O.; D. P. Cama, G.M.O. Middx. and Surrey; Henry Stephens, P.P.G.O. Middx.; George Mickley, P.P.G.J.O. Bucks; Sidney Clarke, P.G.S. Kent; T. M. Humphries, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; Henry Baldwin, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey; Charles J. Smith, Dep. Prov. G.M. Sussex; E. F. Hoare, P.G. Org. Middx. and Surrey; G. A. Mursell, W.M. 140, P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight; Edgar Bowyer, S.O. Middx.; P. de Hollin, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland; James Neal York, P.G.S.W. East Anglia; J. G. Chillingworth, P.G.S.W. Kent; A. McDowall, P.G.M.O. Bucks; J. Monk, 54; G. Gregory, 139; E. Hills, M.O. 334; Herbert Dicketts, Old Kent Lodge (T.I.); P. S. Simmonds, S.W. 1; Edward F. Storr, Old Kent Lodge (T.I.); John L. Mather, W.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.I.); Henry Berridge, 144; Edward Tappenden, 226; H. D. Cama, 12; W. Meek, 284; C. J. Axford, 234; G. R. Bolton, 139; Jas. M. Harvey, S.W. Albert Victor Lodge; H. S. Clutton, S.W. 224; W. E. Williams, W.M. 1; H. A. Worster Reeves, I.G. 1; Newington Bridges, W.M. 333; C. H. Nevill, Sec. 333; Robert S. Voisey, W.M. 22; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.M. Studholme Lodge; Charles E. Birch, D.C. 44; C. Monier Williams, J.D. 44; Horace White, 7; Joseph Ithell Birch, I.G. 44; Arthur A. Coster, 224; T. C. Edmonds, Treas. 139; J. W. Ray; Frederic Duke, Sec. and J.O. 166; George Gardner, Thistle Lodge; Ralph Gooding (M.D.), P.M. Bon Accord; J. Terry, S.W. 315; W. Rickwood, J.O.; Soppet, W.M. designate Grand Stewards' Lodge; E. M. Money, S.D. Old Kent Lodge (T.I.); W. J. Collins, W.M. Thistle Lodge; Jas. Moon, P.M. Old Kent Lodge (T.I.); and G. Hall, 334.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, the Grand Master was saluted, and the minutes of Grand Lodge of 3rd June, and of the Moveable Grand Lodge at Exeter on 6th August, were read and confirmed.

The Earl of KINTORE then said the next business before Grand Lodge was to receive a communication from himself as to an exchange of representatives between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland and this Grand Lodge. The communication was short, but satisfactory. At the last meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, of which he was a Principal, he brought forward a motion which stood in his name that the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland should approach Grand Mark Lodge of Eng-

land with a view to an exchange of representatives, and also with a view to cementing those bonds of friendship which existed between the two bodies. His motion, he was happy to say, was carried unanimously, and he had now the satisfaction of saying that the necessary steps had been taken for the purpose of carrying that resolution into effect.

The Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton was then obligated by the Grand Master as Deputy Grand Master, invested and installed.

The customary salute was then given.

Lord EGERTON of TATTON, in acknowledging the honour that had been conferred upon him by his appointment by the M.W.G.M.M.M., said he should endeavour to carry out the duties of his office, he trusted, to the satisfaction of the Grand Master, and to the welfare of Mark Masonry in general.

The following report of the General Board (a copy of which was in the hands of every brother) was, on motion duly made and seconded, taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The number of certificates issued in the half-year ending 30th September last was 580. The total of registered advancements being now 19,337.

During the same period eight warrants for new lodges were granted to:

No. 338 Umvoti	Greytown, Natal.
" 339 William Kelly	Winhill, Derbyshire.
" 340 Royal Forest of Dean	Gloucestershire.
" 341 Egerton of Tatton	Red Lion-square, London.
" 342 Chelmer	Chelmsford, East Anglia.
" 343 Metropolitan	
" 344 St. Albans	Nottingham.
" 345 British	Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope.

In the Degree of Ark Mariner the number of certificates issued was 123, bringing the total registered elevations to 1670.

Warrants for new Ark Mariner Lodges have been granted to:

Latham, attached to Alfred Lodge, No. 136, Bury, Lancashire.

Olive Leaf " Watab Lodge, No. 201, Seakote.

A Provincial Grand Lodge has been constituted for Gibraltar, and R.W. Bro. Sir Henry J. B. Hancock, Chief Justice of Gibraltar, has been appointed Provincial G.M.M.M.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire has also been constituted under the rule of R.W. Bro. A. F. Godson, who will be installed at Worcester by the M.W.G.M.M.M. on Monday, 8th December, when it is expected there will be a large attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers.

R.W. Bro. Walter Charleton Hughes has been appointed Prov. G.M.M.M. of Bombay, in succession to R.W. Bro. J. W. Smith, whose faithful discharge of the duties of his office is acknowledged by the M.W. Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Colonel G. B. Wolseley has been appointed Prov. G.M.M.M. of Bengal, vice R.W. Bro. Colonel Anthony Stewart, whose services are gratefully acknowledged.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to reappoint for a further term of three years R.W. Bro. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M. South Wales; and R.W. Bro. R. C. Else, Prov. G.M. Somerset. Increased prosperity of the Degree in these provinces is confidently anticipated.

The Sixteenth Annual Festival of the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was celebrated at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday, 23rd July last, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Major Woodall Woodall, J.P., Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, whose efforts, aided by 47 brethren acting as Stewards, a more numerous Board than any yet constituted in support of this Festival, and attended by an unsurpassed assembly of ladies and brethren, resulted in a subscription of £832, the largest amount yet realised.

In consequence of this great success, the Board has much pleasure in announcing that all the candidates for the benefits of the educational branch of the Fund have been admitted without election, and a notification to this effect has been sent to every donor and subscriber.

This branch of the Fund has now under its care 12 boys and 5 girls, and the Board has invited the attention of every lodge to the usefulness and advantages of the Fund.

A Moveable Grand Lodge was held on the 6th of August at Exeter, under the presidency of the M.W. Grand Master, who was accompanied by a large number of Grand Officers and brethren from the neighbouring provinces, and received by R.W. Bro. Col. J. Tanner Davy, J.P., Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, and the members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The arrangements for the conduct of business were in every way satisfactory, and the genial hospitality extended to the visiting brethren was most gratifying.

With regard to the existing difficulty with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, the following circular has been sent to every Grand High Priest and every Grand Secretary in the United States and Canada:

Office of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,
8A, Red Lion-square, High Holborn, London,
15th September, 1884.

M.E. and Dear Sir and Companion,

I am directed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, &c., M.W.G.M.M.M., to acknowledge, with his best thanks, the copy of the proceedings of your Grand Chapter, which you have been good enough to send us.

With reference to the Quebec difficulty, I have to remark, with great regret, that considerable misapprehension appears to exist on the part of a majority of the Grand Chapters of the United States.

I have again to repeat—

1. That this Grand Lodge claims no territorial or other jurisdiction whatever in the United States, or within the district claimed by the Grand Chapter of Canada.
2. With regard to the Province of Quebec, it is altogether inaccurate to say that this Grand Lodge has issued warrants for Mark lodges since its recognition (under a misapprehension as to its legality) of the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The facts are these. There have always been, since 1760, and long previous to the constitution of the G.C. of Quebec, "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges connected with English Craft lodges in Montreal. Of this we have ample documentary evidence, and the main fact is admitted by the G.Z. of the G.C. of Canada, at p. 16 of proceedings, July 11, 1884. Three of these "Time Immemorial" Mark Lodges desired to place themselves under supreme English jurisdiction in the Mark Degree, as their members were already under supreme English jurisdiction in the Craft and R.A. Degrees. This G.L. has acknowledged them as regular, by granting them what is practically a warrant of confirmation. It has created for them no new status. They were legal bodies before. Some of the principal members of the G.C. of Canada received the Mark Degree in one of these T.I. lodges.

These lodges could not, in our view of Masonic law and tradition, be lawfully compelled to apply for warrants of confirmation to the G.C. of Quebec for two reasons—1st, that they had no desire to join that new organization; and 2nd, that they are advised by the highest legal authority, that the said organization is illegal according to the civil law of the State, and that its members can only meet under risk of criminal prosecution. This view is confirmed by the fact that the G.C. of Quebec, in the last Session of the Dominion Parliament, attempted to obtain a legal status, but failed to do so.

3. At the present moment, therefore, the Mark lodges meeting under the Warrants of Confirmation of this G.L. are the only legal assemblies of Mark Masters in the province of Quebec. (See Hon. Judge Badgley's letter to M.W.G.M.M.M., at p. 61 of proceedings of G.L. of M.M.M., June, 1884.)
4. I cannot but express my surprise that the G.C.'s of the U.S. should have so far overlooked one of the fundamental landmarks of Masonry as to attempt to oblige English Mark Masters to join a so-called Masonic body meeting in defiance of the laws of the State in which it finds itself.

5. Whenever a legal body working the Mark Degree is established in the province of Quebec, it will be open to it to make advances for union to the three T.I. lodges holding Warrants of Confirmation from this G.L., and to this course we shall offer no objection whatever; but, on the contrary, we should be exceedingly glad to see such a union voluntarily effected, and would promote it by any legitimate means in our power.

Meanwhile, in order to meet as far as possible the views of the U.S., and in the hope that a satisfactory arrangement may be made between the three T.I. English Mark Lodges in Quebec and a lawful G.C., we have restricted the action of the English

Mark Lodges in Quebec to English Master Masons. We shall exceedingly regret it, if we are driven from this conciliatory position by the hostile action of the G.C.'s of the U.S.

6. These facts we beg to commend to the fraternal consideration of your G.C.
FREDERICK BINCKES, P.G.J.W.,
Grand Secretary.

The whole question is occupying the earnest attention of the M.W.G.M.M.M., and the Executive, who, while maintaining the honour of Grand Lodge, and the rights and distinctive position of the Mark Lodges in Montreal, are ready to negotiate for a peaceful arrangement on equitable terms, so soon as the legality of the Quebec Masonic body is established.

The Board regrets to find that the course taken by the Grand Chapter of Quebec has the support of the great majority of the Grand Chapters of the United States of America.

Bro. Charles E. Soppet has been appointed the auditor of the accounts of Grand Lodge, in succession to Bro. H. A. Dubois, to whom the thanks of the Board are due for services cheerfully rendered.

In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge authorizing the Board to make certain alterations in the clothing of G.O.'s, the following circular has been addressed to every Prov. Grand Master and to the Grand Officers of the year:—

The General Board, under date July 29th (confirmed September 4th), have decided on the changes to be introduced in the clothing of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, and of Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, as follows:—

Grand Officers of the year (with the exception of Grand Stewards), Prov. Grand Masters, and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters during their term of office, to wear chains.

Grand Stewards, Past and Present, to wear collars with embroidery of a special design, and gold lace on each edge without fringe.

Past Grand Officers to wear collars with embroidery, and gold lace on each edge, without bullion or fringe.

Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, to wear collars as at present, with gold braid and gold fringe.

The design of the chain, as approved by the Board, is that of Messrs. Spencer and Co., of 23, Great Queen-street, W.C., at a cost of 84s.

The designs of the collars are those of Mr. George Kenning, Little Britain, E.C., at a cost of 50s. for collar complete, and for embroidery only, 30s.

Sealed patterns may be inspected at the office.

Complaints have been addressed to the Board of the occurrence of irregularities on the part of lodges, in the installation of the W.M. at dates other than those sanctioned by the bye-laws. It has been the duty of the Board to inform the lodges in question that no W.M. who has not served 12 months can take rank as a P.M. or exercise the privileges of that position. It is confidently hoped that such irregularities will be avoided in future.

The Masonic Hall at Red Lion-square has been thoroughly repaired and re-decorated, and it is hoped that it may be made a place of meeting for many of our London lodges.

The Board has the pleasure to announce that the total amount subscribed to the "Dewar Benefit Fund" up to the 30th September was:

Subscriptions from lodges and individuals £139 15 6

Vote of Grand Lodge 50 0 0

Vote of United Grand Lodge of England 150 0 0

£339 15 6

The Board recommends the following grants for confirmation of Grand Lodge:

£25 to a brother of Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238.

£10 each to two daughters of a brother of the Studholme Lodge, No. 197.

£15 to a brother of the Temple Lodge, No. 173.

The Board acknowledges with thanks the reports of proceedings from the Grand Chapters of Scotland, Canada, Vermont, New Hampshire, Illinois, and Missouri.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.J.W., having presented the library with a copy of his historical work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," the Board recommend that the thanks of Grand Lodge be conveyed to Bro. Hughan.

(Signed) G. R. PORTAL, P.G.M.M.M., President.

The invested funds are as follows:

General Fund £2900 0 0

Benevolent Fund £2000 0 0

Educational Fund £1400 0 0

The Grand Treasurer's accounts for the six months ending 30th September, 1884, show the following results:

DR. GENERAL FUND.		
To Balance 31st March, 1884	£532 9 5	
„ Half-year's receipts	645 17 11	
„ Interest on investments	58 5 3	
„ India P.O.O. not claimed	3 7 6	
	£1240 0 1	

GENERAL FUND.		CR.
By ordinary expenditure	£695 19 4	
„ Iron safe for office	24 5 6	
„ Purchase of £300 South Australian Bonds	306 15 0	
	1026 19 10	
„ Balance at Bankers	221 2 8	
„ Less cheque not presented	8 6 8	
	212 16 0	
Cash in hand	0 4 3	
	£1240 0 1	

Audited and approved this 18th day of October, 1884.

(Signed)

CHARLES E. SOPPET.

DR. BENEVOLENT FUND.		
To Balance from 31st March, 1884	£130 3 10	
„ Half-year's receipts	691 0 0	
„ Interest on investments	45 6 9	
	£866 10 7	

BENEVOLENT FUND.		CR.
By Grants in relief	£134 0 0	
„ Dewar Fund	50 0 0	
„ Expenses, Pewtress, Printing	3 19 0	
„ Transferred to Education Fund	278 5 0	
	466 4 0	
„ Balance at Bankers	364 19 1	
„ Cash in hand held by Solicitor to estate of the late Assistant Secretary	15 7 6	
„ Cheque not drawn for balance of salary due to ditto	20 0 0	
	400 6 7	
	£866 10 7	

DR. EDUCATION FUND.		
To Balance from 31st March, 1884	£74 10 1	
„ Transfer from Benevolent Fund	278 5 0	
„ Interest on investment	23 5 1	
	£376 0 2	

EDUCATION FUND.		CR.
By Education fees	£67 7 5	
„ Expenses	4 5 0	
„ Purchase of £300 Cape of Good Hope	278 5 0	
	349 17 5	
„ Balance at Bankers	26 2 9	
	£376 0 2	

Audited and approved this 18th day of October, 1884.

(Signed)

CHARLES E. SOPPET.

The several grants recommended by the report were, on the motion of Bro. F. DAVISON, G. Treas., unanimously made.

Bro. F. BINCKES, P.G.J.W., G. Sec., then, on behalf of the Rev. Canon Portal, P.G.M., proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.J.W., for his present to Grand Lodge of his historical work on the "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry."

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS seconded the motion, which was put and carried unanimously.

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, in acknowledging the vote, said he returned his heartfelt thanks for the vote which had been carried. In making the gift it was his desire that a library should be formed in connection with Grand Mark Lodge. He thought the books already in the hands of Grand Lodge were the nucleus of a very good library, which might be added to by the collection of many old minute books of lodges. This point had been neglected for many years past. He hoped that in the future members would look after these matters, and so obtain a good record and history of Freemasonry from all sources. He begged to thank the members of Grand Lodge for their kindness to him, and to say that, after some 21 years' experience of Mark Masonry, the more he saw of it the more he liked it.

The report was, on the motion of Bro. Capt. HARGREAVES, seconded by Bro. DUKE, adopted.

The Earl of KINTORE said before they passed from this report he should like to say a word with reference to the position of Grand Lodge with the Grand Chapter of Quebec. He regretted very much to think that there had been a difficulty. The letter that was printed in the report stated the difficulty very plainly. At the same time, he was anxious that this Grand Lodge should put itself right in reference to the United States. He felt that nothing was to be gained by this difficulty, and he thought it would be well—and he hoped the brethren would support him in the proposal—that formally he should write to Bro. Goodall, their representative in New York, and ask him to move and see whether he could not approach the officials there with a view to justifying our position.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS then rose and said: I beg to nominate the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore as our Grand Master for next year. I am very glad to see him occupying that position, and I hope to see him again installed on another occasion. The M.W. Grand Master has done all he could to promote the good of the Order. (Hear, hear.)

Charity jewels were then presented to several brethren.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The Grand Lodge was then made special for the purpose of consecrating the Grand Stewards Lodge, which ceremony was very ably performed by the Grand Master. The unusual pressure on our space this week prevents our giving a report of the interesting proceedings, but we shall do so next week.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. W. J. HUGHAN.

The presentation of the testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., which has been subscribed to during the last few months by brethren in all parts of the kingdom on account of his valuable contributions to the history of English Freemasonry, was made on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Tavern. The chair was taken by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., and late President of the Board of General Purposes. The presentation was preceded by a luncheon, to which there sat down in addition to the chairman the following brethren:

Bros. Horace Brooks Marshall, Grand Treasurer; James Smith Eastes, Junior Grand Deacon, District Provincial Grand Master Kent; Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., G. Representative, &c.; Thomas Wm. Tew, P.G.D., D. Prov. G.M., W. Yorkshire; Frederick Binckes, P.G.S., Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; E. L. Hawkins, P.M. 357, 478, P.P.G.W. Oxon; Geo. L. McKay, P.M., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland; Capt. Hugh G. Colvill, Prov. G.W. Cornwall; Jas. Terry, P.M., &c., Sec. R.M. Ben. Inst.; T. S. Carter, 403, P.P.G.W. Herts; T. M. Humphries, P.M. 539, P.P.G.S. of W. Staffordshire; Chas. S. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.D. Durham; John Lane, P.M. 1402; Geo. Edward Baker, 192; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall, and others. A large number of congratulations and sympathetic letters were received from those unable to attend.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the CHAIRMAN gave the first toast, "The Queen."

In proposing the toast of the day, "Bro. W. J. Hughan," the CHAIRMAN said that the informal nature of the meeting did not make it necessary that he should detain the company with any lengthened remarks. At the same time he hoped they would listen patiently to the few remarks he had to make. Under ordinary circumstances one would in a somewhat cowardly manner be inclined to make use of the expression—perhaps by way of apologising for his few remarks—that he felt unequal to the occasion; but he was bound to say in all candour that such an excuse would fail of the object of the meeting, because he would be a poor man indeed who could not say something of it at a very short notice. They knew why they were assembled, and that the few Masons who were assembled at that Board represented a large number of equally good Masons whose public and private associations kept them away. The meeting of Grand Lodge that evening, although it might bring members to town, at the same time might keep brethren away. Still those present felt they represented them, and he felt he was speaking not only for those present but for them all. They were there to do honour to whom honour was essentially due. Now, honour was very often done, and very worthily done, both in the Craft and out of the Craft; but he supposed there never was an occasion where honour was more thoroughly due than it was in the case of Bro. Hughan. (Hear, hear.) He had learned from Bro. Hughan in friendly conversation at the table that he first saw light in the month of July, 1863; therefore, by an interesting coincidence, in this present year of grace Bro. Hughan had attained his Masonic majority. Bro. Hughan had been telling him many things relating to the Craft, both in this country and in others, and, what he did not know before, that in the United States they had a body which they called the Veterans, and

the qualification for that high position was that they should have been good Masons and true for 21 years. Therefore, looking at it in an American point of view, Bro. Hughan was a Veteran in the Craft with us. And certainly if he were not so by time he was by the work he had done. When Bro. Hughan was initiated he was not, as very many were, an enthusiastic Mason at that moment born; he was more than that—he was a capable, earnest, and most important and industrious Mason. (Hear, hear.) There were many who were capable and earnest, successful and enthusiastic; but not all by circumstances able or by themselves willing to be so absolutely industrious as to do that which Bro. Hughan had done. (Hear, hear.) He was indebted to a circular which had been distributed amongst them for information of a more special kind relating to Bro. Hughan, and thus it was that he found himself in a position to point out that long before Bro. Hughan had entered upon the literary part of his career, he had devoted himself most earnestly and assiduously to the more ordinary duties of a Freemason in the provinces. In this class of work he had achieved distinction, and had been honoured with the appointment of Provincial Grand Secretary, and other similar positions in other branches of Freemasonry. He had also laboured most zealously in the cause of Masonic Charity, a cause which, in his (Bro. Monckton's) opinion, represented almost, if not quite, the "summum bonum" of the aspirations of a devoted brother. Subsequently Bro. Hughan gave up much of his time to Masonic literary pursuits, with the result that he (Bro. Monckton) felt himself justified in saying, without, for one moment, derogating from the high claims of other brethren, that he now stood at the head of Masonic literature. But such valued services as these could not be passed over unrecognised. Ten years ago, the late revered Bro. John Hervey, then Grand Secretary, wrote to Bro. Hughan and offered him the collar of Grand Deacon. With that modesty which was very seldom separated from true merit, Bro. Hughan, who was living very far away from London, feeling that he could not do justice to his office, wrote to Bro. Hervey—he did not know whether he absolutely declined the office—but, at all events, he did not accept it, and there Masonry again stepped in, and the rank of a Past Grand Deacon was conferred on Bro. Hughan, and that was done to the satisfaction of everybody. He (Bro. Monckton) mentioned that because it was a part of the history. So time went on, and Bro. Hughan had worked and, worked, and though he had worked modestly, it was impossible that what he had done could remain unnoticed. In the provinces, as well as among the Craft in general, the circumstances related in the circular to which he had alluded were noticed, and it led to the opinion among old and experienced Masons that the time had arrived when some personal token of esteem should be presented to Bro. Hughan. (Hear, hear.) It was a great privilege to be asked to be the medium of the brethren generally for inviting Bro. Hughan to accept that gift which was now offered to him. He (Bro. Monckton) had therefore briefly, in the name of the brethren, to ask Bro. Hughan to accept a packet which contained a cheque for £364—(hear, hear, and cheers)—and he was asked at the same time to request him to receive another gift, which was, in one sense, a more tangible token—something that would remain with him—a writing table, which he had no doubt he would use to his own satisfaction and to the benefit of the Craft he so thoroughly loved and so well adorned. In making the gift he had only to add that he wished Bro. Hughan long life, health, and strength to look back upon the present with pleasure, and to esteem it for the sake of those who presented it in memory of his vast services to the Craft. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, in acknowledging the gift, said—I should like to be able, if possible, to do some justice to my feelings, but at present I am quite incapable of it, and I hope that you will take what I very sincerely feel as having been said. It is always a pleasure for one who does his best in a quiet way to have that best recognised, and I feel that, though I in no sense worked for any hope of reward—I feel that the reward which has come to me through your hands this evening a very pleasurable one indeed. (Hear, hear.) I should like first of all to say that I feel personally indebted to Sir John Monckton for coming among us this evening and taking the chair on this occasion. There are many reasons why I should like it to be understood that I very thoroughly appreciate the honour which has been personally conferred upon me by coming through his hands. I should like also to say that, having from time to time seen a list of subscribers in print, those names have been naturally read by me, and though I thought I had many friends, yet when I find myself thus honoured by so large a number, I feel that, even if I were not inclined personally to do so, I must continue to devote the remainder of my days to working in behalf of our honoured Society. (Hear, hear.) I can assure you, so far as my feelings are concerned, that had this presentation not been made, I should still have done my utmost on behalf of our Society as long as I lived. I feel, too, that this mark of appreciation from the Craft will be the means of assisting me in many ways in continuing my researches, and I trust that as the brethren have thus expressed their satisfaction with my labours historically during the years that have gone by, they will have reason also to be satisfied with what I shall seek to perform and carry out, all being well, during the years that are to come. (Hear, hear.) I have long considered that the history of Masonry can never be written by one individual. I hold that all must work together loyally and thoroughly to carry out such a duty, and therefore it is that I have always been rejoiced to find histories of lodges written by competent individuals, because, when the information is thus collected together, it furnishes facts for the historian, and therefore we may be said to be indebted all round for the information. Hence it is that I feel you have been very good to make the remarks that you have, Bro. Chairman, and you, brethren, likewise for having received them. A great many of the facts I have said have come from the brethren, and when you so warmly thank me, at the same time you thank them. (Hear, hear.) I know that the brethren present have little time to spare because of other duties, but I should like to say that I think the progress of Masonic literature and study is very pleasing to us all who pay any attention to such matters. (Hear, hear.) I remember when I was initiated some of the stories which were told me, and which to a great extent at the time I believed. I hope that during the last 21 years, with the assistance of my numerous friends, we have been able to place the history of Freemasonry on such a foundation as to be acceptable and accepted by critics, whether Masons or otherwise. I think the facts which have been brought to light of late years more particularly connect us with the Grand Lodge of 1717, with the Freemasonry which preceded its institution, and that we are really and actually members not only of an honourable but also of a very ancient institution. It has been my great aim with the friends among whom I have so long wrought, to collect and search out the evidence that connects us with ancient Freemasonry, and I say without hesitation that the

Freemasons of to-day are the lineal descendants of the Masons of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries; that the fact can be settled beyond cavil, and that to the Society of Architects, who say we are not Freemasons, we are prepared to give evidence that will satisfy them that we are as ancient as we have in many respects declared ourselves to be. I am glad you alluded to the question of the important subject of the Masonic Charities. I believe that we are not certainly in our infancy, but certainly we are not in the position we shall attain to with respect to those Institutions. I believe that the more Freemasonry is spread, and the more it is understood and valued, the more we shall seek when in our prosperity to help those that are in adversity, and I think if we do not do so we fail in our duty. (Hear, hear.) I am also very pleased to-night to say we have in the chairman the historian of the Jerusalem Lodge, and it is, therefore, very pleasing to me to see him in the chair on this occasion, because if there is one body more than another to whom I am indebted, it is the historians of these old lodges. I hope they will continue to increase in number, and we shall partake in their services in the years that are to come. (Hear, hear.) I should like to express my personal indebtedness to every brother who has taken part in this testimonial, from the President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, to every member who has done anything in contributing towards it; and I should like also to say that I remember with pleasure the services of many of my friends who may not be on the list, and that I shall seek to do my utmost on behalf of the Fraternity, irrespective of creed, or clime, or colour, so long as strength is given me to carry out the principles of our ancient and honourable Society. I feel also personally very much indebted to those on whom the labour has chiefly fallen with respect to this Testimonial Committee, and I think I will do honour in singling out three brethren whom I shall name who have placed me under a debt of gratitude to them as long as I live—Bro. George Kenning, Bro. Thomas B. Whytehead, and Bro. William Lake. (Hear, hear.) They have been a very worthy trio undoubtedly, and I have no doubt it is mainly to their exertions that I am so indebted for such a handsome testimonial this evening. (Hear, hear.) I am also told I am still more indebted to the Treasurer, who has been a good friend of mine a great many years, for I find on the back of this purse the words, "Presented to Bro. Wm. James Hughan, Past Grand Deacon, by Bro. George Kenning, Dec. 3rd, 1884," and I am also informed that I shall not be allowed out of my testimonial to contribute towards the expenses either of the advertising or the printing, or the writing table, and that he, as Treasurer, chooses to put in a claim to present all this. I could not let that fact go by without mentioning it. With that very warm recognition I feel utterly unable to say anything more. If I were allowed some hours to produce a speech, and put it on paper, I might do justice to it. I cannot do so now, and I can only thank you and all the brethren from my very heart for your great kindness and appreciation of my labours, and in saying that this handsome testimonial which has just been given shall be gratefully accepted and faithfully applied. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

Bro. Monckton, after this period, having another engagement, was compelled to leave, and the chair was taken by Bro. F. BINCKES, who then proposed "The Chairman."

Bro. BINCKES proposed "Bro. George Kenning, the Treasurer of the Fund," and "The Joint Secretaries, Bros. T. B. Whytehead and Wm. Lake." Bro. Binckes said they could not sufficiently express their feelings of admiration for the support of Bro. Kenning, inasmuch as he had been able to hand over a cheque for £364, without expenses. They knew what Bro. Kenning's liberality was, and that he was always delighted in doing good in some shape or other. Then there were the Secretaries. It did not matter what shape a testimonial took, whether it was small or large, any one acquainted with secretarial duties knew what the work of a Secretary meant where the arrangements had been on foot some time.

Bro. GEORGE BAKER thanked the company on behalf of Bro. George Kenning, and expressed that brother's regret for his absence.

Bro. W. LAKE said they all knew Bro. Whytehead's ability, and he had hoped he would have been present to respond to this toast. He could not help thanking Bro. Hughan for the kind expressions towards the Secretaries, and himself in particular, which he had used. He found the duties of a Secretary were somewhat arduous; but Bro. Whytehead had taken his full share of them, and would have done a great deal more no doubt if he had been in London. A great deal of detail had fallen on him (Bro. Lake), but had it been ten times as great it would have been to him a labour of love. He had had the privilege of enjoying the friendship of Bro. Hughan for something over 20 years, and it had been the most pleasurable connection he had ever formed. Bro. Hughan had been a true friend to him, and nothing he could ever do could in any way repay the many kindnesses he had received at his hands. He was very sorry the result of their efforts had not been what they had all expected. It had been respectable, but, considering its object, he thought a little more might have been done; seeing, however, it had become a tangible amount, they had reason to be thankful. He thought the brethren throughout the country had not been fully alive to the merits of their worthy brother. He would add that two hours ago he received a telegram from Bro. Whytehead, expressing his deep regret that he could not come, his medical man having strongly advised him not to take the journey.

The toast of "The Press" was then given, and the brethren shortly afterwards separated.

KNIGGE, A. F. F. L., FREIHERR VON.—Born in 1752, and died in 1796, in his forty-fourth year, it would almost seem at Bremen. He is said to have been made a Mason at Cassel, in 1772, and to have been received into the high grades at Hanau in 1777. He joined Weishaupt's Illuminati in 1780, induced to do so, it is stated, by the Marquis of Costanzo. In that order he was known by the name of Philo. At the convent of Wilhelmsbad, in 1782, he sought to obtain a recognition of the new order, but in vain; and he himself quarrelled with Weishaupt, and left it in 1784. Kloss credits him with 10 literary works of one kind and another, among which may be noticed "Roman meines Leben," 1781-83; "Ueber Jesuiten Freimaurer und Deutsche Rosenkreuzer," 1781; "Beitrag zur neuesten Geschichte des Freimaurer Ordens," Berlin, 1796; "Abhandlung des hochw. Br. L. a. Fascia über die allgemeine Zusammenkunft der Freimaurer zur Wilhelmsbad," 1784, etc. A non-Masonic work of his, "Ueber den Umgang mit Menschen," has been much admired. Though a man of many gifts, he seems to have been versatile and unstable, and is said to have ended his life in hostility to the Order,—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia*.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE
OF EMULATION.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the night of the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, P.G.D., presided; Bros. Sudlow acted as S.W.; Dawson, as J.W.; F. R. Spaul, Sec.; Hicklin, S.D.; Pritchard, J.D.; and Bishop, I.G. The Stewards of the festival were Bros. Thomas Fenn (member of the Committee); J. E. Anderson, W.M. 255, S.W. 18; C. Bassano, W.M. 66; F. T. Bennett, 33; J. J. Black, S.D. 1564; G. Brown, P.M. 140; H. Bugé, 1820, Sec. 1965; Col. Shadwell, H. Clarke, Grand Sec.; R. R. Davis, P.M. 256; W. A. Dawson, P.M. 1768 (member of the Committee); H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; A. Escott, P.M. 1593; Eaton Fanning, W.M. 1706; A. Fyson, I.G. 1768; J. G. Garson, 1691; N. Goodwin, 1768; Robert Grey, P.G.D.; A. C. A. Higerty, 1714; W. Hicklin, W.M. 1261; E. B. Holloway, P.M. 108; W. H. Johnston, J.W. 1965; J. R. Jones, S.W. 1768; G. L. Kennaby, D.C. 1420; A. Marvin, P.M. 1768; J. H. Matthews, Grand Std. Br.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; E. M. Money, S.W. 28; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; T. W. Ockenden, W.M. 1768; H. Pritchard, S.D. 1415; G. C. Pulsford, I.P.M. 1593; A. A. Richards, P.G.S., P.M. 8, P.P.G.W. Middx. (member of the Committee); J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; S. W. Shaw, P.M. 1965; F. R. Spaul, P.M. 1124 and 1768 (member of the Committee); R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 1965 (member of the Committee); J. T. Tanqueray, W.M. 1965; J. E. Terry, 1964; S. B. Wilson, P.M. 59; and E. L. Walford, 905.

The full list of brethren who attended contained the following names:

Bros. J. M. Eastes, G.S.D.; James Smith Eastes, G.J.D.; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, Past G. Chap.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Henry J. T. Dumas, P.G.D.; A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. H. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; John H. Scott, P.G.D.; Charles N. Murton, P.G.D.; Edgar Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Matthews, G.S.B.; Horace Brooks Marshall, G. Treas.; Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Purst.; J. A. Meredith, G. Stwd., Grand Lodge of Ireland; and Nathaniel George Philips, P.G.D. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Clayton, 263; J. C. Proules, 33; Charles A. P. Howes, 52; George Holding, 1531; Alfred Meadows, 4; W. G. Fenn, 538; J. S. Telfer, 228; John Webb, S.D. 1707; G. B. Haly, 263; A. McDowall, P.M. 1962; Charles A. Legg, 902; C. A. Dettmer, 1602; W. Traice, S.W. 13; Wm. H. Ingham, 453; Hy. Martin, 211; W. E. Dawes, P.M. 619; E. F. Storr, P.M., Treas. 228; C. A. Webster, 141; C. F. Webster, 1804; J. Finch, 1818; William McGuire, 1252; Henry J. Liggins, 263; T. W. C. Bush, 1728; Henry Sibley, 453; James Lewis, P.M. 1261; J. W. Fuller, S.D. 1; G. F. Blomie, 1593; Philip Butt, 1593; J. Abrey, W.M. 1678; W. I. Brookes, 1329; W. Bobby, P.M. 114, P.G.S.W. Suffolk; Surgeon-General T. Ringer, P.M. 1308, 1583, P.P.G.A.D.C. Wilts; J. L. Mather, P.G.S.D. Herts; C. Ellis, S.D. 1044; T. Wilkinson, S.W. 1420; H. Massey, 619 and 1928; S. J. Richardson, J.W. 1420; D. P. Cama, Prov. G. S.W. Middx.; H. D. Cama, 255; Alfred E. Craven, J.W. 6; John Brock, W.M. 209; Philip Francis, 1593; W. Dodd, P.M. 1194; Alfred Withers, 211; Frederick Mlood, 1149; C. M. Matthew, 363; H. J. Garrod, 416; S. H. Bunchell, 416; W. Lincoln, 534; J. Gibbs, 1613; Robert Crosby, 1261; R. Townsend, 1984; T. Hastings Miller, 1964; John H. Rose, 1964; F. W. Hancock, W.S. 548; H. Auerbach, 548; J. Paddle, 715; Isaac Paddle, 715; Chas. G. Englefield, 491; Fred. Bullock, 1586; W. G. H. S. Burney, 1615; William Radcliffe, 211; P. J. King, 211; H. J. Giller, 1984; A. S. Hicks, 1806; T. Charles Grant, 1984; J. M. Richards, 3; Neil McCoull, 9; E. A. Francis, 1958; H. K. Terry, 3; H. Hooper, 1986; Geo. R. Langley, 1986; Ewd. Francis, 228; B. W. Richardson, 2029; W. J. Church Brasier, 127; Capt. A. Nicols, 1974; T. C. Walls, W.M. elect 1793; S. H. Peirce, 211; H. Nugent Sharp, 108; A. Money, 1707; James Stevens, 1216; J. R. Behenna, 1531; R. W. Coulcher, 22; C. H. Phillips, 1986; Wm. Clifford, 1706; J. Newton, 174; John N. Draper, 534; L. G. Robins, 10; W. D. Bayley, 185; W. Whitmore, Rose Lodge; T. Allerman, 1574; E. K. Judd, 1917; W. H. Glynn Smith, 1691; Wm. Hicks, 1694; G. W. James, 1479; B. P. Jesse, 1556; F. A. Guiniareus, 416; W. Wilson, 1984; C. W. Kingzett, 1691; A. C. Wickins, 709; H. H. Green, 709; Henry Richardson, 140; T. H. Hicks, 1597; Charles Sargent, 1298; W. Seckham Wetherington, 907; Geo. T. Huntley, 33; Philip Sharpe, 849; J. R. Jones, Jas. Hutt, Fred. T. C. Keeble, 1126; H. Lindley Truman, W. J. Kennaby, James Brignall, George Baker, J.W. 503; W. R. Parker, W. G. Goode, Hugh M. Hobbs, Moreton Graham, P.M. 975; Geo. L. Kennaby, C. Altkerson Smith, Gerald J. N. Harrison, Geo. Stinchland Creswick, P. W. Dumville, Arthur Brewin, W. John Eustace Adderson, Ernest J. Husey, C. Hubert Husey, H. H. Hyde Clarke, H. S. Stower, S. G. Glanville, H. Chas. Jepps, James E. Terry, John O. Abbott, Charles Tyler, C. E. Wilson, J. Cosby Harpourt, G. Titus Barham, G. Houlton Bishop, W. Hollingsworth, H. J. Wicks, F. W. Oldfield, Ernest H. Monson, Eugene Monteuis, S. W. Shaw, J. W. Saint, Alex. C. A. Higerty, F. Knipplu, S. Hill, Wm. Browne Kidder, J. Lancaster, Chas. A. Nicholas, George J. Earney, Jos. W. Gaze, J. Hutchinson, Wm. Hicklin, J. W. Jones, Horace W. Carterton, John P. Houghton, Geo. A. Ames, M. Hunter Johnston, J. Ferguson, John Evans, J. J. Black, C. P. Duke, A. Marvin, A. Pocock, Charles Pawley, Ed. Swain, W. Geo. Freeman, Ernest T. Smith, Chas. O. Targart, E. M. Parkes, Albert Ercott, Jos. C. Nicholl, C. J. Wallis, Wm. Willey, T. H. Edmunds, George Graveley, Geo. Sanompierre, S. S. Hasluck, W. G. Sams, H. W. Roberts, J. Goodwin, J. Lake Blaxland, John B. Ennett, J. W. Lacon, Eaton Fanning, M. Galloway Jossett, J. N. Farnfield, Jno. Faulkner, G. J. Jones, Thos. Johnson, R. Netherfield.

The work of the evening was the First Lecture, which was performed as follows:

1st Section by Bro. W. Hicklin, W.M. 1261
2nd " " G. L. Kennaby, D.C. 1420
3rd " " N. Goodwin, 1768
4th " " H. Pritchard, S.D. 1415
5th " " J. J. Black, S.D. 1564
6th " " J. E. Terry, 1964
7th " " A. C. A. Higerty, 1714

At the conclusion of the work Bro. FENN announced that Bro. Alderman Fowler, G.J.W., was unable to take the chair at the supper which was to follow, and that Bro. Philbrick, G. Registrar, would occupy his place.

Votes of thanks to the working brethren were then carried, on the proposition of Bro. PHILBRICK, seconded by Bro. J. M. CASE, P.G.D.

Bro. FENN responded, and said he was quite sure the working brethren had done their best. It was very gratifying to them that their efforts were thought worthy of the approbation of the brethren.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at Freemasons' Tavern, under the chairmanship of Bro. PHILBRICK, O.C., G.R., who, at the close of the dinner, in giving the first toast, said: Brethren, "Our Mistress and Mysteries—the Queen and the Craft." The toasts of "The M.W.G.M." and "The Deputy G.M.," &c., followed.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., in reply, said that for himself he was exceedingly sorry—indeed, in some measure humiliated—at having to return thanks in presence of some of the Grand Officers who would have been better respondents. The Chairman had spoken of the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Carnarvon, and the Earl of Lathom in terms which they must all endorse; but he would venture to add one word in regard to the Prince of Wales, viz., like a great many at the present day about him, there were considerable differences of opinion; but there was no difference of opinion on one point—that the Prince of Wales always knew how to select his officers, and the selection of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom reflected high honour upon the Prince. But if they wished to allude to the Grand Officers, they could not wish a better wish than they should all have been there that night to see the grand working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. It would have been good for the mind, for the heart, for the soul, and even for the body. There was not one present who would go away without impressions which would be lasting, for he held, as farmers told them, that one-third of the seed fallen always produced fruit. So did he believe it was impossible that the magnificence of the language, as well as of the sentiments of the Sections worked that evening, could have fallen upon hearts and minds which would not carry them away. Every one of them owed a deep debt of gratitude not only for the hospitable reception accorded to them, but for the instruction in Masonry which had been given.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in reply to the toast of "The Chairman," proposed by the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, said he had not when he entered the portals of Grand Lodge the remotest conception that he should have been in the position of Chairman; but he was only too happy to be able to promote in any way the success of a festival which he regarded as one of the great yearly landmarks of English Masonry which was always looked forward to with pleasure. He would only express his personal regret that Bro. Alderman Fowler was not in the position of Chairman, which he was sure was unavoidable.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in proposing "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," said the Grand Chaplain alluded to the working of the lodge as being perfection, and he said that no one could listen to the great words of the ritual without going from the lodge a better and a wiser man. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement which his distinguished Bro. Fenn would be frightened at if he saw this enthusiastic and large family of whom he was the father, had done very much towards promoting the real and true working of Masonry. It had often been said, even by Masons, who he thought ought to know better, "What really are your ceremonies, but a system of repetition of truisms? Such a remark could only fall from one who was only on the bark of the tree and had not penetrated to the heart. Each thing which every man did he should do with all his might. Each office in Masonry had been discharged by the officer to the utmost of his ability. Each particular branch of the ritual should be given if possible with verbal, almost literal, accuracy, as a mark of perfection and as a symbol of the hidden meaning which underlay the whole of the Craft. Was it to be a mere dead letter; was there not underneath a living spirit which animated it, and which was the real heart and soul of Masonry? If the ceremonies were given maimed and mangled, what effect could they expect them to produce on the mind of the candidate who for the first time came among them, and if they were given in a spirit of levity and trifling, how could they suppose that impressions which ought to remain lasting on the mind for good would be enhanced? Perfect working of the ceremonies, as exemplified by the brethren that evening, showed the connection of the whole system and the relative dependence of its several parts, and led to a thorough understanding of the pieces, and in this way a man entered into the spirit and life of Freemasonry and saw how great and grand was the ritual. Taking it as a whole they saw the real beauty of it which animated the framers of the original. It was a great pleasure to the visitors to partake of the hospitality of the lodge and see its progress and prosperity. As a proof of the universality of Masonry they had present that evening a brother from the Grand Lodge of Ireland and others who came from the east, but whether from east or west, or north or south, they were all brethren, and as such heartily welcomed. That was the Masonry which was cultivated in England, Scotland, and Ireland, which was true to itself, which honoured the Craft, and in honouring the Craft preserved its best traditions.

Bro. FENN, replying to the toast, said there were none who could wish more sincerely to join in this toast than those whose names were connected with it. The object and the end of the labours of the committee of the lodge were, and always had been, to promote the prosperity and success of the lodge. Bro. Philbrick had said that he (Bro. Fenn) might be supposed to be the father of the lodge. He could not assume to be the father of the lodge, because it was now nearly 70 years when, at the union of the lodges, a universal system of working was agreed upon, and a few years afterwards the Emulation Lodge was formed by certain experts in order to rehearse the ceremonies in a perfect manner, that those who were not acquainted with the new system of working might learn or at least adopt the old system to the new. Bro. Gilks shortly after that presided over this lodge, and was the authority on which was founded the working which they had followed since. He was followed by Bro. S. B. Wilson, and there yet remained two members of the committee who were pupils of Bro. S. B. Wilson, he might almost say three, because there were Bro. Richards and Bro. Murton, although he had recently retired from an active part. Therefore, there were only

three generations not yet expired who had handed down the traditions and working of this lodge from its institution to the present time. Of course they might expect that this third generation in a very few years would drop out, but it was a source of great satisfaction to him, and he was sure it was to Bro. Richards, that they would view that drop with contented consciences, that the traditions of the lodge would be ably maintained by the other members of the committee who were now among them. They knew that the traditions and the correct working of the Lodge of Emulation were safe in the hands of Bros. Sudlow, Dawson, and Spaul; they felt assured that the ancient traditions and the perfect standard of work would be fully maintained by them, which would undoubtedly ensure that success which they all sincerely wished for the lodge.

Bro. H. J. P. DUMAS proposed "The Lodge of Unions," to which Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, P.M., responded.

Bro. J. SMITH EASTES, G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. Kent, proposed "The Charities," and made a pleasing allusion to the style in which Bro. J. E. Terry, the son of Bro. J. Terry, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, worked the Sixth Section.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, in reply, while thanking the brethren for the grand support given to the Masonic Institutions, referred to the death of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Past Grand Treasurer, who had been a most devoted friend of all the Charities of Freemasonry. The good that brother had done to the Institutions was patent to all. Bro. Terry thanked the Emulation Lodge for its liberal donations, and also thanked Bro. Eastes for the graceful allusion he had made to his (Bro. Terry's) son.

Bro. C. A. MURTON proposed "The Working Officers." Bro. SUDLOW, in reply, said there was one point they were a little apt to forget. In the working of the lecture there were questions to be put as well as answers to be given. One brother alone had put questions; several brethren had answered them, and he felt sure that those several brethren would wish him to acknowledge that their success in a great measure was due to the accuracy with which those questions were put by one brother who was pre-eminent in that lodge—the Treasurer, Bro. Fenn. He hoped that the work which had been done by the officers of the lodge that evening would serve as an incentive to the brethren who had sent in their names as joining members to attend regularly.

"The Committee" was the next toast, which was proposed by Bro. TAGART, and replied to by Bro. DAWSON, and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. H. SADLER, closed the proceedings.

THE LIVERPOOL MASONIC BALL.

A largely attended and influential meeting of the General Committee charged with the preliminary arrangements for the Masonic Ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 8th January, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held at the headquarters of the Craft, in Hope-street, on the evening of Friday, the 28th ult., Bro. Thomas Whitehead, P.M. 241, Vice-Chairman of Committee, presiding. From the reports given by the several Sub-Committees it appears that the social gathering will be highly successful and most enjoyable. An influential patronage has been promised, his Worship the Mayor (Bro. Alderman Radcliffe) and Mrs. Radcliffe heading the list of patrons and patronesses. It was stated that Bro. H. M. Molyneux had again consented to act as Master of Ceremonies; and it was resolved to engage Bro. J. Martin's band for the occasion. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Bro. R. Ripley, P.G.D., who had generously undertaken to provide the Stewards' badges, which will be of most artistic design. The meeting was adjourned for a week.

THE LATE BRO. H. S. ALPASS.

At a recent meeting of the Sefton Lodge, No. 680, at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. TYSON, seconded by Bro. E. PIERPOINT, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., and passed unanimously, "That it having pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to remove by death Bro. H. S. Alpass, Past Grand Standard Bearer of England, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Lancashire, and for upwards of 20 years Treasurer of this lodge, since the last meeting, the event be recorded on the minutes, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow expressing how much the brethren esteemed him as a most worthy and beloved brother, and that his absence from their midst leaves a sad gap."

In accordance with this resolution, the Secretary of the lodge wrote to Mrs. Alpass, and their communication has been put in the form of an appropriately illuminated folio address, designed and executed by Bro. J. Orr Marples, S.D. 1609, the form of which has received the warm approval of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England, P.G.M. of West Lanc., to whom it was submitted. The text of the illuminated address is as follows:—

"To MRS. H. S. ALPASS.
"Madam,—No words at my command can properly express the feeling of affectionate respect with which the above resolution was carried, and I shall not multiply words to set forth the estimation in which our late lamented Bro. Alpass was held, not only amongst all those who range themselves under the banner of Masonry in general, but more especially in the hearts of the brethren of this particular lodge, with whom he had held such long and pleasant intercourse; but I will beg you simply to accept this token of heartfelt condolence with you on the occurrence of a loss which, heavy to them, must be to you irreparable. His brethren of 680 all very highly esteemed Bro. Alpass, were very proud of him, will greatly miss his grand and genial presence, and whilst bowing in humble submission to the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, cannot suffer the occasion to pass without tendering to you by means of this address the assurance of their united sympathy. May it be a solace and gratification to you to know that Bro. Alpass was held in such universal affection, respect, and esteem by his brethren. Possessing the goodwill of every member of 680, some of whom can record a personal uninterrupted and pleasant friendship with Bro. Alpass extending to nearly forty years, all deeply deplore his decease; rejoicing, nevertheless, that he was spared to reach a 'green old age,' was still young in heart and purpose, and that when the inevitable fate of all men came upon him he was followed to his grave by all that should accompany the close of a useful, active, and benevolent life—

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ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Methuen, 1533.
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Original Correspondence.

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GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of "The Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I notice in your last impression a letter, signed "Sky Blue," in which it is stated that a private meeting of Grand Officers had taken place to select a Grand Treasurer to be nominated on Wednesday. I have every reason to believe that "Sky Blue" has been incorrectly informed, as certainly a large portion of Present and Past Grand Officers know nothing of the matter. If there is any such secret and irresponsible "caucus" of Grand Officers, nothing can be more repugnant to the feelings of the great majority, I feel sure, of so distinguished a body of brethren, and the sooner it is put a stop to the better. There are, of course, numerous canards floating about, but I hope, as I believe, that your correspondent has been misinformed.—Yours fraternally,

A PAST GRAND OFFICER.

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Dear Bro. Kenning,

Can any worthy and kindly brother help me to a few votes in these Schools at the approaching election? Such votes are very difficult to obtain, and a friend of mine is working anxiously for a good case. The name of the case is Frederick Langford Osborne.—Yours fraternally,

A. F. A. WOODFORD.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very pleased to see this subject being ventilated. My conviction is that Bro. J. E. Mason is quite correct in saying these so-called "tramps" make a living out of what ought to be applied to deserving objects. I recently held the office of Treasurer and Almoner to the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, and my three years' experience fully convinced me of the necessity of adopting some organized system to put a check on these impostors. We have some genuine cases I admit, but they are extremely rare. We abound most with applicants who are common vagrants, and some of whom disguise their appearance to repeat their visits. We have also cases where the applicants are, I regret to say, members of the Fraternity. But if we take the trouble to make enquiries we find they are altogether unworthy of our Charity.

I don't know what views Bro. Stevens has on the subject, but I would like to suggest a system which occurred to me—as likely to meet the case. First, every Almoner in the Craft under the Grand Lodge of England be furnished with a quantity of printed forms, on which he should make his returns, viz., the date, name and address of each applicant, number of lodge, amount of relief if any, also make any remarks as to his description and age. Whether he has a certificate, and if not, give his reason. His reply to questions, where he is journeying from and to? The object of his destination, &c.

These forms should be forwarded to head quarters, and a general weekly list or register compiled and issued to each Almoner, thus enabling him to trace an applicant's name and prove whether his statement was correct or not. It would also assist the Almoner in finding out whether any member of his lodge was in destitute circumstances, or if the certificate of a deceased brother was being unlawfully used. It appears to me to be very desirable for Grand Lodge to take the matter up and charge every Craft lodge its share of the working expenses, this amount to be paid out of the Benevolent Fund of each lodge.

I have no hesitation in saying we should find at the end of the year the claims upon this fund, and including these working expenses, would be less than previous years, and we should have the satisfaction of giving a greater, if not a complete check to these impostors, or whatever they may be termed.

My suggestion is not of sufficient magnitude to deal effectually with foreign applicants, still we should be able to trace them from town to town and eventually form a very fair opinion of them also.—Yours fraternally,

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THE MAGAZINES.

If it be true that Christmas comes but once a year, it comes this year of grace and light betimes, with its Christmas numbers and its Christmas books. We are almost overcome by their number, their effectiveness, and their pleasantness.

"Harper's Magazine and Christmas Number" is indeed a most remarkable issue. To say nothing of "Christmas Past and Present," "A Few Days more Driving," "Nature's Final Story," "The Elevator," "Farmer Worrall's Case," "A Capillary Crime," "A Dead Man's Face," will, with its realism and power, attract and startle many readers.

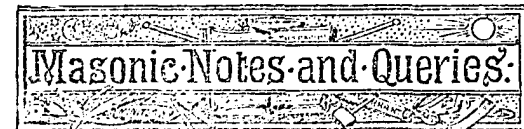
"The English Illustrated Magazine" is a very sterling production. "Gainsborough, and the Illustrative Specimens of his Wonderful Portraiture," "Clovell," "Calvados," "Our Mission to Abyssinia," "A Christmas in the Kyber Pass," "The Path of Duty," "Iron and Steel Making in South Wales," all will please and affect. "That Terrible Man" is becoming most sensational and moving.

"The Christmas number of 'All the Year Round' is 'In Luck at Last,' by Bro. Walter Besant, which we recommend all our readers to peruse.

"Longman's Christmas Number" contains some interesting tales. "The Two Robbers," "Sarah Walker," "Psychical Research," "Even with this," "The Lone Glen," "Royal Love," "Esme Von Lindersheim," all are well worth reading.

The "Graphic Christmas Number." Gorgeous in illustration and interesting in letterpress, this remarkable issue of 560,000 copies, and which began last January, will find countless ready and grateful readers. We do not think, we confess, that it is quite so effective or entertaining as previously, but all things become trite and familiar by "the using," and there is a charm in novelty which repetition dims, and reiteration mars. We once again call attention to the shocking (to our taste) and really annoying system of intermingling advertisements with the letterpress from one end to the other. No doubt such an arrangement pays, but it is, in our humble opinion, sadly derogatory to the dignity of the *Graphic*, and woefully deteriorative of high art, and most annoying to the intent and admiring reader. Is it not mortifying when you are in the midst of a pathetic passage, and turn over the leaves hastily to find your eye arrested by "Eno's Fruit Salt," "Allen and Hanbury's Cod Liver Oil," "Beecham's Pills," "Wilson's Extra Toast," "Wilton's Sweet Amaltilla," "Pears' Soap," "Perry Davis's Vegetable Pain Killer," and "Beetham's Glycerine and Cucumber"? We are quite sure that such an arrangement does no good to the advertisers, and if all the advertisements had been together under elegant headings, they would be more likely to be read. We think it a pity that such a charming Christmas paper should be in the slightest measure weakened in its force and reality by the affectation and bad form of the hour. There are two sides to the question, but we speak as we think, and as we write, "currente calamo."

We confess we think it a pity that these Christmas numbers come out so long before Christmas. Their "sheen" seems to be faded, their glory to have evaporated, their newness and freshness altogether in the "sere and yellow leaf" when Christmas festivities recur to happy and united family circles, when the yule log is brought in and the Christmas tree is lighted amid the shouts and genial contentment of old and young. But such are the laws imperious of custom. So great the demands and arbitrary code of the trade, that unless Christmas tide was thus anticipated and fore-announced, vain would be the efforts of writers and illustrators alike. Such are the world and life, and thus it is a remarkable fact in itself how the great world of society has appropriated Christmas, and adapted it to the wants, claims, and sympathies of our yearly existence and our earthly "weird." We are nevertheless a little sorry, we confess, old-fashioned perhaps as we be, that even before December has begun the Christmas books are on our tables, in a reality and profusion alike unprecedented and marvellous.



THE BATTLE OF THE GRADES.

If Bro. Hunter be correct in his conclusions as set out in his "History of the Lodge of Journeymen" (S.C.), the monograde theory has received its "quietus." He states that two Grades were given distinctly in that lodge from the date of its "swarm" from the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, for receiving which the entrant paid £12 Scots, or £1 in the first case, and for the latter £24, or £2 English money. That when they were "passed" to the second, or Fellow Craft, as they had been "entered" into the first, they generally took out a "Mark." That the Masters, or "Mrs," as he finds it expressed, were, no doubt, distinct from the Fellows; but that they were employers of labour, and that he does not trace any ceremony or any further payment. Thus Bro. Hunter clearly brings out, according to his views and words, a bi-gradal theory. This view, I am given to understand, is the one taken "inter alia" by Bros. Gould and Speth, who have very carefully studied the subject. I would just say, as a very interested party in the discussion, that I am not at all satisfied by this way of settling a positive fact by negative evidence, or rather, in default of actual evidence, deciding the question dogmatically on what, after all, is a mere subjective view of the case, and rests entirely on the inner consciousness and personal appreciation of certain "scintilla" of evidence of some esteemed and able students. All that can be fairly said so far, as it seems to me, is "non proven." In my humble opinion, we are hardly yet "on" the real evidence of

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In the last monthly publication of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, edited by our able Bro. W. H. Rylands, will be found the facsimiles of certain Kypriote inscriptions, and students will be struck at once with the remarkable similarity, indeed, complete resemblance, between these old alphabetical characters and the marks of the mediæval Operative Masons. Some of these marks, which puzzle students, are clearly thus Kypriotic in their origin. And when we remember that the "Runes" were also adopted by the Masons, the Runes being in all probability, as Mr. Taylor suggests, the adaptation by the Scandinavian nation of the Macedonian trading alphabet, which furnishes a key to the Runes, and that the so-called passage of the River, or the Angelic and Hermetic and Cabalistic alphabet in its various forms may be found also in Masons' marks, that study of the marks, too much neglected, becomes of vital importance to Masonic archaeologists. Everything is tending to prove the correctness and soundness of poor E. W. Shaw's real conclusions, and it may be hoped that some day his remarkable and interesting papers may be given to the little world of Masonic students.

MASONIC STUDENT.



Craft Masonry.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE (No. 34).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. Robert Alexander Meyer, W.M.; Hales, S.W.; Wilton, J.W.; Parker, Treas.; Artus, Sec.; Thorpe, S.D.; W. G. Gribbon, J.D.; Lyon, Jenkins, Russell, Roberts, Ripon, Parker, Perkins, Waylett, and Date, P.M.'s.; and others. Visitors: Bros. A. M. Broadley, Ganz, Inglis, Plumbe, and others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Meyer, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. Tredwen and Parker were examined previous to their being passed to the Second Degree. The lodge being opened in the Second Degree, Bros. Tredwen and Parker were passed to the Degree of F.C. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the W.M. The brethren afterwards proceeded to the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The lodge was then closed, and the banquet which followed was enlivened by excellent vocal and instrumental music, performed by Bros. W. Ganz and Levitus. The announcement that a P.M.'s jewel had been voted to the W.M., Bro. R. A. Meyer, was most cordially received by the brethren.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Anderson's Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Jordan, W.M.; Fromholtz, S.W.; Coop, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hakim, W.S.; Steng, A.W.S.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; C. Dairy, P.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M.; Clarke, I.P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. Bros. Clarke, 46; Langdale, 401; White, 1107; F. Smith, 1305; Cursons, 1861; and Nugent, 2021, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Welch and Sheppard were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. Charles Ball was duly initiated into Craft mysteries, the ceremonies being well performed. Several minor matters having been satisfactorily disposed of the lodge was duly closed. There was no banquet.

LODGE OF HONOR AND GENEROSITY (No. 165).—The November meeting of the above lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., Bro. Charles Belton, P.P.G.D. Surrey, W.M., presiding. The lodge was opened in due form in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Poirez was then raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., who after resuming the lodge in the First Degree, proceeded to initiate Mr. J. W. H. Thompson, both ceremonies being performed to the great satisfaction of the brethren and visitors present. The W.M. then stated that the pleasant duty devolved on him of presenting, on behalf of the lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. W. H. Powell, the I.P.M., in acknowledgment of the able, courteous, and genial manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the past year.

Bro. Powell having in graceful terms returned thanks, the W.M. announced that he had given his name as Steward at the ensuing festivals, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The lodge unanimously voted the sum of ten guineas for the former, leaving the consideration of the latter until the next meeting.

The lodge being then closed in ancient form, the brethren proceeded to the banquet, and aided, by the musical talent of Bro. Wilford Price, passed a most delightful evening. Among the visitors present were Bros. Raymond Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C.; Serjeant Robinson, J. C. Collier, W.M. 777; and others.

GREAT NORTHERN LODGE (No. 1287).—This lodge met on the 20th inst. at Freemasons' Hall, under the Mastership of Bro. Charles Kempton. The W.M. was supported by his officers and a large number of lay members and several visitors. The only work before the lodge was the initiation of one gentleman into the Order, and the W.M. duly initiated Mr. Charles Tobias Zichlinski as an E.A. Before the lodge was closed, two other gentlemen were proposed for initiation.

The brethren afterwards banqueted at Freemasons' Tavern, and honoured the usual toasts. After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M.," &c.,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiate," and said it was a proof of the universality of Freemasonry that they had brought among them a brother not by birth one of their own countrymen; he came from a land far distant, which had been called "the fair land of Poland." But they welcomed him as much as if he was an Englishman born. He did not suppose there was a Society in existence which welcomed a stranger to its heart as the Society of Freemasons did. In the name of the Great Northern Lodge, he welcomed him among them. He was proud to have initiated him. The intelligence he had dis-

played in the ceremony was no doubt an earnest criterion of the intelligence he would exhibit in his career in Masonry, which he trusted would be a long one.

Bro. Zichlinski, in responding, expressed his thanks to the W.M. and the brethren of the lodge for the kind way in which they had received him. He hoped he should remain a faithful brother as long as he lived.

Bro. Owen, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." They all knew that the W.M. was very fond of work. He had not had so much as he would like; but they must all have been impressed with the manner he had performed the ceremony of initiation that evening. He was quite certain that no W.M. of the Great Northern Lodge had ever performed that ceremony better.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said it was a difficult task to speak of himself; but, by their kind reception of the toast, he was led to think they appreciated his small efforts. At that, of course, he felt very highly gratified. He felt highly honoured. He felt he held a very honourable position in being Master of such a lodge as the Great Northern. They believed they were a good lodge; it was generally known. In obtaining the position of Master of this lodge he felt he had all the honour that could accrue to one holding that position. As he had done in the past, so he should continue to do during the short time that remained of his year of office. He had had but little to do. He would have welcomed more work with pleasure. But what he did with very great pleasure, and with all the earnestness that a man could do. The longer he lived in Masonry the more he loved it; it seemed to become a part of him. If Masonry was disseminated throughout the world he was certain it must make them all better—better citizens, better men, loyally patriotic, loyal to Governments, whatever they might be, so long as they were good.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," several of the visitors responding.

"The Past Masters" was the next toast, and the Worshipful Master in proposing it paid a high compliment to all the Past Masters of the lodge, including the Treasurer, Bro. Webb; Bro. Staton, Secretary; Bros. Reed, Cleghorn, and Owen, all of whom devoted themselves to the welfare of the lodge, and gave all the instruction and assistance they could, and were always ready to advise the W.M. in any difficulty that might arise.

Bros. Webb, Staton, and Cleghorn responded. The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. Several of the brethren sang some capital songs during the evening.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 1563).—The annual installation meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 27th ult. There was a numerous gathering of officers and brethren, in whose presence lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, under the presidency of the Master, Bro. Thomas W. Eastgate, who was supported by Bros. G. J. Jones, S.W., W.M. elect; H. Lee, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Smith, S.D.; F. Hill, J.D.; E. J. Hoare, Org.; E. B. Cox, I.G.; W. Brander, Stwd.; and a number of other members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors, of whom there were over 50 present, were Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; H. B. Carrick, P.P.G.P. Sussex; F. Seager Hunt, and a large number of the Masters and officers of sister lodges.

After the transaction of some routine business, the Auditor's report and balance sheet, which showed the lodge to be in an eminently satisfactory position, were submitted and approved. Two candidates were balloted for and initiated, and Bro. A. Ashby was raised to the Third Degree. All these ceremonies were performed with regularity and precision by the retiring Master, assisted by his officers. Bro. G. J. Jones was then presented for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, that impressive rite was duly solemnised by the retiring Master. On the re-admission of the brethren, the newly-installed Master was saluted with the customary honours, after which he proceeded to invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. T. W. Eastgate, I.P.M.; H. Lee, S.W.; W. C. Smith, J.W.; J. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec. (also founder and first Secretary of The Abbey Lodge, Westminster); F. Hill, S.D.; E. J. Hoare, P.M., Organist; E. Durrant, Inner Guard; W. Bradner, Director of Ceremonies; W. J. Higgins, W.S.; C. Filhor, Asst. W.S.; and Potter, Tyler. The Secretary read letters of apology for unavoidable non-attendance from Bros. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. of Middlesex; W. Burdett-Coutts, W.M. of The Abbey Lodge, and other brethren.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the company, numbering over 100, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master, who proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, referring to the Queen as Patron of the Craft, and to the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chaplain, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be a member of the old Westminster and Keystone Lodge, and of the new and rising Abbey Lodge, of which he had the honour to be the Chaplain.

"The Health of the newly-installed Master" was then proposed by Bro. Eastgate, I.P.M., and the toast having been suitably acknowledged, the Master gave the health of his predecessor in the chair and Installing Officer to-day. After eulogising the services Bro. Eastgate had rendered to the lodge, he asked that brother's acceptance of a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the brethren, "in recognition of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair." In fastening the jewel to the breast of the Immediate Past Master he wished him health, happiness, and long life to enjoy the esteem and affection of all by whom he was surrounded.

Bro. Eastgate suitably acknowledged the gift and the kindly expressions which had accompanied it.

"The Healths of the Initiates" followed, eliciting characteristic replies from Bros. Percy Phillpott and R. A. Price, after which the toast followed of "The W.M. and Officers of the Abbey Lodge," responded to by Bro. Spink, P.M. (who regretted the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts), Bros. W. H. Baker, S.W.; and Seager Hunt, J.W.

The Past Grand Chaplain, before leaving, observed that, amidst their festivities, he had just learned the melancholy intelligence, in which they were all deeply interested, that

their esteemed Bro. Col. Creator, late Grand Treasurer of England, departed this life at one o'clock that afternoon. He need say no more than to remind them how actively Col. Creator was associated with the Masonic Charities for many years, and by his true and noble conduct had gained the esteem and affection of every brother in the Craft. His death, therefore, would be heard of with profound sorrow throughout the whole fraternity.

Several complimentary toasts followed, including "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer, Bro. J. Hammond, P.M.," "The Secretary, Bro. J. E. Shand," and "The Officers of the Lodge," the list being brought to a fitting termination by the Tylers' toast.

During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by Mr. Jas. Bayne, Mr. Arthur Weston, Mr. J. A. Hamilton, and Masters W. Hull and A. Marriott, Bro. E. J. Hoare lending efficient aid as accompanist on the pianoforte. Altogether, this gathering was pronounced one of the most successful ever held in connection with the City of Westminster Lodge, in entertaining the officers of the Abbey Lodge, an example that ought to be followed by kindred lodges. The arrangements were made by the Secretary, Bro. Shand, P.M., and were all that could be desired.

EVENING STAR LODGE (No. 1719).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Magnus Ohren, W.M., presided. Before proceeding to the business of the evening he referred to what took place at the last meeting. On that occasion Bro. Ohren was unable to preside, and he wrote to the lodge a letter which was laid before the brethren by the acting W.M., stating that he was confined to his bed and was quite unable to be present, as he was only just recovering from a serious illness. He expressed deep regret at his unavoidable absence, more especially as he had hoped to have the pleasure of initiating his friend Mr. A. Broadberry. Following upon this a unanimous vote of sympathy was passed to the W.M., and it was agreed that the same be entered on the minutes. On Wednesday Bro. Ohren, alluding to this circumstance, thanked the brethren for their vote, and stated that he was very happy to be able to resume his duties. The business of the lodge, which was on the paper, was then conducted, and Bro. Magnus Ohren passed Bro. Wm. H. Broadberry to the Second Degree. When this work was completed the W.M. resigned his gavel to Bro. Wm. Sugg, P.M., who wished to install his cousin, Bro. J. W. Sugg, elected at last meeting as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Wm. Sugg then installed Bro. John W. Sugg, P.M., P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, as W.M. of the lodge for the year ensuing. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. Arthur Mead, S.W.; Joseph Manwaring, J.W.; C. T. Porter, D.D., Chap.; James Glaisher, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; Magnus Ohren, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Edward Hide, S.D.; Joseph F. Porter, J.D.; Wm. Sugg, P.M., D.C.; Thomas Henry Martin, I.G.; Wm. Liddall, J.S.S.; and Walter King, J.S.

After delivery of the addresses, and before the lodge was closed, on the motion of Bro. Green, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Sugg, P.M., a P.M.'s jewel of the value of £10 was voted to Bro. Magnus Ohren in recognition of his eminent services to the lodge.

Bro. Ohren in responding for the gift said he had always endeavoured to do his duty in Masonry in whatever position he had been placed in. This last year that he filled the chair of this lodge was the fourth time he had been Master of a lodge, and this was the last time he would ever fill that office. When he was one of the founders of the Evening Star Lodge he made up his mind to do all he could to lead it to success, and he consented to become its Master, a position he felt very proud of. While he was Master he had tried to sustain the honour of the position, and he hoped that his efforts in this respect had been successful.

It was announced by the Secretary that a letter had been received from a daughter of Bro. Macmillan informing him that her father had died on Tuesday evening. Bro. Macmillan, who was initiated in this lodge, was unfortunately subject to mental ill-health, which necessitated his confinement in an asylum. One of the children had been successful in obtaining admission to one of the Masonic Schools, and the support of the brethren was asked for a second child, who would be a candidate for the Boys' School. The support of the brethren was asked for this case, a request which was most readily granted. The W.M. offered to take the Stewardship for this lodge at the Benevolent Institution Festival in February, and 10 guineas were voted to his list. It was also announced by Bro. Glaisher, Treasurer, that if any brother would take the Stewardship for either of the other Institutions, a further sum was at the disposal of the lodge for placing on his list, the funds of the lodge being in a most prosperous state. The balance-sheet of the lodge was submitted, and it showed a very large balance in favour of the lodge. The Benevolent Fund amounted to more than £13, and a sum was ordered to be given to a widow of a late member, who had a large family to support. The brethren then closed the lodge, and adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Glaisher, P.M., P.G.D., returned thanks for the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said it was always pleasing to Grand Officers to find that each successive year from the beginning of this lodge the Grand Officers had always been spoken of with respect and esteem. He believed this arose from the conviction that they were earnest men, who had entered Masonry with a determination to be Masons at heart, and to do their work faithfully and well. Had they not done so they would not have been Grand Officers, and it was a fact in this lodge that they did not fail to do anything they could for the advancement of the lodge. He trusted that the feeling would be ever the same, and based upon the same lasting foundation of faithful discharge of every duty which they engaged to do. That was a Masonic principle. A Mason who entered Masonry engaged to perform certain duties, and those who faithfully discharged them were those who alone could wear the purple. He hoped that every one who performed his duty would meet with a similar reward. The toast of the Earl of Carnarvon and Earl of Lathom, who were faithful Masons, had from the first hour of meeting of this lodge ever been received kindly and pleasingly, and it was his hope and trust that the lodge would ever have a discriminating power to speak of persons as they found them, and he also hoped that the Grand Officers would ever be found inheriting the same respect and esteem that they had just spoken of. With such assistance he hoped the lodge would never grow less than it was.

Bro. Ohren, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." All the brethren knew, because they had seen, how well the W.M. performed his duties in every office in the lodge. He was one of the founders. Bro. W. Sugg was the founder of the lodge, and the only question was, when the present W.M. was proposed as a member, whether the thing could be managed, the present W.M. not being connected with gas companies. They found out, however, that he was a proprietor of several companies. Therefore as a proprietor he had a good right to be among them. If there were no proprietors there would be no gas works and no officers, and therefore they accepted a gentleman who was a proprietor of gas works, but who was then living independently. Knowing Bro. Sugg perfectly well in another lodge in which he had been connected many years, he found he had passed through every office with great credit to himself. He was willing to take any office, and there was a time when he served all night in the office of Tyler. Now, no one would do that but a proper Mason, and it was a clear proof that he would make a good Master. He had already passed through the chair of another lodge, and had served every office in it thoroughly well. The brethren had seen how he had performed his duties that evening, not only in the lodge, but also at the banquet table, and if that was followed out in the future no one would have cause to complain.

The W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said no one knew his own shortcomings more than himself. Following as he did such illustrious Masters, he was sure that the brethren must have drawn on their Masonic imagination when they ascribed to him such great doings. Plutarch once said that office cannot be dignified to him that hath it, but he that hath it can give dignity to the office. So far as any effort on his part, or any exertions he could use, could carry out that principle, he would use it, and no greater encouragement could he desire than the brethren's warm approval.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed. The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Magnus Ohren, I.P.M., who said the Past Masters were no doubt the backbone of every lodge when they attended to the performance of their duties. In that lodge they had the satisfaction of knowing that they had nearly every brother as a Past Master who was expected. There were now seven. Bro. Filer had gone to the Grand Lodge above. Bro. Kirlham was living in the country, and could not be so often with them as he could wish. They were glad to have Bro. Aird with them as a founder of the lodge, though he told them at the time that his duties were so numerous that he could not attend regularly. However during his year he did attend, and had met them several times since in Committee. Bro. Ring, although he had no office, as P.M. never failed them but once, when ill-health caused his absence. Therefore, they had cause to rejoice that the P.M.s attended regularly. Bro. W. Sugg was a regular attendant, and, as Master of Ceremonies, would perform his duties. Bro. Glaisher always entered heartily and thoroughly into his duties, and deserved the best thanks of the lodge. Every one knew the scientific attainments of Bro. Glaisher, and it was a matter of great regret that the Government had not recognised his great talent and the immense work he had done for the country. Many men received a title, but there was not a worthier man to receive a title than Bro. James Glaisher, and he was astonished he had been passed over.

The toast of "The Officers" having been given and responded to, Bro. W. Sugg, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Masonic Charities."

The W.M. hoped they would all visit the Institutions. If they did they would see that they raised the children of Freemasons from poverty to comparative comfort. At the Benevolent Institution they would see the old men and women well cared for. He trusted that whenever Masons sat down to their banquets they would look forward to the possibility of a rainy day coming, and he hoped they would not forget those who had fallen from their high estate. They were all liable to misfortune, and he thought they could not do better than spare what they could to assist those who were thrown on their good nature. He thanked them not so much for what they had done, but for what they would do to keep the Masonic Institutions afloat.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. The evening was enlivened by some excellent singing by Bros. Wm. Liddall, Dr. Porter, M. Ohren, Wm. Sugg, Aubrey M. Ohren, and David W. Sugg.

FARRINGTON WITHOUT LODGE (No. 1745).—This lodge met on the 24th ult. at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn. Among those present were Bros. H. B. Marshall, C.C., G. Treas., W.M.; Young, S.W.; T. Simpson, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.O. Surrey, P.M.; Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M.; Sec.; Clarke, P.G.P., S.D.; Lister, J.D.; L. Lardner, A.W.S.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., P.M., D.C.; Strugnell, P.M., W.S.; Ramsey, P.M. (hon. member), and others. The visitors were Bros. A. Tisley, W.M. No. 8, P.G.S.; Lowther, W.M. 780; Bush, P.M. 1728; and Salmond, 177.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. S. Falck and F. W. Drew were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was presided over, in the absence through indisposition of the W.M., by Bro. Walls. The customary toasts followed and were duly honoured.

CLAPHAM LODGE (No. 1818).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Army and Navy Hotel, Victoria-street, W., and the spacious lodge lighted by electricity, with the well appointed lodge furniture and banners, presented a very striking and pleasant coup d'œil. There were present Bros. G. T. Goodinge, W.M.; Dr. Lewis Evans, I.P.M.; Howard Smith, S.W.; Louis Hirsch, P.M.; Treas.; Arthur Turner, J.W.; J. Clever, D.C.; J. Edmeston, Sperring, Harrison, Gillett, Dart, Jackson, Manley, Brooks, Brenett, J. W. Goodinge, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Hutton, P.M., P.G.D.; Wm. Herbage, W.M. 2005, and P.G.R. Essex; C. E. Gunneil, 1064; W. J. Weiss, 1491; Sherrin, 1494; E. Miroy, 53; Liscombe, 1426; H. A. Smith, 96; and G. A. Harrison, 1671. The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was adopted, the balance sheet showing the steady progress of the lodge. The joining members and three initiates having been balloted for, the

W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. Wallinger Goodinge to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in the most perfect and impressive manner, and initiated Messrs. Robert Norton and C. W. Brooks into the mysteries of the Order. The W.M. having vacated the chair in favour of the father of the lodge, Bro. Hirsch, P.M., who, on presentation duly made by Bro. J. Clever, P.M., formally installed Bro. Howard Smith as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. G. T. Goodinge having been invested as I.P.M., the brethren were readmitted, and the W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the Three Degrees. The following brethren were appointed to office, the W.M. very ably reciting to each his duties, and adding a few kindly words of congratulation: Bros. J. S. Edmeston, S.W.; Arthur Turner, J.W.; Louis Hirsch, P.M.; Treas.; G. T. Goodinge, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Sperring, S.D.; J. Harrison, J.D.; T. B. Jackson, I.G.; J. Clever, P.M., D.C.; T. Gillett, Org.; G. Dart, W.S.; S. Breuell, Stud.; and Bowler, Tyler. Bro. Louis Hirsch then delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, and was heartily applauded at the conclusion.

The Worshipful Master on rising for the first time said that his first duty was a very pleasing one, viz., to present their esteemed I.P.M., Bro. T. Goodinge, with the handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a slight mark of appreciation for his services to the Clapham Lodge.

Bro. Goodinge acknowledged the compliment in most eloquent and feeling terms.

The lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet, which reflected the greatest credit on Mr. Tanner, the manager of the hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with some excellent music and singing, Bros. H. A. Smith and F. Gillett presiding at the piano.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by Bro. Hutton, P.G.D. He expressed his great pleasure at seeing the Clapham Lodge in such a prosperous and flourishing position, and so admirably conducted. He was especially pleased with the excellent working of the ceremonies, and felt sure their present W.M. would do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the lodge. He had known him from his earliest boyhood, and knew him to be a true and trusty brother.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. G. T. Goodinge, I.P.M., in felicitous terms, and most enthusiastically received.

The W.M. having thanked the brethren for their hearty reception, assured them that no effort on his part should be spared to ensure the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to him. It had always been his aim to do his duty in the best manner possible, and next to the approval of his own conscience, the approval of the brethren was the greatest reward he would aim at. He was supported by a body of officers who were devoted to their duty, and felt sure the Past Masters would render him every assistance he might require during his year of office, and he fully anticipated a prosperous and pleasant year.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," to which Bros. Norton and Brooks responded.

"The Health of the Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Herbage, who expressed his admiration of the splendid rendering of the ceremonies that evening, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality and kind reception of himself and the other visitors.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the P.M.'s and Officers," and took the opportunity of impressing upon the brethren how deeply indebted they were to Bro. Hirsch, P.M. and Treas., and Bro. G. T. Goodinge for the interest they took in everything pertaining to the welfare of this lodge.

Bros. Hirsch and Goodinge replied for the Past Masters, and Bros. Edmeston and Turner for the officers.

The Tyler's toast brought this successful and happy meeting to a close.

SELWYN LODGE (No. 1901).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich-green. The lodge was opened in due form, the officers being Bros. W. R. Burnett, W.M.; A. Powles, S.W.; R. E. Anderson, J.W.; A. J. Bellis, I.P.M. and Sec.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, S.D.; J. M. Wible, J.D.; E. Gauntlett, I.G.; W. Morgan, Org.; W. Rowan and W. Davies, W.S.'s; and several other of the brethren were also present.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, when Bro. Davis was raised to the degree of a M.M. with the well-known care and ability of the W.M. Bros. Kemshead and Prendergast were afterwards passed to the Second Degree. Mr. Cyril Bridger, who had been previously balloted for and approved, presented himself for initiation, and was duly admitted into the ancient mysteries. A ballot was then taken on behalf of Bro. L. G. Wynne, M.D., 523, as joining member, and he was unanimously elected.

The Treasurer, Bro. Eagle, having intimated to the W.M. and brethren that the frequent indulgences in the banqueting hall had rendered it necessary for them to consider the propriety of increasing their subscriptions, presented two notices of motion, to be entered on the next summonses, viz.—1. That the subscription be raised from two to three guineas per annum; and, 2, that the meetings of the lodge be reduced from eight to six nights per annum (emergencies excepted). There being no further Masonic business, after "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors the lodge was closed in due form.

The brethren, about 50 in number, then adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent repast, provided by Bro. Slawson, was in waiting, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Visitors" was particularly well received, and among the responses Bro. Brinton, W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge, in an able speech eulogised the whole of the lodge working—from the W.M. to the humblest officer—and concluded by thanking the W.M. on behalf of himself and his brother visitors for the hospitable manner in which they had been received. The usual toasts of "The Officers" and Tyler concluded the proceedings.

The toasts were enlivened with some excellent songs and recitations by the brethren, accompanied by Bros. Morgan and Wallis—harmonium and pianoforte.

Among the visitors were Bros. Brinton, W.M. Sphinx Lodge; E. Witts, Benham, and Mann, St. Luke's Lodge; Briarley, Victoria Lodge; Tilling, St. James's Lodge; Shorter, Walpole Lodge; Eadle, Ivy Lodge; R. Bridger, Jubilee Lodge; Finister, City of London Lodge; Dudley,

P.M. Perfect Ashlar Lodge; Penney, Henry Muggeridge Lodge; Philips, West Kent Lodge; McNaughten, Celtic Lodge; and Campbell, United Service Lodge.

MARYPORT.—Perseverance Lodge (No. 371).—On Tuesday evening, the 11th ult., at the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Eaglesfield-street, a highly interesting ceremony was performed. There was a large attendance of brethren, the following signing the register:—Bros. J. Dickinson, W.M., P.G.A.P.; J. H. Raven, S.W.; J. Abbott, J.W.; J. Nicholson, Treas.; E. B. Penrice, Sec.; T. Boyd, S.D.; B. Davies, J.D.; J. Messenger, P.G.T.; T. Milburn, I.P.M.; J. W. Thompson, P.M.; F. R. Sewell, P.P.G.S.W.; A. Walter, P.M.; P. de E. Collin, P.G.S.W.; J. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; W. Stoddart, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. W. Robinson, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; W. B. Gibson, P.P.G.S.W.; Rev. K. M. Pitt, P.G.A. Chap.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.P. G.D.C.; W. I. Woon, J. H. Hutchings, T. Waite, J. C. Nicholson, P. Wedgwood, T. Weatherston, W. Hadfield, J. Ward, E. G. Mitchell, J. H. Banks, J. R. Banks, W. Dobie, P. Lee, A. R. Oldham, F. Harrison, T. Moore, and J. Kendall. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. John Walker, 498; Joseph Scott, 79; J. C. Thompson, S.W. 962; J. Eden, 952; H. Peacock, I.P.M. 1002; J. Taylor, 1002; J. Atkinson, P.M. 872, P.P.G. D.C.; T. Brackenridge, 872; and John Beaumont, 100.

After the usual business had been transacted, the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. J. Dickinson, asked Bro. F. R. Sewell to perform the ceremony of unveiling the portrait of Bro. Joseph Nicholson.

Bro. Sewell expressed the great pleasure it gave him to assist in thus paying honour, which was highly deserved, to Bro. Joseph Nicholson, in recognition of his services to the cause of Masonry. His (Bro. Sewell's) father was for many years connected with Bro. Nicholson in the work of the lodge, and a great deal of the present prosperity and high position of the lodge was owing to the indefatigable labours of their honoured brother.

After the portrait had been unveiled, Bros. Gibson, Dickinson, and Nicholson addressed the lodge, the latter heartily thanking his brother Masons for the honour they had done him, and he gave an interesting sketch of the history of the lodge and his connection with it.

On the motion of Bro. P. de Collin, seconded by Bro. J. Nicholson, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sewell for having unveiled the picture.

The portrait is three-quarter length, the features being exactly life-size. Bro. Nicholson is represented in full Masonic costume, wearing the regalia of a Past Provincial Grand Senior Warden. The likeness is one of the best that could be imagined, the artist having caught the exact expression of his subject's features. All who have had an opportunity of inspecting the painting have been loud in their praises of it, the treatment throughout being regarded as splendid. The painting is about 6 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. 6 in., and when framed stands over 7 ft. high. The frame, which is of oak, is handsomely carved with Masonic emblems. The portrait hangs on the north side of the Freemasons' Hall, and is surrounded by the likenesses of other well-known members of the Craft.

WOOLWICH.—Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The above flourishing lodge commenced its winter session on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, the new Master, Bro. T. Ovenden, opening the lodge in the presence of a goodly array of members and visitors from other lodges. Among those present were Bros. J. H. Roberts, I.P.M.; J. Warren, P.M.; A. Woodley, P.M.; T. Butt, P.M. and Treas.; C. Norman, P.M. and Sec.; C. Sweeting, S.W.; J. Sanderson, J.W.; R. J. Naylor, S.D.; J. Swanson, J.D.; W. Wray, I.G.; F. Miller, D.C.; W. Rees, W.M. 19; J. Aillud, W.M. 615; G. Davis, P.M. 13; H. Mason, P.M. 913; P. Eubold, P.M. 426; G. Mitchell, J.W. 615; J. Purnell, S.D. 1536; A. P. Rowley, J.D. 1536; G. Chambers, 13; H. Ansell, 1305; T. Foss, 13; and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

Mr. H. Tufnell was, after ballot, initiated, and Bro. Porter passed, the work, considering it was the first attempt of the officers, being very well done indeed. The lodge then took into consideration a motion of Bro. Butt's—"To consider the desirability of forming a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge, and (if carried) to appoint a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and five members of the lodge, to draw up rules, and submit for consideration at the next lodge meeting." After a long discussion, the motion was carried, the details to be considered at the next meeting. Bro. Mason, P.M. 913, announced his intention of standing as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and five guineas were voted for his list. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of some light refreshment. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said the admirable manner in which the W.M. worked the ceremonies, and conducted the protracted discussion on Bro. Butt's motion, augured well for the success of the lodge during the ensuing 12 months. He also spoke highly of the Deacons' work, and asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast, but must admit that he was a little bit rusty at present. He could assure them that he should do all he could to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and would venture to say that at the next meeting he should not be far behind in the ritual.

Bro. Mason, in responding for "The Visitors," congratulated the lodge upon the ability displayed in the working. He was sorry that he had not too many opportunities of visiting them during the past year. He thanked them for their gift to his list for the old people, and thought that too much had been made of the boys and girls, to the exclusion of the old people, who had been left in the background. Bro. Terry earnestly wished that an effort would be made by the Stewards of the forthcoming Festival, especially as there were 130 candidates for the Charity. These old people had at one time been like them; they had climbed the ladder of life, and just as they reached the top misfortune overtook them, and they were dashed down from their comfort and prospects to poverty and indigence. He pleaded eloquently for the cause, and trusted the brethren would support his list by even the smallest contribution.

Bros. Davis and Ansell also responded.

Bros. Roberts, Norman, and Woodley responded for "The Past Masters," and "The Initiate" was toasted, and returned thanks.

"The Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Sanderson and Swanson, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.—Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Middleton Hotel. Present: Bros. W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as W.M.; Dr. F. Dorrell Grayson, I.P.M. 160, S.W.; G. R. Dawson, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.S.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., Sec.; J. F. Harrington, P.M. 160, P.P.G.P., S.D.; W. E. Bridgeland, S.W. 933, as J.D.; J. C. Johnstone, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; L. Warren, jun., I.G.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; T. F. Barrett, P.P.G. Reg.; G. F. Jones, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Berry, P.M.; W. M. Peacey, T. A. R. Whistler, H. Halls, A. Cayton, G. H. Baxter, W. H. Bingham, P.M. 771, P.P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; W. Tyler, A. M. Gerussi, R. W. F. [Martin], J. Swift, R. G. Dempster, and E. Wright.

Bros. R. W. F. Martin, J. Swift, R. G. Dempster, and E. Wright were raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Dr. F. Dorrell Grayson, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. F. Wood was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. A. W. Martin, Tyler. Two Auditors were appointed, and notice of motion having been given by Bro. A. Lucking, P.M., to give ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the W.M. elect, who will represent the lodge as Steward, the lodge was duly closed.

GREAT DRIFFIELD.—Sykes' Lodge (No. 1040).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th ult. The officers present were Bros. W. H. Porritt, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M.; John Baines, as S.W.; James Bordass, J.W.; H. Holgreaves, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Highmore, J.D.; J. Scott Wilson, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Elgey, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Highmore, D.C.; J. Tate Org.; J. Watson, I.G.; J. House, Stwd.; W. Potts, Tyler; also Bros. E. Bryan, P.M.; Sydney Smith, W. Westerby, Thompson Foley, Bowman, Roberts, J. H. Pulman, G. Atkin, and others.

After the minutes of the previous lodge had been read and confirmed, Bro. Pulman was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a most able and impressive manner, which made a profound impression, the W.M. giving the whole of the ritual. Bro. George Atkin was then passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., who was assisted in the ritual of this degree by his junior officers, who reflected considerable credit on the tuition received at the hands of their W.M. Some other formal business having been transacted, the W.M. delivered a short but very feeling address on the unexpected and sudden death of their late much esteemed Bro. E. Wilson, P.M., and moved a vote of condolence, which was seconded by Bro. Elgey, and supported by Bro. Bordass, J.W., who, as the oldest member of the lodge present, bore a very high testimony to the great zeal and ability which had at all times characterised him both in his Masonic and private life, having been twice elected to the Master's chair in the Craft lodge, and also occupying one of the Principal's chairs in the chapter. The lodge was afterwards closed in peace and harmony. On this occasion the brethren only partook of light refreshments, and separated at an early hour.

KESWICK.—Greta Lodge (No. 1073).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Keswick Hotel. Present: Bros. Dr. C. G. Ring, W.M.; Joseph Hall, S.W.; D. Pape, J.W.; G. P. Abraham, Sec.; D. Crowden, S.D. W. J. Atkinson, J.D.; J. Gibson, I.G.; J. King, Tyler; John Banks, P.M.; Jackson, Stamper, Robinson, Dixon, Mayson, Till, and Hodgkin. From a long list of names of members eligible for the Mastership of this lodge, Bro. G. P. Abraham received the honour of being elected Most Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the installation and banquet will take place on the first Monday of the New Year. Bros. John Robinson and George Dixon were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Masonic Hall. There were present Bros. B. H. Thorp, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., W.M.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.W.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.A.P., P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; Henry Kimm, S.D.; W. T. Jordan, acting J.D.; T. J. Walder I.G.; Jesson, Tyler; Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; Charles Martin, H. Drucqu. J. B. Foster, Major Robertson, J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed the bye-laws were read. The W.M. then presented the lodge with two handsome engravings of the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, and W. Bro. John Scott, Dep. Prov. G.M., and on the motion of Bro. Wolder, seconded by Bro. Rev. Currie, S.W., was ordered to be placed on the minutes. There being no further business the lodge was closed in due form.

LIVERPOOL.—Lodge of Israel (No. 1502).—There are few lodges in the extensive Province of West Lancashire which have displayed more vitality within recent years than the Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, whose meeting place is at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Originally consecrated ten years ago for the special accommodation and convenience of Jewish brethren, it has admirably fulfilled its purpose in this direction; but while members of the Hebrew faith predominate on its roll there are not wanting Christian brethren, who not only hold office within its pale but likewise display an amount of Masonic enthusiasm and liberality which make them a power in "Israel." Installation day in this lodge invariably means success and delight to all within the circle of attendants, and that which took place on Monday, the 17th ult., proved as enjoyable, instructive, and satisfactory as any of which any record has yet been made during the past ten years. The reputation of No. 1502 stands high, and it lost none of its lustre in connection with the celebration of the annual festival of 1884.

The business portion of the afternoon's proceedings was ably presided over by Bro. Henry A. Tobias, P.P.G.S. of W., the retiring W.M., and he was ably supported by Bros. R. Robinson, P.P.G. Reg., I.P.M.; S. Schönstadt, P.M.; Alex. Jones, P.M.; M. Aronsberg, P.M., D.C.; Sam. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; Julius Frank, P.M.; David Gabrielsen, S.W. (W.M. elect); P. S. Levy, J.W.; M.

Hart, P.P.G.D.D. of C., P.M., Treas.; H. Archer, S.D.; A. Kirkpatrick, J.D.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. Org.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The list of members included the names of Bros. Dr. Stern, Chap.; Henry Ellis, Henry Gabriel, Rev. H. M. Silver, B. Woolf, D. Rosenbaum, G. S. Gabrielsen, M. Cohen, D. Prince, I. Phillips, R. Wilcock, A. Rabow, G. Laporte, H. G. Cottrell, A. Cohen, J. Shoeps, L. Simmons, J. S. Fairley, D. Solomon, V. Hermann, I. de Frece, H. de Frece, B. Siemms, D. Meek, and Judah Lazarus. The visitors included the names of Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G. Sec.; R. Martin, P.G. Treas.; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; Dr. F. J. Bailey, P.P.G.S.D.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; D. Lavenstein, P.P.G.S.B. Warwickshire; I. Wolf, 1933; J. M. King, W.M. 823; R. Capper, 241; D. Cumming, 1609; M. L. Stern, 607, U.S.A.; D. B. Risk, 241; Lewis Davies, 216; and others.

After the transaction of some routine business, Bro. David Gabrielsen, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bro. Ralph Robinson, P.P.G.R. (father of the lodge), and Bro. Maurice Hart, P.P.G.D.D.C., and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. H. A. Tobias. The new W.M. subsequently invested his officers as follows: Bros. M. Aronsberg, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Dr. Stern, Chap.; P. S. Levy, S.W.; H. Archer, J.W.; Maurice Hart, Treas. (re-elected for the sixth time); A. Kirkpatrick, Sec.; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O. Org. (re-invested); Rev. H. M. Silver, S.D.; J. S. Fairley, J.D.; D. Rosenbaum, I.G.; M. Cohen, and R. Wilcock, Stwds; and Bro. W. H. Ball was re-elected Tyler.

A candidate was subsequently initiated, the new W.M., Bro. Gabrielsen, and his officers showing remarkable efficiency in their work.

The brethren, at the close of the business, sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Casey, the House Steward. During the evening an artistically illuminated address, the work of Bro. J. Orr Marples, 1609, was presented to Bro. Hy. A. Tobias, conveying expressions of the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren, and the sense of the value of the services rendered by him to the lodge. The after-dinner music was rendered by Bros. O. J. Rowlands, 1675; D. J. Davies, 1675; J. P. Bryan, O.; P. S. Levy, S.W.; M. Cohen, S.G.; and B. Siemms.

LIVERPOOL.—Dramatic Lodge (No. 1609).—The ordinary meeting of the members of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Bro. R. Burgess, W.M., presided, and the chief officers present were Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, I.P.M.; W. W. Sandbrook, P.M., D.C.; J. M. Boyd, S.W.; O. W. Sanderson, J.W.; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D., Treas.; Josef Cantor, Sec.; J. Orr Marples, S.D.; H. Round, J.D.; W. Parker, I.G.; E. H. Allen, S.S.; J. Fineberg, J.S.; T. L. Duncan, A.S.; J. Rawsthorne, O.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The members present included Bros. T. H. Wilde, A. Mein, Tudor Rogers, W. H. Whittle, A. Ricketts, E. Graham, L. Veaco, I. Jacobs, W. Briscall, B. Hughes, M. B. Hamann, J. Ballard, D. Cumming, J. J. Monk, Eaton Batty, and W. J. Hemsley. The visitors were Bros. Edward Terry, P.M. 1319, J.W. 29; Charles H. Stephenson, 1319; T. Salter, P.P.G.J.D.; J. B. Curtis, 139; J. W. Ficks, 1713; Herbert Brook, 35; W. C. Erwin, P.G. Asst. Sec.; C. A. Defieux, 673; G. Brighouse, 1505; R. Rawlinson, 673; G. H. Schrader, 241; W. Jones, J.D. 1264; H. S. Brickwell, H. E. Heywood, W.M. 1908; and J. Elmore, 47.

After the transaction of some routine business, Bro. Brickwell, hailing from a sister lodge, was raised to the degree of a M.M., in a most effective manner by the W.M., ably assisted by his principal and subordinate officers.

At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to dinner, admirably served by Bro. W. S. Vines, of the Canton Hotel. A varied programme of songs and recitations was afterwards given by Bros. Edward Terry, W. J. Hemsley, C. H. Stephenson, Eaton Batty, Louis Veaco, T. Salter, and Josef Cantor; the last named brother ably presiding at the pianoforte.

TEDDINGTON.—Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Clarence Hotel on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. Stevens, W.M.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., S.W.; Collier, J.W.; R. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., P.M. Sec.; Warner, S.D.; Hickenbotham, J.D.; Porter, Org.; Finch, I.G.; Hill, D.C.; Owen, W.S.; T. Goodchild, I.P.M.; J. Piller, P.M.; J. Hurst, P.P.G.P. Middx., P.M.; and others. Bros. Bonell and Rice, of 1656, were visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Rose was passed to the Second Degree. The bye-laws were then read. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. T. C. Walls; Bro. Handel was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. Previously to the lodge being closed, Bro. Stevens, the W.M., was unanimously voted a jewel in recognition of his valuable services as founder and W.M. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The customary toasts followed.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-hill. Present: Bros. Guterboch, W.M.; Holcombe, S.W.; Stephens, J.W.; Baker, Treas. and Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Williams, S.D.; Mellier, J.D.; Hubert, I.G.; Powell, P.M.; Hunt, Green, Curtis, Hutchings, New, Riddle, Wall, and Scattergood.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. The First Section was worked, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Hunt being candidate. Bro. Hutchings having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, the Fourth and Fifth Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hutchings was elected a joining member, and the S.W., Bro. Holcombe, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony, and adjourned.

BURDETT COUTTS LODGE (No. 1278).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, when there were present Bros. Smith, W.M.; Saint, S.W.; R. Pringle,

J.W.; Percy, Treas.; Harley, Sec.; Gildersleve, S.D.; Pryce-Jones, I.G.; and A. W. Fenner, Preceptor.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Percy answered questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Percy as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the Second and Third Sections of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Proposed by Bro. Fenner, seconded by Bro. R. Pringle, that Bro. Saint be W.M. for next meeting, and carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was held on Thursday, 27th ult., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Present: Bros. Saint, W.M.; R. Pringle, S.W.; Valentine, J.W.; Harley, Sec.; Pryce-Jones, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Rutter, I.G.; Wakeham, Perkins, Moss, and Giesecke. Visitors: Bros. Thompson, Hagland, and Rose.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rose as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the First Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The business of the Association in connection with the Masonic Charities was disposed of. Bro. Smith worked the Second Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rose answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Proposed by the Secretary, seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously, that the visitors be elected members. Proposed by Bro. Smith, seconded by Bro. Valentine, and carried unanimously, that Bro. R. Pringle, S.W., be elected W.M. for next meeting. Nothing further being offered, the lodge was closed.

WANDERERS' LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Adam and Eve, Palmer-street, Westminster, when there were present Bros. J. Gibson, W.M.; Fraser, S.W.; Folson, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; G. Musson, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Wyon, J.D.; Bowen, I.G.; C. Tayler, P.M. 1624; G. Boulton, P.M. 1604; Brindley, Forscutt, Coughlan, Dexter, Weeks, Power, Morgan, Saunders, Wynn, Wake, and Evans.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Dexter being a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and then duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and, after answering the questions leading to the Third Degree, retired. The Preceptor worked the First Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Evans, 172, and Wake, 2030, having been elected joining members, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and there being no further business, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

IPSWICH.—Royal Sussex Chapter (No. 376).—The annual convocation of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there was a good attendance of companions, amongst them being Comps. S. R. Anness, P.G.S.N., M.E.Z.; H. J. Wright, H.; B. P. Grinnsey, J.; W. P. Mills, P.Z., P.G.H., Treas.; N. Tracy, P.Z., P.G.S.E., S.E.; J. C. Norman, S.N.; W. Pearson, P.S.; J. B. Fraser, P.Z.; J. H. Staddon, P.Z.; J. M. Harvey, P.Z.; A. J. Grimwade, P.Z.; J. M. Franks, R. K. Casley, W. H. Spicer, J. Flintham, A. E. Smith, J. C. Turner, J. 51; G. Abbott, H. 225; A. A. Bennett, M.E.Z. 959; and E. J. Brown, H. 959.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. The installation of the Principals and officers for the ensuing year then took place, and Comp. H. J. Wright was duly installed M.E.Z., after which Comp. B. B. Grinnsey was installed into the chair of H., and Comp. W. Pearson into the chair of J. The other officers invested were Comps. W. P. Miels, P.Z., Treas.; N. Tracy, P.Z., S.E.; J. M. Franks, S.N.; J. C. Norman, P.S., who appointed Comps. R. K. Casley and G. A. Hardacre his Assistants. The installing Principals were Comps. Tracy, P.Z., and Fraser, P.Z., who well deserved the compliments of the companions for the efficient manner in which they performed the ceremonies.

After the business of the chapter was over, which included voting the sum of £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Female Fund, the companions adjourned to banquet, after which the usual and customary toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mark Masonry.

HAMMERSMITH LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Bros. S. R. Lawson, W.M.; Goodall, P.P.G.D.C. Middx. and Surrey, P.M., acting S.W.; Harris, J.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W. Middx. and Surrey, Sec.; Skinner, M.O.; Rickwood, S.O.; Frye, J.D.; J. Frye, I.G.; John Mason, P.P.G.O. Middx. and Surrey, P.M.; Cama, P.M., &c. (hon. member); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, it was resolved "That permission be obtained from the Prov. Grand Master to change the name of the lodge to the Earl of Carnarvon." Bros. Dr. Pocock, M.D. of 1642, and Mattin, of 65, who had been duly balloted for, were advanced to the Degree of a M.M.M. by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the year ensuing resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Harris. Bro. John Mason was elected Treasurer. The election of Tyler, in consequence of the resignation of Bro. Potter, was postponed. The bye-laws having been read, and the Audit Committee appointed, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing Master, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts followed.

WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 140).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 27th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Ains, W.M.; Mursell, S.W.; Haxthausen, P.M., Sec.; J.W. (pro tem.); Faulkner, P.M., P.G.W. England, Treas.;

Roberton, M.O.; Rutland, S.O.; Sullivan, J.O.; Lee, S.D.; Halliday, J.D.; Leftwich, I.G.; Young, Tyler; W. Poland, and Manners. Visitors: Bros. Dashwood, Carter, and Willis, of the William Hickman Lodge.

The W.M. opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Faulkner then assumed the Master's chair, and most efficiently advanced Bros. T. M. Taylor and E. Poland, 35. Bro. Ains then presented Bro. Mursell for installation, which was performed by Bro. Faulkner in a most beautiful manner, and the W.M., Bro. G. A. Mursell, P.P.G.I.G. and D.C., P.G.S.D., was pleased to invest the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Ains, I.P.M.; Roberton, S.W.; Rutland, J.W.; Faulkner, Treas. and Sec.; W. Poland, Reg. of Marks; Sullivan, M.O.; Manners, S.O.; A. E. Lee, J.O.; Halliday, S.D.; Leftwich, J.D. and Stwd.; T. Taylor, I.G.; and E. Young, Tyler. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room and partook of an excellent supper, provided by the Stewards, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts and harmony brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

Knights Templar.

The Very Eminent Provincial Prior of Cheshire, the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, M.A., held a Provincial Priory at the Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Macclesfield, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the banner of the St. Salem Preceptory, the following sir knights being present: The Eminent Sub-Prior Henry Bulley, Past Grand Expert of England; Sir Knights F. K. Stevenson, P.G. Treas.; H. Claud Side, P.G. Reg.; Thos. Pattinson, Arthur C. Meir, T. A. Daniel, Geo. Bland, W. Astle, Otho N. Shaw, and others.

The St. Salem Preceptory, No. 15, having been opened in due form, the sir knights received the Eminent Prior under an arch of steel. Letters of apology for non-attendance from several sir knights were read, also one from Sir Knight E. G. Simpson, who at the same time tendered his resignation as Provincial Chancellor, which was accepted with regret. Sir Knt. Stevenson, the Prov. G. Treasurer, then read a statement of his accounts, which was duly passed, and on the proposition of the Em. P.G. Prior, seconded by Sir Knight Brown, he was duly re-elected as Prov. G. Treasurer. The Em. P.G. Prior then addressed a few words to the sir knights present, and said that he was sorry he had not seen his way to call a meeting of the Provincial Priory last year, but as he heard that the members of the St. Salem Preceptory were anxious to receive him this year, it gave him great pleasure to comply with their wish, and again to visit the town of Macclesfield. He regretted to say that the Degree in his province was not in so flourishing a condition as he should wish it to be, but he supposed the recent great depression of trade was to a great extent the cause; he hoped, however, trade would soon improve, and that then the preceptories would be more prosperous, and that the attendance at Prov. Priory would be more numerous than at present. The Em. Prov. G. Prior then proceeded to appoint his Provincial Grand Officers as follows: Sir Knights Hy. Bulley, Em. Sub-Prior; W. Astle, Prelate; F. K. Stevenson, Chancellor; A. E. Colkayne, Constable; W. S. Sutton, Marshal; W. A. Vaughan, Registrar; Otho N. Shaw, Almoner; E. G. Parker, Warden of Regalia; T. A. Daniel, Sub-Marshal; George Bland, Vice-Chancellor; Capt. Meir, Capt. of the Guard; W. J. Bates, Sword Bearer; Thos. Pattinson, Standard Bearer; and T. H. Kirk, Organist. The Em. Prior said he would call the next meeting of the Provincial Priory, all being well, about the end of May or beginning of June next, that being considered a more convenient time of the year. Alms having been collected, the Provincial Grand Priory was closed in due form.

The sir knights then adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the proprietor of the hotel, after which the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

THE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

BRO. MAJOR J. WOODALL WOODALL, J.P.

Bro. Major Woodall, proposed as a candidate for election to the Grand Treasurership, has been a most active and energetic Craftsman for not far short of thirty years, having been initiated as far back as 1856 in the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough. He was elected to the chair of W. Master in 1860, and the year following was honoured by the late Earl of Zetland, in his capacity of Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, with the appointment of G. J. Warden of that province. He was a founder, in 1868, of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, and has continued a subscribing member ever since, and in 1872 joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, in 1862, and in 1866, 1867, and 1868 passed successively through the chairs of the Three Principals, while at the present time he is Prov. G. Treasurer of the P.G. Chap. North and East Yorkshire. He was advanced in the Minerva Mark Lodge, No. 12, Hull, in 1866, and the same year was appointed to the Senior Warden's chair in the Star-in-the-East Mark Lodge, No. 95, Scarborough, and in 1867 was elected to that of its W. Master. He was appointed G.M.O. of the Mark Grand Lodge in 1869, and crowned his achievements in this Degree in 1881, when he was chosen as P.G.M.M.M. of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. Woodall has also won distinction in other branches of Freemasonry, being an Intendant General of Division unattached in the Degree of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, and a 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. We may state that Bro. Woodall is a Vice-President of all our Institutions, and has served as Festival Steward four times for the Boys' School and twice in each case for the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution.

BRO. JAMES WILLING, JUNIOR.

Bro. James Willing, who has been nominated one of the candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer, was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, on the 11th March, 1870, was appointed Secretary in 1874, and elected as W.M. in 1877. In the interim—in 1874—he became founder and first W. Master of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507, and four years later, founder and past W. Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744; of both these lodges he is at the present time Treasurer. In 1883

he assisted to found the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, and was designated in the warrant of constitution its first W.M.; and this year, at the conclusion of the usual term of service, his brethren were so highly impressed with the manner in which he had discharged his duties that they unanimously re-elected him to the chair. He is likewise a joining member of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319. In R.A. Masonry Bro. and Comp. Willing has played a similarly active part. He was exalted in the Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, in 1872, was a founder and subsequently Z. of the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, Southend, and founder and First Z. of the Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507. On retiring from the chair of First Principal, he was elected to the office of Treasurer, and only resigned that responsible post during the present year in order to resume, for the second time, by the choice of his companions, the chair of First Principal. Quite recently Bro. Willing was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Old Kent, Time Immemorial, Lodge, and no doubt he will in due course make his mark in his branch of Freemasonry, as he has already made it in the Craft and Royal Arch. He is likewise a member of the Board of General Purposes, and since 1877 has been on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. As regards our Charities, Bro. Willing has constituted himself a Life Governor of each of them, and has five times served the office of Festival Steward, namely, for the Benevolent Institution in 1876 and 1883, for the Girls' School in 1879, and for the Boys' School in 1877 and 1882. In the outer world Bro. Willing has secured the esteem and respect of all with whom he is brought in contact, nor is it so very long since we reported in these columns a very pleasant gathering, the most prominent figure at which was our esteemed brother, to whom, in recognition of their high sense of his personal worth, his friends presented a very handsome testimonial, consisting of a silver epergne and fruit stands to the value of 300 guineas.

BRO. D. P. CAMA.

A third candidate for the Grand Treasurership was proposed in the person of Bro. Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, G.S.B. Middx., whose connection with Freemasonry dates from the year 1869, when he was initiated in the Courage with Humanity Lodge, No. 392, Calcutta. In 1871 he joined the Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159, and at the present time is its senior Past Master and subscribing member. He joined the Harmony Lodge, No. 255, Richmond, Surrey, in 1874, and in the course of the present year the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, besides being an honorary member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. In the Royal Arch he is a founder and senior P.Z. of the Sir Francis Burdett Chapter, No. 1503, and Z. of the Iris Chapter, No. 255; and in the Mark a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 12, and honorary member of the Hammersmith Mark Lodge. In addition, he has had conferred upon him Provincial honours in all these three Degrees, being a P.G.S.B. of Surrey and Middlesex, and G.M.O. in Mark P.G. Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, and is besides a Grand Officer in the Cryptic Degrees of Freemasonry. Bro. Cama has further shown his zeal for the Craft by constituting himself a Patron of all three Institutions, having likewise served the office of Festival Steward on more than one occasion for each of them. But apart from his connection with Freemasonry, it will be found that the name and family of Cama is well known. Our brother is known as a member of several scientific and other societies, as well as by numerous acts of public and private benevolence, while his father, who is also a member of the Craft, presented to our London charities sums amounting in the aggregate to £12,000 in 1863, and since then has founded, at a cost of nearly £20,000, the Bombay Hospital for Women, the foundation-stone of which was laid by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.S.W., on the second day of his arrival in Bombay, the ceremony, however, owing to the shortness of the notice afforded to His Royal Highness, not being accompanied by any Masonic ceremonial. But we need not concern ourselves so much with what Bro. Cama's father has done as Bro. Cama's personal claims on our consideration, and we think it will be generally conceded that these constitute a most honourable record.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The regular Committee Meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday last. The chair was taken by Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., Patron, and among those present were Bros. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; A. H. Tattershall, J. L. Mather, A. E. Gladwell, C. F. Matier, &c., and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary. Before the commencement of the usual business, the Chairman rose for the purpose of expressing the deep regret which he, and he was satisfied every brother then present must feel, at the absence of Bro. Col. Creaton, whose figure in that chair was so familiar. Bro. Creaton's time, energies, and purse had for many years past been most valuably applied in the interest of their Institutions, and he hoped it might please the G.A.O.T.U. to grant their respected brother a safe recovery from the serious illness which had stricken him down, so that in due time they might once again see him in their midst. As our readers well know, this hope has unfortunately not been realised, but the memory of Bro. Creaton will long remain in the minds of his fellow-workers in behalf of this and the other Masonic Institutions. As regards the business, we may state that, on the report of the House Committee, it was resolved that with a view to meet the small occasional repairs required at the Institution, a workshop should be set up and the necessary appliances purchased at an expense of about £50, and the services of a workman engaged at 35s. per week, it being considered that by the adoption of this course an outlay of something like £100 per annum would be saved to the Institution. Miss Barron, one of the assistant governesses, having tendered her resignation from Christmas, notice of motion was given with a view to provide the necessary increase of salary to those receiving promotion in consequence, and also to vote a sum of £25 to Miss Barron in recognition of the valuable services she has rendered, as recommended by the House Committee. Five petitions were approved, as well as those of the two W. Lancashire girls referred to in our last report, and which had since been found in order, and one was deferred. Nothing else of consequence was brought before the Committee, and the usual vote of thanks to Bro. Grey for his services in the chair brought the proceedings to a close.

Obituary.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. CREATON, P.G. TREASURER.

Time, the Destroyer, has this year been playing sad havoc in the ranks of our most distinguished members. Not only has it claimed as its victims brethren who have reached or surpassed the ordinary span of life, but it has likewise taken from our midst the young and the mature, the continuance of whose active and able service had somewhat reconciled us to the demise of our more aged brethren. The most recent, and one of the severest of our losses during a year which is now itself on the eve of passing away, is that of Lieut.-Col. Creaton, who, though he had been ill for some time past, died rather unexpectedly on Thursday last, the 27th ult., in the 69th year of his age. We feel we are not exaggerating when we say that, though the loss of no man can be regarded as quite irreparable, that of Col. Creaton is one which it will take a very very long time to repair. Our deceased brother was very fortunately circumstanced. Not only had he both the will and the ability to render help, where help was needed in the multitudinous concerns of Freemasonry; but he had likewise the requisite leisure time to devote to its service. Not only was he a most efficient member of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and of the lodges and chapters to which he was affiliated, but, probably more than any other Freemason it had been our privilege to know of late years, he was a most earnest and diligent participator in the business arrangements of our Institutions. His services to Freemasonry proper had been handsomely recognised both by a former Grand Master, when he appointed him to the office of a Grand Deacon, and by the Craft generally, when in 1879 and for the three following years it elected him its Grand Treasurer. But in respect of his services to our Charities no such recognition was possible, because it would have been well nigh impossible to find anything at all approximating to a just recognition of the good he had done for them during the last quarter of a century at all events, if not indeed from the very outset of his Masonic career. Lately his name has not figured among those of the brethren present at the various Committee and other meetings of our three Charities, but latterly his health had suffered, and his presence, therefore, on the important occasions had been an impossibility. Until this happened, however, it would be difficult to find the record of such a meeting at which he had been present and in the proceedings of which he did not take an active and even the foremost part. In fine, not only was he a most generous contributor to the funds of all our Institutions, but he gave also to the affairs of each the benefit of his personal supervision and direction. This, then, is the brother, whose somewhat unexpected death we are now lamenting, and if, as we have already suggested, his loss is not entirely irreparable, we are satisfied our readers will fully endorse the statement that in Col. Creaton our English Freemasonry has lost a brother, whose place it will be extremely difficult to supply. As to the mere details of his Masonic career, they may be very briefly described. Col. Creaton was initiated into Freemasonry in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 173, in 1852. Subsequently he became a joining member of Antiquity, No. 2, had twice filled the office of W. Master, and for many years past had been its Treasurer; indeed, it was only last week our columns contained the announcement of his re-election to that important position. He was exalted in the St. James's Chapter, No. 2, had occupied successively the three Principals' Chairs, and as in old Antiquity, was at the time of his death, and had been for many years, its Treasurer. In 1862 he was appointed a G.J. Deacon of Grand Lodge, and was also a P.G. Swd. Br. of Supreme Grand Chapter. In 1879-80-81-82 he was unanimously elected Grand Treas., and it was from no diminution in the personal respect in which he was universally held, but from deference to a principle of which he happened not to be the chosen representative, that he was not again returned to the same office. His position in regard to our Charities was even more conspicuous. He was a Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; a Vice-Patron of Boys' School, and Vice-Patron and Treasurer of the Girls' School, and Trustee of all three Institutions. He had served very many Festival Stewardships, and had once had the good fortune to preside as Chairman of Girls' School Anniversary. But though probably the majority of the brethren will judge of him rather by the places of honour and trust, which he had been chosen to fill; those who knew him best and most intimately were consequently in a better position to form a true estimate of his work, know also that it was the constant unremitting service which he rendered indiscriminately to all our Charities, and of which the outer world could know little or nothing that will make his memory to flourish for many and many a year in our midst. May time be far distant when the honoured name of Creaton shall no longer be "familiar as a household word" in the homes of our English Craft.

BRO. H. C. LEVANDER, P.G.D.

Another and similarly severe loss is that of our distinguished Brother H. C. Levander, M.A., the news of whose death reached us late on Thursday afternoon, when it came upon us most unexpectedly. Brother Levander's sphere of labour was different, perhaps, from that which occupied Bro. Col. Creaton, yet there would seem to have been this quality in common between them, namely, that neither of them was quite contented unless he had on his hands Masonic work of some kind or other. To do full justice to Bro. Levander's career, it is necessary that we should have some little time at our disposal. We must, therefore, hold over a more detailed sketch till next week, and in the meantime we may state that he was initiated in the Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, on 8th November, 1854, and exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Economy Chapter on 28th October, 1856. He was a member of several other Lodges and Chapters, Prov. G. Secretary and Prov. G. Scribe E. of Middlesex, and a P.G.D. and P.G. Swd. B. (Supreme Grand Chapter) England. Nor were our deceased brother's labours confined to constitutional Masonry. On referring to the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary," &c., for 1885, we find that he was Grand Registrar in the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. England and Wales; a member of the Grand Master's Royal Ark Council; a 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Grand Treasurer and P.G. Viceroy of the G. Imperial Council of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine; Treasurer-General of K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist Patriarchal Council; and Senior Substitute Magus in the High Council

of the Rosicrucian Society in England. He was also a supporter of our Institutions, and had taken an active part in their government as well as in the general concerns of the Craft. The details, however, we reserve. The principal features are such as we have delineated, and will suffice to show how distinguished a member has been thus abruptly snatched from us while yet in the full maturity of his age and intellectual powers. We sympathise deeply with the circle of relatives and friends, by whom his loss will be most severely felt. The interment will take place at West Hampstead Cemetery on Saturday the 6th at 2 p.m.

BRO. JOHN SOUTHWOOD, P.M., P.Z.

The news that Bro. Southwood is no more will doubtless be a surprise to that section of our readers in which he was so conspicuous a figure. Bro. Southwood fell from his horse when out riding on Sunday, and on assistance arriving, it was found that death—no doubt caused by heart disease—had already supervened. The deceased was initiated into Masonry in Hiram Lodge, No. 120, Dublin. He joined the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, on 11th March, 1874, and was exalted in the John Hervey Chapter, 10th March, 1875. He was a Past Master of the former, and a P.Z. of the latter, and had done good service on behalf of the Charities, having served as Steward at two Festivals of the Girls' School, one of the Boys' School, and two of the Benevolent Institution, and having qualified as Life Governor of the three.

THE LATE BRO. J. R. GOEPEL.

It is our melancholy duty to-day to announce the not entirely unexpected death of Bro. John Robert Goepel, well-known in Liverpool several years ago in connection with his profession as a surgeon-dentist, and still more widely known throughout that city and the Province of West Lancashire as a Freemason of much spirit, true charity, and untiring energy. The circumstances of Bro. Goepel's last and long-continued illness have a touch of melancholy about them, which it is hardly necessary now to give in detail. Suddenly stricken down by paralysis of the brain, the deceased was carefully watched and nursed at home; but after a time it was found necessary and deemed most advisable to remove him to the County Asylum, Rainhill, near Liverpool, where, after about two years' careful and tender treatment, he expired early on Wednesday morning, the 19th ult. Thanks to the kindness and consideration of the members of the Everton Lodge, 823 (with whom he was most closely identified), the closing days of our much-afflicted brother were brightened as far as they could be by the benignant light of unostentatious Masonic benevolence, and the last tribute of respect which the lodge paid to his memory was as creditable to the brethren concerned as it was well deserved by our deceased brother. For many years Bro. Goepel took an exceedingly active share in local and general Masonic work. He long held the office of Treasurer to the Liverpool Masonic Hall Committee, and he was most indefatigable in the important labours connected with the erection of the Hall as it now stands in Hope-street. Almost night and day were devoted to this congenial work, and those who best know his anxious thought in connection with the erection of the new building can best estimate his worth and esteem his memory. The deceased was P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies of the Province of West Lancashire; P.M. of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, member of several others; P.Z. of a local chapter; P.S. of the first clasp of the Red Cross of Constantine in Liverpool; a prominent member and P.M.M. of Mark Masons in Lancashire; and his general generous support of all the Masonic Charities (local and national) was for a long period a conspicuous feature of his life. Bro. Goepel leaves work accomplished which is not likely to be soon forgotten. Most unostentatiously the mortal remains of our deceased brother were interred last Saturday afternoon in the family vault, Smithdown-road Cemetery, in the presence of sorrowing and sympathising private and Masonic friends. Gathered in the chapel and at the graveside were Mr. T. G. Goepel, of Manningsham, Bradford (brother of the deceased); Messrs. R. Berryman, R. Ball, and H. Blunt (cousins); J. Flint, and W. H. Waite. The representatives of local lodges were Bros. Councillor W. J. Lunt, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Martin, P.G. Treas.; Dr. A. Samuels, P.G.J.D.; J. Jackson, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Clark, P.P.G.S.B.; Richard Brown, P.P.G. Treas.; Henry Firth, P.P.G.J.D.; John Beesley, P.G.S., P.M. 823; J. M. King, W.M. 823; J. C. Maguire, P.M. 1547; W. Ladyman, P.M. 1547; Joseph Wood, 1094; J. B. McKenzie, P.P.G.S.D.; John Wright, P.M. 241; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; W. S. Newman, 241; S. Fraser, S.D. 1264; F. A. Rainbow, J.D. 1393; Henry Ashmore, P.M. 823; W. Woods, P.M. 1620; J. W. Burgess, P.P.G.P.; W. T. May, P.M. 673; Richard Rankin, 667; C. D. Raymond, 823; Peter Ball, P.G. Tyler; and others. The funeral service was of the simplest form, and at the close the brethren placed sprigs of acacia on the coffin of one who, while in life, had done Masonic service which has proved eminently beneficial to the Order.

BROS. BELLERBY, BANSOR, &c.

We regret to state that several other brethren have died recently, brief particulars of whose careers we are compelled to omit this week in consequence of the heavy and unexpected demands which have been made upon the limited space at our disposal.

Among those present on Tuesday last at the marriage in the parish church of Ruabon, North Wales, of the Countess Helen von Bismarck, cousin of the German Imperial Chancellor, Prince von Bismarck, with Mr. W. J. Cripps, son of the late Mr. W. Cripps, M.P. for Cirencester, were, in addition to Count von Bismarck, Count Frank von Bismarck, and the Countess Marie von Bismarck, respectively father, brother, and sister of the bride, R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop, and Lady Wynn, uncle and aunt of the bride, Bro. Stanley Leighton, M.P., and Mrs. Leighton, Bro. Tyssen-Amherst, M.P., and Mrs. Tyssen-Amherst, Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. and Miss Brownrigg, &c. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Edwards and the Rev. E. S. Cheshire, the wedding breakfast being afterwards given at Wynnstay Hall by Bro. Sir W. W. Wynn.



Bro. the Earl of Clonmell left town on Monday evening for Bishop's Court, Naas, Ireland.

Bro. the Bishop of Peterborough had the honour of dining with Her Majesty at Windsor Castle on Sunday evening.

Bro. A. F. Godson will on Monday next be installed as Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire by the Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., presided on Friday, the 28th ult., at the forty-ninth meeting of the Royal Commission on the Housing of the Working Classes.

Monday, the 1st inst., being the 40th anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, the occasion was celebrated with the usual festivities at Sandringham and Windsor.

Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., M.P., presided on Tuesday last at the distribution of prizes to the students of the Science and Art Classes held at the Lecture Hall, Broadway, Hammersmith.

Bro. J. L. Toole, after a most successful week's performances at Brighton, took his benefit on Friday evening, the 28th ult., and was received with every demonstration of applause by a crowded house.

Portraits of Bro. Henry Irving as Hamlet, and Miss Ellen Terry as Ophelia, have recently been added to Madame Tussaud's collection in the new and spacious galleries in the Marylebone-road.

Bro. Alderman De Keyser presided on Tuesday last at a wardmote of the inhabitants of Farringdon-without, Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., G. Treas., Malthouse, Hicks, and Bertram being among those present.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, though he is pronounced to be free from illness, is still in a state of extreme weakness, and consequently unable to give attention to his correspondence or any other kind of important business.

Bro. Col. Sir Robert Loyd-Lindsay, K.C.B., has consented to distribute the prizes recently won at the meeting of the E. (Newbury) Company of the Berks Rifle Volunteers. The distribution will take place at the Newbury Town Hall.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., Lady Brassey, wife of Bro. Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., allowed the Hastings fishermen with their wives and families to visit her exhibition of curiosities, recently opened at the School of Art Institute in that town.

Bro. M. C. A. Giannacopulo, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Liverpool, who was well-known in local Masonic circles, has left for Calcutta. As an amateur vocalist he was always ready to aid in the cause of Charity, and was one of the most welcome contributors to the harmony of the above lodge.

Bro. Sir J. Devereux, P. Prov. G. Warden Berks and Bucks, as one of the subscribers to the memorial in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, to the late Hon. and Rev. Gerald Wellesley, Dean of Windsor, was among those present at the ceremony on Monday last, when the memorial was unveiled by Her Majesty.

Among the members present at the usual fortnightly meeting at the Guildhall on Tuesday last of the City Commissioners of Sewers were Bros. Alderman Staples, Deputy Saunders, A. J. Altman, G. C. Boor, A. Brookman, J. E. Walford, R. E. Pixley, H. Hicks, G. Shaw, and W. Malthouse.

Bro. Sir J. McGarel-Hogg, Bart., M.P., presided at the regular meeting, on Friday last, of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The report of the Fire Brigade Committee, in which it was recommended that the Fire Brigade should in future take no part in the Lord Mayor's procession, was rejected by a large majority.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J. Warden, presided on Monday last at the final meeting of the Mansion House Committee for the relief of the crew of the Nisero, and the widows and orphans of its members who had died. The fund amounted to £1237, and it was arranged that the balance in hand of £487 should be distributed. A vote of thanks to Bro. Alderman Fowler for having started the fund was passed unanimously.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has accepted the invitation of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, to deliver his lecture "Knobs and Excrescences," explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree, in the Collegiate School, Worple-road (opposite the Wimbledon Station), Wimbledon, on Thursday, the 15th January next. The attendance of brethren from surrounding lodges will be welcomed.

Among those present at the Lady Mayoress's reception last week were Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead, Bro. Sir W. A. Ogg, Lady Ogg, and Miss Ogg, Bro. Sir W. Wheelhouse, Bart., Q.C., M.P., Lady Monckton and Miss Monckton, &c. Her ladyship will not hold another reception until she gets into residence at the Mansion House, which will probably be a little before Christmas.

The Gallery Chapter, No. 1928, which has been formed in connection with the Gallery Lodge, was consecrated on Saturday, the 29th ult., at Brixton Hall. Comp. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., performed the ceremony, assisted by Comps. N. G. Phillips, W. Drysdale, and Frank Richardson. Comps. J. Henwood Thomas, H. Massey, and Thomas Minstrell were installed as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd principals respectively. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

Our contemporary, the *City Press*, made a slight mistake on Saturday last in its Masonic news. In speaking of Mark Masonry it observed that "it has already a Grand Stewards' Lodge, the same as the Craft, and is now going to have a Grand Masters' Lodge, in further imitation of that body." The case is, or was, just the reverse. The Mark Grand Masters' Lodge was consecrated some two years since; the Grand Stewards' Lodge only on Tuesday.

Bro. C. F. Matier, Past Grand Warden (Mark), will consecrate the Byron Lodge of Mark Mariners, at Nottingham, on Thursday next. The Lodge is to be attached to the Newstead Mark (Time Immemorial) Lodge. There are upwards of twenty candidates for elevation to the Degree.

Bro. Alderman Staples was, on Monday last, re-elected as W.M. of St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.J. Warden, entertained some fifty members of the business staff of the firm of which he is a member at a dinner at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday, the 27th ult.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., presided on Friday, the 28th ult., at the 30th annual meeting and election of candidates for admission to the benefits of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney-Heath. The report submitted for the past year was of a very satisfactory character. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Allcroft for his kindness in presiding.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending December 6th:—Monday—Scottish Corporation, Robert Burns Lodge, Lodge of Unions, Regularity Chapter, Lodge of Joppa, and Caxton Lodge. Tuesday—Grand Lodge Mark Masters, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord Lodge, and Albion Lodge. Wednesday—Grand Officers' Mess. Thursday—Westminster and Keystone Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, and Lodge La Tolerance. Friday—City Swiss Club, Royal Kensington Club, British Chapter, and Thistle Lodge.

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Oct. 24, 1882.

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(Signed) CAREY B. BERRY, Baptist Missionary.