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CHRISTMAS, which again draws nigh, and will have passed away before we meet our readers in our next issue, suggests many memories and associations to us all alike, be we who or whom we may. It is said to be one great characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race that, in whatever corner of the earth their lot is cast, they somehow contrive to keep their Christmas holiday. Our soldiers and sailors, thousands of miles away, the gallant little force under Bro. Sir Charles Warren in Bechuanaland, maintaining the rights of the natives, restoring peace and order, and suppressing insurgent and freebooting Boers, will manage to have their Christmas Festivals. Tommy ATKINS and the blue jackets in the deadly Soudan, under Bro. Lord Wolse-LEY, will, we feel certain, contrive a Christmas pudding, and not forget old friends and true friends, wives and sweethearts, at home. In India, in Ceylon, at Gibraltar, and Aden, in cantonments abroad, or in barracks at home, Christmas will be duly kept by our gallant Army and Navy, and Englishmen and Englishwomen of every grade. And so everywhere, where ever are English Colonists under the Southern Cross or in the the Canadian Dominions, Christmas will not be forgotten. And it is very remarkable this unusual and hilarious regard for Christmas, we fear only in its material side; and yet let us not be too austere and ascetic, too prone to moralize or find fault. It is said we are living just now under a "regime" of "gab;" and high-spiced morality, and sanctimonious "gush," which cost so little and mean less, seem to be much in favour. Such effervescence of sentiment must be considered as the outpour of abstract morality, though we fear accompanied with too little of concrete reality, too largely dominated by the hypocrite's pretence. The world, no doubt, has taken possession of Christmas, and has "made much" of it; indeed, seems to be making "more" of it as year follows upon year. We cannot have always all we want in the world, neither is Society nor are men governed, as a rule, by such principles-

'Tis true, 'tis pity; 'tis pity 'tis, 'tis true,
and therefore, if we are wise, as Longfellow said of yore, we shall

. Take each fair mask for what it seems to be,
And look not thou beneath it.

Christmas is now, irrespectively of its high religious purpose and its solemn moral tone, associated in our minds with happy family gatherings past and present. As we write to-day the vision grows somewhat dim as we remember old Christmases never to return, old friends and dear friends whom we never more can greet here, past associations, faded moments of hope and happiness gleams of touching sympathy and tender aspiration far too soft, too real to last. Few of us there are who have reached far in this journey of life who cannot and must not cast longing looks on the "years" that are gone, as they are reminded by the approach of another Christmas, and of some who shared and made their veriest happiness and delight in the never forgotten past, of some who even last Christmas were still happily to the fore. And then if we turn the picture, what a pleasantness and happiness does the Christmas of to-day impart to countless hundreds up and down our happy land. It is an hour of meeting and enjoyment after long months of work, care, and separation. Old and young are again gathered in the free and unbought gladness of affectionate domesticity. No other thoughts should supervene as we listen to the merry prattle of the 'small try,'' or enter into the genial heartsease of our growing boys and our smiling fairies. "Happy is the man that has his quiver full of them," for they give joy and brightness to many a home high and humble, and soften the heart of the misanthrope, and warm up the sympathies of the worldly with all the engaging graces, hopes, and promises of youth. And so we again, Publisher and Editor, beg to wish "A Happy and Merry Christmas" to all our good friends and patrons, for themselves and their family circles. May Christmas be to them a season of heartfelt rejoicing, mirth, and peace, may old and young be enabled in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. to keep in fullest measure their Christmas holiday,

WITH this, the last number 'for 1884, a few words seem called for. Before we again greet our readers a new year will have confronted us all on the way, and it is impossible but that with this developement of a new division of time, of the passing away of another sensible portion of our own little lives, some thoughts and associations will supervene, will press upon us, will be heard. For it is impossible to forget that with the last twelve months many honoured names and worthy brethren have left us; some prematurely in their Masonic career, who this time last year were with us to cheer us with their presence, to guide us by their counsels, and uphold us in their strength, "familiar on our lips as household words." We can recall to-day the memory and names of those whom we greatly mourn and truly miss. And who of us can tell who will be spared to greet 1886. 1885 is now opening for us its mystic and weird pages. We have no oracle to delude us with its double meaning, as Delphi deceived its votaries of old. We boast no Sibyl to repeat to us solemn strains of living import, or mystic nonsense. We possess no Prophet to unfold the future to our anxious gaze, inasmuch as, in the Divine wisdom of our Great Creator, what shall be and what must be, is necessarily shrouded utterly from our ken. But it is not too much to say, that when 1885 comes to a close, the recording pen will again have to note the disappearance of many from their Masonic place and lot on earth, with the same expressions probably of heartfelt sympathy and regret. Let us then leave the old year, and look on to the new year, in the true spirit of our Masonic philosophy, hopeful and trustful, cheerful and resigned. With loyal courage for "every fate" let us work for our good and common cause, "in the living present," and in everything, and with all men, especially our brethren in Masonry, let us meet Old Time as it passes on the way, however weary or footsore, however sorrowing, however tried, "heart within, and God o'erhead."

WE shall all rejoice to hear that our most distinguished Bro. the Right Reverened Lord PLUNKETT has been elected Archbishop of Dublin by an overwhelming majority. A true and zealous Freemason, he is an ornament to the Irish Bench of Bishops, and will, no doubt, in his new and important and elevated position, win in future, as he has done in the past, the love and attachment of his co-religionists and the confidence and respect and affection of the Masonic Fraternity.

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THE jealousy of authors is said to be very great; and it is even rumoured that in the great medical profession there is something like a similar tendency. But if there was a society or organization of men where such an ignoble animus should not be found, we should, "a priori," be disposed to say, it must be Freemasonry. We should, however, be greatly mistaken in so alleging or so thinking. Jealousy is, on the contrary, rife in various ways in our little Masonic world, and curiously often exhibits a very pitiable representation of human nature. We are often positively jealous of another's fame, elevation, good report. We listen to the petty tales of scandal, and the baneful whisper of malevolence, we are in ecstasy with idle gossip, or sarcastic comments. The errors, the frailties, the shortcomings, even the misfortunes of others, are too often the subject of frivolous aversion and unsparing animadversion. There are those who positively seem to think that Freemasonry is meant for them, and them alone, and these can neither bear any "compeers" near the "throne," or even apparently hardly tolerate those who seem to stand upon a level with themselves, or who differ from them honestly in opinion. As for the little jealousies of our lodge life, we need not touch upon them here. If they are many, patent to observe, and sad to see, they open out just a chapter of narrowmindedness and littleness such as cannot be reached by our animadversions, just as they are beneath the notice of every honest Freemason. Thus we see that "all is not gold that glitters," even in Freemasonry, and as we are not above the weaknesses of mortality, as Freemasonry is in itself too full of large hearted and tolerant truths to be trammeleed by the petty encumbrances of Masonic jealousy.

As our last note for 1884, we have respectfully to record the death of Bro. NORRIS, the Warden of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon in his 95th year. After a long and useful Masonic career, he has passed away full of years, a fitting representative of that goodly Home for Aged Masons and their Widows, of that great Institution of which he was a loyal servant.

Our last words for 1884 are, we repeat, "do not forget the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1885."

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, and attracted an exceptionally large and influential gathering of brethren from all parts of the province.

At half-past one o'clock the W.M., Bro. Thomas Smith, and officers of the Lodge of Repose, No. 802, opened the Craft lodge as usual, and at two o'clock the Prov. G. Master and his officers, Present and Past, entered and constituted the Provincial Grand Lodge.

In the absence of Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Haughton Charles Okeover, R.W.D.P.G.M., P.G.W. Eng., officiated as Prov. G. Master, and there were present the following Provincial Grand Officers: Bros. Thomas Cox, Prov. G. Treas., as D.P.G.M.; John Smith, P.G.S.W.; W. Walters, as P.G.J.W.; the Rev. C. T. Bromwich, P.G. Chap.; Wm. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; George Day, P.G.J.D.; W. L. Ball, P.G.J.D.; Broughton, P.G. Supt. of Works; Percy Wallis, P.G. Director of Cers.; W. H. Fisher, P.G. Swd. Br.; H. Cupit, P.G. Standard Br.; T. E. Jones, P.G. Standard Br.; W. Lytle, P.P.G. Pursuivant; R. G. Greenhough, P.G. Asst. Pursuivant; and S. Robinson, W. Swire, J. H. Clarke, A. Woodiwiss, and John Walker, Prov. G.

Stewards.

Amongst those present were Bros. Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Stwd., Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.G.S.W.; Frank Campion, P.P. G.S.W.; G. T. Wright, P.P.G. J.W.; Thomas Hall, P.P.G.J.W.; the Rev. Thomas Orrell, P.P.G. Chap.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.S.D.; J. Whitehead, P.P.G.D. of C.; S. Steele, P.P.G.P.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G.O.; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lancashire; C. Webster, W.M. 731; C. D. Hart, W.M. 1085; A. B. Plant, W.M. 353; T. E. Yeomans; Thomas Roe, P.M.; W. Silver Hall, P.M.; J. Bland, P.M. 751; Vernon Greenhough, W.M. 1495; E. Belfield, P.M. 802; T. Horsley, jun., P.M. 253; and many other officers and brethren from the Craft lodges of Derbyshire and neighbouring provinces.

The reports presented by the W.M.'s of the various lodges were uniformly satisfactory, indicating a considerable increase of members, and continued activity in the distinguishing Masonic virtue of charity.

Bro. John Smith, P.G.S.W., Chairman of the Masonic Hall Trustees, presented a favourable report; whilst Bro. G. T. Wright, Chairman of the

presented a favourable report; whilst Bro. G. T. WRIGHT, Chairman of the Charity Committee, gave an interesting account of the year's operations in that important department, intimating that two local candidates—a boy and girl—for the Charitable Institutions of the Order had been elected.

Bro. W. H. MARSDEN, on behalf of the Auditors, presented a satisfactory report, and the accounts were ordered to be printed and circulated.

Bro. Thomas Cox was, for the twentieth time, re-elected as Treasurer of the province, amidst the applause of the brethren, and Bro. G. T. Wright was again uanimously re-appointed Chairman of the Charities Committee.

Both brethren suitably acknowledged the compliment.

The Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year in the following order:

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Bro. Wm. Walters ...
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Prov. G. Chap.
     C. Maltby ...
Rev. C. T. Bromwich
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     E. Belfield
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     Wm. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W.
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     J. Crossley
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Prov. G.S. of W.
Prov. G.D. of G.
      J. Bland
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     W. Butterfield ...
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     Percy Wallis (re-appointed)
                                                                  Prov. G.A.D.of C.
      F. Bennett
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                                                                  Prov. G. Purst.
Prov. G.A. Sec.
     T. Parker
      J. H. Richardson
      James Wright...
     M. Attwood ...
                                                                   Prov. G. Stwds.
     J. Monck
R. Slater
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At the request of the P.G. MASTER, Bro. THOMAS HALL made a short At the request of the P.G. MASTER, Bro. I HOMAS FIALL made a short statement in reference to the approaching centenary of the Tyrian Lodge, which, he pointed out, was also the centenary of Derbyshire Freemasonry. The Committee appointed for carrying out the arrangements were anxious to receive as many suggestions as they could obtain from the officers and brethren of other lodges, but at present they contemplated having a Provincial Grand Lodge (at which the Marquis of Hartington would probably be present), a banquet, and in the evening a ball. These arrangements were, between subject to improvement or, perchance, to enlargement. however, subject to improvement or, perchance, to enlargement.

Bro. JOHN SMITH then presented to the lodge a set of handsome brass candlesticks, and also produced, encased in a suitable frame (which he had provided), a stone taken from the ruins of the Temple of King Solomon by Bro. Charles Colvile.

Bro. Smith having been thanked for his gifts, the PROV. G. MASTER delivered a short address, in which he expressed his deep gratification at the substantial progress made by the Order in the province.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of a banquet in the Lower Hall.

ADDRESS AT WORCESTER TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M.

The opportunity was taken on Saturday last by the brethren of Worcestershire of the brief sojourn of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales with the Earl and Countess of Dudley at Witley Court, Stourport, and their return to London viá Worcester, to present a loyal address of welcome to our M.W. Grand Master on the occasion of his visiting the province. Accordingly, after their Royal Highnesses had received and acknowledged an address from the corporation of the ancient city, had inspected its Cathedral, and the Worcester Porcelain Works, the party drove to the railway station, where they were met by R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Worcestershire, and representatives of the

12 lodges in the province, viz., Bros. A. F. Godson, D.P.G.M.; G. W. Grosvenor, P.G.S.W.; W. B. Williamson, P.G.J.W.; A. Brown, P.G.T.; G. Taylor, P.G.S.; R. P. Hill, P.G.J.W.; Dixon Hartland, M.P.; F. G. Russell, P.G.J.W.; W. Haynes, P.G.O.; T. Vale, P.G.S.B.; A. Carter, P.G.D.C.; Waldron, P.G.A.D.C.; J. E. Stone, P.G.J.D.; Rev. J. B. Wilson, W. Holland, W. Dorsett, Garlick, W. M. Roden, J. W. Consterdine, Chadwick, A. S. Thursfield, Everill, G. Green, Stringer, F. Boucher, G. Holdsworth, J. Elgood, Lees, G. H. Piper, J. Chambers, J. Watkins, W. C. Green, Threlfall, W. R. Higgs, C. Virgo, A. E. Davis, J. Stallard, Pinkett, C. F. Pidcock, Rowe, J. R. Buck, A. R. Quarterman, Yeates, Jones, J. Joseland, J. Gaunt, A. W. Pace, G. R. Walker, A. J. Beauchamp, E. A. Hicks, C. Mytton, F. H. Lingham, Oram, and others. The lodges represented were Harmonic (Dudley), Worcester (Worcester), Hope of Charity (Kidderminster), Royal Standard (Dudley), Semper Fidelis (Worcester), Vernon (Stourport), Stability (Stourbridge), Perseverance (Halesowen), St. Michael's (Tenbury), Royds (Malvern), Lechmere (Kidderminster), and Masefield (Moseley).

On the platform was stationed a strong guard of honour, composed of members of the 29th Regiment stationed at Norton, under the command of Colonel Carr. As the Volunteer band outside the station gave the signal of the approach of Royalty by playing "God bless the Prince of Wales," the voice of the commanding officer was heard calling out to his men "Attention," followed by an instant clang of arms, and then the privileged company who had obtained the requisite "entrée" for the platform sent forth a loud and hearty cheer, during which the Royal party entered the station. The Prince raised his hat in acknowledgment of the enthusiastic reception, and then Sir Edmund Lechmere, as Provincial Grand Master, approached his Royal Highness, and handed to him the following address:

address:

"To His Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c.

"Most Worshipful Grand Master,

"We the Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and brethren of the Craft in the Province of Worcestershire, desire most respectfully to express our feelings of loyalty and regard towards your Royal Highness, as well as to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and to bid both your Royal Highnesses a hearty welcome to the Province of Worcester.

"We are deeply sensible of the benefits derived by our ancient Craft during the period that your Royal Highness, as most Worshipful Grand Master, has ruled over the Grand Lodge of England, and of the unceasing interest which your Royal Highness takes in the progress and prosperity of the Masonic fraternity.

"We regard with the greatest pride and satisfaction the numerous instances in which your Royal Highness has connected the ceremonies and historical associations of the Craft with the erection of buildings and the foundation of institutions destined to the worship of the Most High, the relief of the sick and injured, and the study of the liberal arts and sciences.

"We trust that Masonry, based as it is upon religious truth, and upon the principles of loyalty and universal charity, may long continue to flourish within these realms, and that the brethren of the Craft may do their utmost to prove themselves worthy of their Ancient Order, and of the long line of Royal Patrons, of which your Royal Highness is so illustrious an example.

"Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire:

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"Signed on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire:

"EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE, Provincial Grand Master.
"AUGUSTUS FREDK. GODSON, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.
"GEORGE W. GROSVENOR, Prov. Senior Grand Warden.
"W. B. WILLIAMSON, Prov. Junior Grand Warden.
"HENRY WILSON, Provincial Grand Registrar.
"GEORGE TAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary.

"December, 20, A.L. 5884."
A.D. 1884."

The Prince graciously accepted the address, and handed to Sir Edmund Lechmere the following reply: "Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren,—We receive with great pieasure your fraternal address of welcome to your county, and the Princess joins with me in thanking you most sincerely for the kind sentiments of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and the institutions of the country which it contains. As Grand Master of the Craft in England, it has always been my object to promote, as far as possible lies in my power, everything that can contribute to the prosperity and extension of our Order, being convinced that its continued success is mainly due to the fact, that you so justly notice, that it is founded on the principles of religion, of loyalty, and of universal and enlightened charity."

Sir Edmund Lechmere also presented to the Prince a specially bound copy of the catalogue of the Masonic Exhibition recently held in the city—edited by Bro. Geo. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary—which his Royal Highness graciously accepted, and assured the Provincial Grand Master righness graciously accepted, and assured the Provincial Grand Master that he should study its contents with great delight. The Freemasons gave three hearty cheers for the Prince and Princess, and the military band within the enclosure played "God bless the Prince of Wales," the roll of the kettledrums having a very fine effect. The farewells were of a very cordial description. The Royal visitors and suite then entered the train, and at 2.42 Mr. Holmes gave the word "Right" to the officials in charge of the train, which class the spectage of the train and the level wrend gut of the restorement. which slowly moved out of the station amid the loud hurrals of the spectators and the strains of the two bands of music. In a moment afterwards the Earl and Countess of Dudley turned to leave the station, the noble earl acknowledging the cordial cheers which were given in honour of the distinguished visitors.

The Freemasons then proceeded to the Great Western Hotel, where Sir E. Lechmere read the address he had received at the railway station, together with that presented to the Prince. Cheers were subsequently given for Sir Edmund, and also for Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Sir E. LECHMERE, M.P., returned thanks, and said he should be sorry if, before they parted, he neglected to thank them also for the kind manner in which they had supported him and the Provincial Grand Officers who had assembled that day to do honour to the occasion. The day had been a very memorable one which they would often look back upon with gratification. He was much indebted to those brethren who, at much inconvenience, had attended. The address and the reply of the Prince of Wales would, no doubt, be widely published through the Press. They would be placed in the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the province. (Hear, hear). He was indebted to those brethren who had assisted in the various arrangements, and who had so satisfactorily completed them in so short a time, and particularly to Bro. G. Taylor, Provincial Grand Secretary. He was also personally much obliged to the Grand Junior Warden, Bro. W. B. Williamson, who had been most kind in his assistance in the preparations. The address, which was a work of art, was, he rejoiced to say, the handiwork of a local artist, and the binding connected with it was also done in Worcester.

THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE LONDON ALMSHOUSES.

The Corporation of the City of London having some time since voted the sum of £11,500 for the rebuilding of the London Almshouses, Shepherd's Lane, Brixton, Bro. H. B. Marshall, C.C., F.R.G.S., Grand Treas., Chairman of the Orphan School Committee, lost no time in consulting his colleagues and making arrangements for carrying out the proposed work in the most suitable manner possible. Designs for the new building were prepared by Messrs. Davis and Emmanuel, Architects; Mr. Mark Gentry's contract, amounting to £10,500, was accepted; and the preliminary arrangements having sufficiently advanced to allow of an inaugural ceremony taking place, Bro. Marshall, accompanied by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, Town Clerk; A. Brookman, C.C., F.R.G.S.; Geo. Manners, C.C.; Messrs. W. Creasy, C.C.; R. Grant, C.C.; F.

Dadswell, C.C.; Jack Billinghurst, C.C.; W. H. Bateman, C.C.; J. Cox, C.C.; Graham King, C.C.; J. Beck, C.C., F.R.A.S.; Joshua Jones, C.C.; J. Hughes, C.C.; G. Taylor, C.C.; and others, met at the appointed site in Brixton, on the 17th instant, and Bro. Marshall formally laid the foundation stone of the new building, and in doing so declared it in the name of The Great Architect of the Universe to be well and truly laid. (Cheers). The stone bears the following inscription-"This stone, which is to commemorate the rebuilding of the London Almshouses, was laid by Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., F.R.G.S., Chairman of the City of London Freemen's Orphan School Committee, December 17, 1884," and underneath it was deposited a vase containing copies of the Times, City Press, Citisen, Freemason, and other newspapers, a number of gold and silver coins of the realm, and also a document recording the names of the Chairman and the Committee.

At the close of the ceremony the trowel used by Bro. Marshall was presented to him. It is a very handsome specimen of the



silversmith's art, weighing 1302s., and was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, it being in renaissance style, with civic and Masonic emblems surrounding the centre of the blade. The handle is of best African ivory, very beautifully carved, with ornaments to match the blade. Upon the handle is a chased silver monogram and crest. The accompanying illustration will serve to give our readers some idea of the richness and artistic character of the design.

The following is the inscription, namely:—"This trowel was presented to Horace Brooks Marshall, Esq., F.R.G.S., Chairman of the London Freemen's Orphan School, and Grand Treasurer of the English Freemasons, upon his laying the foundation-stone of the London Almshouses, Shepherd's-lane, Brixton, Wednesday, December 17, 1884." The National Anthem having been played by the boys of the Orphan School,

Miss Wright, daughter of the late Warden, and Mr. Hall (Warden), on behalf of the inmates of the almshouses, presented Mrs. Marshall with a handsome silver tankard and a bouquet. Bro. Marshall acknowledged the compliment, and in doing so said that the year had been quite an eventful one of testimonials and presentations to his wife and himself. The one Mrs. Marshall had just received would ever be remembered, and they would never use it or look upon it without remembering the affectionate regard of those who had presented it. The question of rebuilding the almshouses had agitated the minds of the Committee for the past four years, and they had had to remove obstacles one by one, and to overcome difficulties with the pertinacity justifiable by the righteousness of their good cause; they had, however, been successful, and he congratulated his colleagues on the successful result of their efforts. (Hear, hear). In the evening an entertainment was provided for the almshouse people and the children of the Orphan School. In connection with the new building, it may be mentioned that four blocks of houses, containing 38 tenements, are to be erected, three blocks having eight tenements each, and one block 14.

JAMES ANDERSON, D.D.

His name is well known to all Masonic students and readers as the compiler of the first authoritative book issued by the Grand Lodge of England. There had been indeed, in 1722, published by John Roberts, "The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons." But to James Anderson belongs the credit, by order of the Grand Lodge, of giving to the Craft and to the world the first official account of Freemasonry. It has been contended that Désaguliers is the author of the Constitutions of 1723. But those who thus contend forget that Anderson himself says, at p. 74, edit. 1723, that he was the author—he being then Master of Lodge 17. Of James Anderson little however is known. He was said to have been born at Edinburgh in 1684, some say 1662, which is, we apprehend, erroneous. He was, it seems, minister of the Scottish Presbyterian Chapel in Swallow-street, Piccadilly, but more than this, so far, is not discoverable. It is not known where or when he was initiated into Freemasonry, but he was Worshipful Master of No. 17 in 1723.

According to the Constitutions of 1738, the seventeenth lodge met at Berry's Coffee House, Bridges-street. But we must remember, Bro. Hughan points out, that the 17 of 1738 was not the same as the 17 of 1723. We know not, therefore, what it was. Anderson then, apparently, was living in Exeter-court, Strand. In 1723, as we said before, appeared the first book of the English Constitution, now somewhat rare. In 1738 Anderson put out a second and much augmented edition, and a third appeared in 1746. This, however, is only 1738, with a new title-page. Some say that Anderson died

in 1739, others in 1746; 1739 is right, as announced in the "Gentleman's Magazine." We do not agree with Mackey's view, that considerable interpolations and alterations had been made by Anderson without authority in the edition of 1738. There are, no doubt, considerable additions, but they are made in bona fides, and were evidently the result of Anderson's more complete and careful study of MS. documents and Constitutions, which have not yet been identified. The "Pocket Companion" of 1754 says that the alterations occurred owing either to his "ill-health" or the "management of strangers."

It appears to us that Anderson has been the subject of much unfair criticism. He was not ordered to write a new and florid history of Freemasonry or to compile one on his authority; but he was to "peruse, correct, and digest into a new and better method the history, charges, and regulations of the ancient fraternity," and this he certainly, did. He gave us a clear and connected account of the Guild legends, and pointed distinctly to the fact, that the true history of Freemasonry is, after all, only the history of operative sodalities and successive ages of architecture. He did not profess to criticize or analyse the old traditions of the Guilds; he merely arranged them in a clear, readable, and concise narrative, and such as those old histories themselves of the Guilds were, such is Anderson's record. Anderson may probably have held what others have maintained, that Freemasonry through the Guilds went up to the mysteries, the outcome of corrupted antediluvian teaching, and thus to the lore of the "theodidaktoi." But there is nothing to blame in such views, and we cannot, it appears to us, judge Anderson fairly by our colder criticism of to-day, as the cases are essentially different.—Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

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

THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

Of this Institution will take place at

FREEMASONS' TAVERN, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON,

On WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1885,

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1884.

Original Correspondence.

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

THE LATE BRO. A. E. FRADELLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The year's deliverage of the state of the stat

The year's obituary in this week's issue contains The year's obstuary in this week's issue contains too many names well deserving the notice you have given them, but I hope you will enable me in your next paper to bring forward that of a thorough artist who has lately been taken from us, comparatively unnoticed, our late Bro. Albert E. Fradelle, photographer, of Regent-street. He was an early initiate of the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, and

so thoroughly conscientious in principle that when h business matters failed some four years back he withdrew from his lodge (after paying all dues) until better times. His untiring energy and superior talents enabled him to regain his position, and just before his death he told me his determination (with pardonable pride) to rejoin his mother lodge, which probably he would have done next year. By his premature death a widow and young family are unprovided for; an effort will be made to secure the return of one (of twins) at the next election of Girls. I trust this simple story will be the means of securing a helping hand from some of our benevolent brethren—many of whom, through his beautiful portraits, will long retain records of one who would (had he lived) been a creditable ornament of our Craft.—I am, yours fraternally,

CHAS. VEAL, P.M., Sec. 1549,
December 20th.

MASONIC EMPLEME AMONICET CANAGUE.

MASONIC EMBLEMS AMONGST SAVAGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

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Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been more than amused with the letter of Bro. B. P. Lascelles in your issue of the 15th ult.

He informs us that the Indian (Tuscarora) dress presented by that tribe to a lady who attended the Montreal meeting of the British Association was composed chiefly of red flannel, beads, and scalps.

When I inform you that 500 miles west of where the fierce Tuscaroras pursue the even tenor of their ways, clad in white men's clothes, contentedly digging potatoes or gathering their grain with improved self-binding reaping machines, and writing essays on the best method of using fertilizers on their lands, nearly exhausted from long and continued cultivation, stands the City of Chicago, with a population of considerably over half-a-million of people, you will join with me in smiling at the description of the scalp-adorned dresses of the Tuscaroras, especially when we are told that a woman's dress could be trimmed in such a style. One would imagine that scalps were plentiful about that part of the country, and so they are—millions of them may be found, but not adorning dresses, the custom being, I vouch for it, to wear scalps where nature intended, on the head. Perhaps, the scalp trimmings Bro. Lascelles inspected were like old lace, handed down in families as heir (or hair) looms.

Regarding the Masonic emblems he saw in the form

(or hair) looms.

Regarding the Masonic emblems he saw in the form of silver ornaments attached to the dress, when we consider that the "tribe" is hemmed in on every side by thousands—yes, tens of thousands—of regularly made Freemasons of good Canadian and American blood, it is not at all strange that Masonic triplets, would be reproduced by

thousands—yes, tens of thousands—of regularly made Freemasons of good Canadian and American blood, it is not at all strange that Masonic trinkets would be reproduced by the Tuscaroras.

I thoroughly agree with Bro. Lascelles when he says that "Masonic jewels are far from being common articles of traffic between traders and the red men," in fact, I know they are not, unless by trader he means jeweller (say Kenning, of London), and that the Tuscarora happened to be "made" in a regular Canadian or American lodge, and wanted to fit himself out in good style.

I have lived for "many moons" amongst the Crees and Blackfeet of North-west Canada, and never discovered a brother Mason, unless it was when an Indian in the usual manner before smoking, pointed his pipe at three great-lights, viz., the Sun, Moon, and Master of the lodge, the latter being his own good self, or, in other words, the big boss that employed and instructed his squaws in cutting wood and drawing water.

Our good Bro. Lascelles has yet to be brought to light on the civilized status of the Tuscaroras, and as the Freemason is usually so well informed on Masonic matters in Canada, I must not allow your readers to think that Canada is a country where scalps are plentiful for adorning dresses, especially in the eastern districts, which lie to the east of Lake Superior.—Yours fraternally,

CHARLES N. BELL.

Winnipeg, Manitoba,

December 6th. 1884.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As I am graduating as Master of a new lodge, and as I hope the brethren of that lodge will continue their favourable opinion of me, and in due course elect me to the chair, I feel great interest in the above question.

chair, I feel great interest in the above question.

I agree with our Bro. Budden in every respect, and that a majority of regular attendants of a lodge having carried a vote, would also carry the confirmation of that vote, and that it is only under exceptional circumstances, and when sure of very great support, that a brother would raise any objection to a confirmation.

But to put an end to the doubt which seems to exist on the present wording of the phrase, "The minutes were read and confirmed," would it not put an end to all difficulty if the W.M. first asked if the minutes were "approved as correctly entered," and, secondly, if it was the pleasure of the members that they should be confirmed? This would take but very little time, would make matters perfectly clear, and give but very little trouble to the Secretary. Instead of having to record "the minutes were read and confirmed," &c., he would only have to write "the minutes were read, approved as correctly entered, and confirmed."—Yours truly and fraternally, -Yours truly and fraternally,

P.S.—The confirmation question may be put every time, or only on such occasions as are required by the Book of Constitutions or the bye-laws of the lodge.

MASONIC MENDICITY.
To the Editor of "The Freemason."

d Brother Will you permit me to suggest that no distressed brother should be relieved except by the Almoner of a lodge? The plan I adopt on receiving an application for relief is to take the signature of the so-called brother in a book, indexed alphabetically, and also the name and number of his lodge. To this I add that all can be gathered of his history, occupation, &c., with the date and amount given, if any. It is not at all unusual to discover the applicant has any. It is not at all unusual to discover the applicant has more than one name, but a trip is invariably made either by name or number of his lodge, which enables the Almoner to turn over the pages of his book, and compare the handwriting, much to the discomfiture of the impostor. On reading the letter of Bro. Palmer, of No. 73, in your issue of the 13th inst., I turned to my book, and found the name John Bell (444), Lodge of Union, Starcross, Devon, who

paid me visits in November, 1874, and August, 1875, on the last occasion being, of course, refused relief, and he has not since troubled me. It is therefore evident that this John Bell is one of those travelling mendicants who attempt to divert Masonic Charity in supporting them in a life of idleness and, too often, vice, and the only way to spoil their game is for every brother to whom they make applications to refer them to the lodge Almoner, who will, no doubt, be able to produce such evidence and records as will drive these gentlemen, who disgrace our Craft, to get some occupation to enable them to earn an honest livelihood.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully and fraternally, E. L. SHEPHERD, P.M., P.Z. 945, G.J.D. (Mark), &c., Almoner for Craft, Arch, Mark, &c. Abingdon, December 19th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
 In your edition of the 13th inst. I see the name of John Bell, of Lodge No. 444, Starcross, brought forward. He has been round the Midlands, to my personal knowledge, since 1875, and I have every reason to believe previous also to that date. Many mendicant impostors rely on a change of Almoners yearly in the country lodge, and so get relief from year to year because they possess a certificate. Since 1875 I have kept a list of all who come here, and, if you think it of use, will be glad to send you a "black list"—that is, one of every man who has called more than once, and the number which each has given.—I remain, dear Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,
 WILLIAM HAMMOND.
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December 16th.

DEFRAUDING FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,
"At the Bridlington police court, on Saturday, the 13th inst., Wm. Henry Hall, alias Charles Johnson, an engine-driver, was charged on remand with obtaining by false pretences about 16s. from the Almoner of the Londesborough Masonic Lodge, No. 734, and others, on the 2nd inst. On that day prisoner went to the Masonic Hall and represented to the brethren present that he had been robbed of his money and clothing at Scarborough, and a subscription was raised for him. It was afterwards ascertained that his statement was untrue. At the request of Bro. Supt. Winterbottom, P.M. 734, the charge was reduced to one of unlawfully going about collecting alms, and prisoner was committed to prison for two months."

Prisoner had similarly imposed upon brethren of the Sykes Lodge, No. 194, Beverley. In the latter case he obtained 25s. in a very short time.—Yours faithfully and fraternally, Dec. 19th, 1884.

THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP

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To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Local Committee of Past Masters, formed for the purpose of assisting W. B.o. Woodall in his candidature for the Grand Treasurership, having remarked that the notices of his Masonic career in the Freemason, although in the main correct, are incomplete, and are, to a certain extent, disconnected, respectfully ask the favour of the insertion of the enclosed brief history of that distinguished and amiable brother's Masonic and civic life in the next edition of your valuable journal.—Yours fraternally,

H. J. MORTON, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Chairman.

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Masonic Club, St. Nicholas Cliff, Scarborough.

Bro. John Woodall Woodall, late Major Yorkshire Regiment Art. Mil., and a member of the well-known banking firm which bears his name—one of the oldest private banks in Yorkshire—was initiated in the Hope Lodge, No. 202, Bradford, West Yorkshire, February 18th, 1856; he was appointed S.W. of the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200 (then 236), Scarborough, in the Province of North and East Yorkshire, in 1857; in 1860 was installed W.M. of the same lodge, in 1861 was appointed P.G. J. W. by the then P.G.M., the late Earl of Zetland, also M.W. Grand Master of England, and the year following he was promoted to the office of P.G.S.W. He was exalted to Royal Arch in the Old Globe Chapter, No. 200, in March 12th, 1859, was M.E.Z. of the same chapter in 1868, 1878-79, and M.E.Z. of the Denison Chapter, No. 1248, in 1873. He was elected Treasurer of the Old Globe Lodge in 1864, to which office he has been continuously re-elected up to the present time. He took a prominent part in the formation of the "Charities Association" for the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and is at the present moment Charity Representative of that province, and also Prov. Grand Treasurer of the the took a prominent part in the formation of the "Chanties Association" for the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and is at the present moment Charity Representative of that province, and also Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire. He was one of the founders of the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, in 1868, has remained a subscribing member up to the present date, and is, in fact, now acting W.M., in consequence of the removal to a foreign country of the W.M. of that lodge. He was also a founder, in 1878, of the Leopold Lodge, No. 1760, Scarborough, the members holding the valuable assistance he then afforded them in such high estimation, that they elected him, in conjunction with H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany, to an honorary membership. He is also a subscribing member of the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, having joined in 1872, of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, and has served the office of Steward to the various Masonic Charitable Institutions on eight different occasions, of each of which he is also a Vice-President. As a Mark Master Mason, he was advanced in the Minerva Lodge of M.M.M., Mason, he was advanced in the Minerva Lodge of M.M.M. No. 12, Hull, in 1866; in the following year he was elected first S.W. of the Star-in-the-East Lodge of M.M.M., No. 95, Scarborough, of which he was a founder; in 1867 was elected and installed W.M. of the same lodge; was appointed G.M.O. of Grand Mark Lodge in 1869, and in 1881 he had the honour of being selected as the first P.G.M. M.M. of the newly-constituted Province of North and East

National Great Priory; an honorary member of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, Philadelphia; of the Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Chicago, United States of America; and of the Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, York. He is a member of the 32° of the A. and A. Scuttish Rite, and Past M.W.S. of the Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix, Whithy (n.w. transferred to York); an Intendant General of Division, unattached, in the Degree of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Past Prov. Treasurer Yorkshire College of Rosicrucians, a member of the Royal Order of Scutland, and honorary member of several Craft and Scotland, and honorary member of several Craft and Mark lodges.

Bro. Woodall was educated at Rugby, and graduated at Oriel College, Oxford; B.A. in 1854, and obtained the distinction of "first-class" in Physical Science, and M.A. in 1860; is a member of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and has twice served the office of Secretary of the Geological Section, and is also a F.G.S.

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In civic matters Bro. Woodall has attained the highest distinctions in the gift of his fellow-townsmen. He was Mayor of Scarborough in 1869-70, and also in 1881-2; is an Alderman, Justice of Peace for the North Riding of Yorks, Chairman of the Scarborough Harbour Trust, Treasurer of the Scarborough School Board, and has always been identified with all educational movements. Bro. Woodall is also an enthusiastic yachtsman, is a member of the Royal Yorkshire and Royal Thames Yacht Clubs, and Hon. Lieut. R.N.R.

No Masonic movement with which Bro. Woodall has been connected has ever been allowed to languish for want of such pecuniary assistance as he could offer, and it is entirely owing to the substantial help received from Bro. Woodall that the Masons of Scarborough have been enabled within the last few weeks to solemnly dedicate to Freemasonry a spacious and beautiful lodge room, entirely their own, in one of the best situations in the town, and to which is attached a large and commodious suite of rooms, with all the appointments of a comfortable first-class club. which is attached a large and commontus suite of toolhis, with all the appointments of a comfortable first-class club. The success of this undertaking has already proved so great, that brethren from various parts of England are applying to be admitted to membership of the club, in order to enjoy its privileges when they visit Scarborough in the "season." On the dedication of the Hall and opening of the Club has was presented with a life-size three-quarter of the Club he was presented with a life-size three-quarter length portrait of himself, in token of the appreciation in which he is held by his brethren.

Such is the brief, but concise, Masonic life-history of the distinguished brother who has been nominated to the office of Grand Treasurer of the United Grand Lodge of England.



RAMSAY'S ADDRESS. In answer to Bro. Speth I would say that there is, I be lieve, no English Masonic translation of it, unless quite late in the eighteenth century. I seem, however, to think I have seen a translation of it. There was a work professedly published in London in 1757, containing some verses by by Voltaire and others, in which it appears, according to the "Handbuch," and therefore in some one of our "Companions," &c., a translation may be found. Of course, as Bro. Speth knows, there is a grave question about the "Discours." Though attributed to Ramsay, it is doubtful whether he delivered it at all, or whether even the address really was his. Three questions have to be answered—Was it written by Ramsay? When and where was it delivered? Was it ever delivered at all? Since the earlier Handbuch's, &c., were written, fresh evidence has accrued, and it seems equally more than doubtful if all the hard words which have been applied to Rameay have been applied to Rameay have been in account. equally more than doubtful it all the hard words which have been applied to Ramsay have been in any way deserved, either as the "Fautor" of the "High Grades," so called, or the inventor of the "Templar" organisation. The first publication of the "Discours" in French appears to served, ethical as the Pation of the "Templar" organisation. The first publication of the "Discours" in French appears to have been at Paris, in 1740; again in 1741, either there or at the Hague; and thirdly at Frankfort, in 1742. Something has been said of a volume published in Holland almost contemporaneously, containing verses by Voltaire and Piron, and this address, but the fact seems dubious. As the address first appeared it was entitled "Discours d'un Grand Maitre dans la Grande Loge," &c. It afterwards sometimes appears as "Discours du G. Orateur dans la G. Loge," &c. It the letter cited by Daruty as in the Memoirs of Fleury be correct (and it may still be in the French Archives) in 1736-37, Ramsay submitted to the approval of Cardinal Fleury a "Discours" he was going to deliver the next day to the Grand Lodge. He begs it back, and implores the favour of the King and Cardinal. According to Daruty, across the original letter is written by Cardinal Fleury, "Le Roi ne le veut pas." We hear nothing more of Ramsay, who seems to have died in 1742-3. Doubts may then be fairly entertained as to whether the oration was delivered by Ramsay at all. The "Discours" certainly was printed in his life-time, and we may draw from that fact conclusions "pro and con." The Duc d'Antin seems to have been frand Master in 1740, though the French accounts are very obscure, and the first theory seems to have been that Ramsay wrote it for him, and that he, the Duc d'Antin, delivered it. "The Discours," according to Kloss, seems to have been first tupe for him, and that he, the Duc d'Antin, delivered it. "The Discours," according to Kloss, seems to have been first tupe printed. If the "Relation Apologetique" be written by Ramsay, published, as alleged, by O'Donoko, at Dublin, in 1738, and burnt at Rome in 1730, it would stengthen the idea that Ramsay consented to the publication of his address, even if he did not deliver it. Certainly the irony of a Ramsay consented to the publication of his address, even if he did not deliver it. Certainly the irony of a Masonic "Crux" cannot go further than that we should even have to face the question whether Ramsay wrote the address, and whether it was ever delivered. I am inclined to think that Ramsay wrote it, that it was not delivered, but published. At the same time a very great deal may be said on both sides, as usual. It would be interesting if we could discover when the address is first openly attributed to Ramsay.

MASONIC STUDENT.

BRO. "SCOTUS" AND HAUGHFOOT LODGE.
In Bro. "Scotus" appreciative communication as to
my work on "The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry," he appears to consider I assume too much in

declaring that the ceremony, if any, in 1702 at Haughfoot, on the reception of a Fellow Craft or Master Mason, was the same as on the admission of an Apprentice. The record is as follows, the parts italicised by me being to point out in part the basis for my remarks, and I may also add, on the authority of Bro. R. Sandison (Prov. G. Sec. Peebles, &c..), who has examined all the records, that throughout the volume there is no reference to the three separate degrees, as we understand the term, but only to the three grades, or positions. Of course, it may be said that no allusion to degrees does not prove there were none. that no allusion to degrees does not prove there were none, which I admit, but the fact of there being no reference to which I admit, but the fact of there being no reference to separate Masonic Degrees, prior to the era of Grand Lodges, may fairly be cited by me in proof of there being no evidence that any such ceremonies were worked prior to early last century, say 1715-20. This is all I really claim: 22 Dec. 1702 (Haughfoot). "Of entrie as the Apprentice did, leaving out (the Common Judge). They then whisper the word as before, and the Master Mason grips his hand in the ordinary way." I thank Bro. "Scotus" for his friendly communication.



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EUPHRATES LODGE (No. 212).—A very successful meeting of the above old and prosperous lodge was held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, Coleman-street, E.C. Bro. Donald Glass, P.M., W.M., opened the lodge, and was well supported as follows: Bros. J. R. Martin, S.W.; W. J. Cooper, J.W.; H. May, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Bassett, S.D.; J. Seigenberg, J.D.; G. Walduck, I.G.; and a goodly array of Past Masters, including Bros. T. Rushton, W. H. Recknell, Hy. Wood, J. Halsey, C. Drosher, L. Stean, J. Carter, J. C. Franks, and numerous other brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Prosser, S60; J. Day, 141; G. W. Kidd, S60; J. H. Pavitt, W.M. S60; J. B. Ennett, 77; J. Collins, S60; A. T. Ives, S.W. 1472; C. Wood, 1472; C. Winterton, S60; Eaton, S79; L. Guess, 879; W. J. Vance, P.M. 1472; T. J. Vohman, P.M. S71; F. C. D. Fenn, P.M. 171; G. Stevens, 1076; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and others.

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After the usual preliminary business had been disposed of, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. P. Thorn, 292, as a joining member, with a favourable result. The ballot was next called into requisition for three candidates for admission to the Order, and this also proving satisfactory, Messrs. C. Mills, J. Taylor, and T. Pryor were admitted, and duly initiated into the mysteries of the Order, Bro. Glass again displaying his ability in the ceremony, and probably for the last time during his year of office, for the next business taken was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell upon the worthy S.W., Bro. Martin, and the election of Treasurer resulted in the re-appointment of Bro. Hy. May, P.M., to that honourable position, and Bro. J. J. Marsh was also reelected Tyler. Auditors were next appointed to examine the lodge accounts, and officers were elected for the lodge Benevolent Fund—one of the best and most gratifying features of this good old lodge. Bro. Martin next proposed, and it was unanimously carried, that, as the W.M. was now completing his second year as W.M. of the lodge, the brethren mark their opinion of the high esteem they place on his valuable services rendered to the lodge by voting him the usual amount from lodge funds. This, Bro. Martin explained, Bro. Glass, W.M., who 'already possessed a Past Master's jewel, desired should be devoted to one of the three Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and which Bro. Glass intended to attend as Steward during the ensuing year. This announcement was well received, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered, lodge was closed.

The next business consisted of attending to the claims which an excellent banquet presented, and which reflected great credit upon Bro. Wood for the excellent style in which it was served. At its conclusion Bro. Glass gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with point and bre

great credit upon Bro. Wood for the excellent style in which it was served. At its conclusion Bro. Glass gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts with point and brevity. Bro. L. Stean, the veteran P.M., next proposed with becoming terms "The Health of the W.M." He said his long experience as an old Freemason had not brought him into relationship with a brother who had so steadily and successfully promoted the welfare of a lodge as Bro. Glass had the Euphrates Lodge. They all were aware how excellently he had worked in the lodge, but they could not all be aware how indefatigably he had worked at all times out of the lodge, besides undertaking the duties of the Secretary. Bro. Stean concluded by urging all who wished to excel in their Masonic career to take a leaf out of the W. Master's book. Bro. Glass, W.M., in a few well-chosen words, returned thanks for the honour the brethren had done him. It was very gratifying to him to learn that at the end of his second year of office he had gained the esteem and approbation of the brethren of the lodge. His one aim had been to promote the welfare and securea harmonious lodge, and his crown of reward had, he felt, been accorded him by their late esteemed and veteran P.M., Bro. Coverley, upon his deathbed. "Thank God," he had said, "Bro. Glass, I have lived to see perfect unanimity in our lodge." That unanimity he (the W.M.) would, so long as he continued a member of the Euphrates Lodge, do his utmost to sustain, and he thanked the brethren for this renewed mark of their appreciation of his services during the two years of his Mastership.

The remaining toasts given were "The Past Masters," ably replied for on behalf of those brethren by Bro. Stean; "The Visitors," suitably acknowledged by Bros. J. H.

ably replied for on behalf of those brethren by Bro. Stean; "The Visitors," suitably acknowledged by Bros. J. H. Pavitt, W.M. 860; G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623; and F. C. D. Fenn, P.M. 171; and "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Stean also replying to this, and Bro. Halsey, P.M., on behalf of the lodge Benevolent Fund, which was in capital position; and "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded a very pleasant meeting. Bro. Schartau, as usual, efficiently presided at the piano, and also rendered some capital songs, and Bro. Fenn favoured the hethren some capital songs, and Bro. Fenn favoured the brethren with a humorous song.

FRIARS LODGE (No. 1349).—The above lodge held a highly successful meeting on the 17th inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. W. Mustop, P.M. and Treas., and on arrival

shortly after of the W.M., Bro. E. J. Friedeberg (who had been detained in consequence of having to journey across the Channel, a full business was disposed of in very capital the Channel, a full business was disposed of in very capital style. The ceremonial working was as follows: Bro. J. Levienne, after being duly tested and entrusted, was passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Marks, De Casurus, Prower, McDonald, R. Jones, and another brother were raised to the Sublime Degree, Bro. Friedeberg acquitting himself of his arduous duties with remarkable efficiency and finish, whilst the officers and Past Masters rendered every necessary assistance. Some items of lodge business were next satisfactorily disposed of, and the lodge was closed. closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Alabaster Room, where a nicely served banquet was partaken of, giving entire satisfaction. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. duly introduced the usual loyal and Craft toasts, which were loyally honoured.
"The Health of the W.M." was given in deservedly framed words of praise upon the success attending Bro. Friedeberg's working in the chair, and in response to the

hearty reception which greeted the toast of his health the W.M. expressed himself grateful to Bro. Musto, I.P.M., for the eulogistic terms he had employed, and said he attributed much of the praise that had been bestowed upon him to the gratification which Bro. Musto, P.M., felt that one from among his many pupils should display the great advantages he had derived from his teaching. He (Bro. Friedeberg) had to thank Bro. Musto for his knowledge of

The other toasts given were those of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," responded to by Bros. Musto, P.M., and Hogg, P.M.; "The Visitors," acknowledged by Bros. T. O. Harding and G. H. Stephens; and "The Officers," responded to by the brethren severally.

Among the numerous attendance were Bros. W. J. Musto, S.W.; Sadd, J.W.; W. Musto, P.M., Treas.; W. Hogg, Sec.; H. Marks, S.D.; W. Shoesmith, I.G.; Quincey, Christmas, Mitchell, Minchin, Hallam, P.M., Booth, A. Peterken, P.M.; J. A. De Costa; B. De Costa, F. Saunders, and J. Marks. Visitors: Bros. B. Franks, 212; H. Hallam, True Friendship; T. O. Harding, J. Solomons, G. H. Stephens, and others.

The post prandial proceedings were capitally enlivened by some good singing by Bros. E. Monk, Hillocks, and others, a favourite reading by Bro. W. J. Musto, S.W., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

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COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—
The regular meeting of this lodge was held at The Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 2nd inst. Bro. G. Coleman, W.M., presided, supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Jacobs, S.W.; T. A. Dickson, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; W. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; C. Ralph, acting as S.D.; B. Solomons, J.D.; G. Reynolds, acting as I.G.; S. Jacobs, P.M., W.S.; K.-F. Potter, Tyler; G. A. Holditch, T. Wilson, A. Bryan, W. Unwin, S. Hewett, W. Cousins, C. Ralph, D. Mordecai, S. Isaacs, L. Isaacs, J. Napper, A. Freeman, T. Snow, G. Howard, J. L. Ripley, C. J. Shannon, T. Skinner, G. H. Reynolds, J. Woodward, and G. N. Foord. Visitors: Bros. Rose, 1793; A. Clark, P.M. 1227; Z. Mordecai, 1343; G. W. Churchley, P.M. 299, 615, and 1837, P.P.G.S. Kent; and W. A. Dowling, 2012.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. Bryan was then passed to the degree of F.C. A ballot was taken for Mr. G. H. Foord, which proving unanimous, he was duly initiated into Freemasonry, the W.M. rendering the ceremonies in a clear and distinct manner, assisted by his officers. Bro. J. Jacobs, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., was re-elected Treas.; Bro. Wm. Bourne, P.M., Sec.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, was voted to Bro. G. Coleman, in recognition of his services as W.M. for the past year, and Bros. W. Cousins, S. Hewitt, and D. Mordecai were appointed as Audit Committee. The W.M. having received the "Hearty good wishes" of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent dinner was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Bertini, of Messrs. Spiers and ing room, where an excellent dinner was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Bertini, of Messrs. Spiers and

After the usual Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. H. Gulliford, I.P.M., took the gavel in his hand, and proposed "The Health of their worthy W.M." It was the last time his health would be drank as W.M. of that lodge, and he felt sure it would be received well, as it ought to he. lodge, and he telt sure it would be received well, as it ought to be. He was not a member of any other lodge; but his attention from an linitiate going through all the offices was an example to all. The W.M. had worked hard, and been rewarded by occupying the proud position of K.S. for the past year, which, he felt sure, had been done to the satisfaction of the brethren. He was a good fellow out of the lodge, as well as in, and when the P.M.'s jewel was presented to him, he might wear it with pride, having served all the offices in a true and Masonic spirit, and feeling that he had earned the same.

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The W.M., in reply, said he certainly felt gratified that he had pleased the brethren of the lodge, which was proved by the hearty manner his health had been drunk. He by the hearty manner his health had been drunk. He trusted that for many years to come he would not only be able to give support to the mother, lodge, but also to the lodge of instruction connected with the lodge, where he had received such instruction as enabled him to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He met there many brethren anxious for work, and as a P.M. would still support the same and the lodge to the best of his ability.

In proposing "The Health of the Initiate," the W.M. attention he to the ceremony, and he hoped some day to see him in the position he now occupied.

The Initiate returned his sincere thanks for the manner

he had been received amongst them, and he would make it his duty to attend to the words of the W.M. and pay all the attention he could, and try to become a true and good

Mason.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M. Elect," said all knew how well he did his work in the different offices he had occupied, and there could be no doubt that as their W.M. he would give every attention to the same and endeavour to make the brethren happy.

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The W.M. elect thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of feeling, and said nothing should be wanting on his part for good working and the unity of the brethren.

"The Health of the Visitors" was responded to by Bro. A. Clark, P.M., who said that the visitors must have spent a most pleasant and enjoyable evening. They had been received with great warmth and cordiality, and the working

received with great warmth and cordiality, and the working was a treat to be long remembered.

Bro. G. W. Churchley, P.P.G.S. Kent, also expressed feelings of great satisfaction in seeing the good working and the good fellowship that existed in the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the P.Ms.," regretted the absence of two who were missed very much. They had with them Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., their careful Treasurer; Bro. W. Bourne, P.M., their excellent Sec.; and Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M. and S.W. All did their work in a very satisfactory manner, and proved their desire to a very satisfactory manner, and proved their desire to further the interests of the lodge. The P.Ms. made a

In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. again regretted the absence of two, but great credit was due to those who had undertaken their places. Bro. A.W.S. had now acted as I.G. for the third time this

A.W.S. had now acted as I.G. for the third time this session and gave great satisfaction.

Bro. T. A. Dickson, acting as J.W., acknowledged the toast in their honour, assuring the W.M. it always gave him great pleasure to work with him.

Bros. Bourne, P.M., C. Ralph, S. Jacobs, P.M., and Churchley, P.M., contributed to the pleasure of the evening by their vocal abilities and recitations.

TEMPLE BAR LODGE (No. 1728).—This flourishing lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 18th inst., Bro. T. W. C. Bush, W.M., in the chair, assisted by Bros. G. S. Recknell, S.W.; Kimpton, J.W.; A. R. Carter, acting S.D.; the assistant officers of the lodge, and the following visitors: Bros. Volney-Keen, P.M. 203, and G. Perry, P.M. 1110.

The minutes of the last meeting being read and confirmed, Mr. Walter Jullyan was balloted for, and unanimously elected; but, being absent, was not initiated. Bro. G. C. Spurgin was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. Webb and Snow were passed to the F.C. Degree. After the foregoing ceremonies had been performed in Bro. Bush's wonted impressive manner, the members of the lodge proceeded to elect their W.M. for the coming year. The ballot proved unanimous in favour of the present S.W., Bro. G. S. Recknell, and the W.M. intimated that fact to the brother, who thanked the brethren. Bro. Buckworth was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Rixworthy and Rolls were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee.

was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Rixworthy and Rolls were appointed to serve on the Audit Committee. The lodge then voted the sum of 20 guineas to the list of Bro. Recknell, who purposes serving as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The sum of 10 guineas was then voted for a testimonial to Bro. Bush on his quitting the chair of K.S. for the second time, and the usual guinea was ordered to be sent to the Benevolent Institution for the annual Christmas treat. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. After a plentiful spread, in which the elements of Christmas cheer largely predominated, the W.M. rose to propose the toasts, which, owing to the ilateness of the hour, were greatly curtailed. After the usual Masonic toasts, which followed in rapid succession, the W.M. rose to propose "Long Life and Happiness to our W.M. elect." In the course of his remarks the W.M. reminded the brethren of that evening, now seven years ago, when the worthy brother entered the lodge as its first initiate. The W.M. traced his progress step by step through every office in the lodge. He enumerated the hundred and one qualities which endeared the brother to every member of the Temple Bar Lodge, and in conclusion he saluted him by the first

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The brethren having drunk the toast with musical honours, the W.M. elect rose to reply. He recalled the fact that as a Lewis he took precedence on the evening of his initiation. In thanking the brethren for their confidence in himself, he dwelf for a moment on the good will and mutual regard which had always been evinced by every member of the lodge, and he claimed the assistance of one and all of the brethren during his year of office.

The qualities which have endeared the W.M. to his brethren in the lodge, and indeed to the whole Craft, were then lightly touched upon by Bro. Butcher, P.M., in proposing "The Health of Bro. Bush," which was drunk with musical honours.

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To this Bro. Bush replied in his inimitable style.

"The Visitors," replied to by Bros. Keen and Perry;

"The Treasurer," replied to by Bro. Buckworth, I.P.M.;
and "The Past Masters," to which Bro. Butcher, P.M.;
gave a short response, were next given, and after "The
Officers" had all responded in their turn, the Tyler's toast
closed one of the happiest evenings ever passed in the
Temple Bar. Temple Bar.

In the course of the evening Bros. Williams, Rolls, Kimpton, Perry, Keen, and Carter contributed songs and recitations for the amusement of the brethren.

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CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—This lodge held its regular election meeting on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The lodge was heavily draped in black in memory of their esteemed late Past Master, Bro. Col. J. Creaton, P.M., P.G.T., &c. The following members were present: Bros. W. Williams, W.M.; J. Nielson, I.P.M.; D. Ferguson, S.W.; R. H. Rogers, J.W.; J. J. Cantle, P.M., Sec.; E. Austin, S.D.; J. B. Colwill, J.D.; G. F. Williams, I.G.; J. Kift, Org.; Cowell-Helden, W.S.; C. Rawley Cross, A.W.S.; J. Williams, P.M.; W. Carrington, P.M.; L. Cornelissen, P.M.; Gen. W. W. Anderson, A. J. Taylor, H. D. Benton, H. W. Hancock, J. Longden, C. H. Bull, A. Love, W. Russell, A. Solomons, B. Brett, J. Purnell, F. Purnell, J. R. Long, G. Whitaker, W. J. Spriggs, A. B. Bradbury, A. Wolter, and T. Biggs. Visitors: Bros. F. Baker, P.M. 735; S. Studd, P.M. 1375; W. Walsh, P.G.S.; C. Taylor, 1624; W. Brindley, W.M. 1604; A. Burden, W.M. elect 11; J. J. Thomas, 753; C. R. Wickens, 753; W. Akehurst, 1693; J. Corkhill, 901; W. Grist, 1624; W. Williams, 902; F. H. Fry, 1692; A. Thomas, 1319; and H. D. Martin, 1309.

The "Dead March in Saul" was played by Bro. J. Kift, Org. After the usual preliminaries, Bro. A. B. Bradbury was passed to the degree of F.C., and Mr. Thomas Joseph Head, who was a candidate for initiation, was balloted for and unanimously elected, and in due course initiated into the light of Freemasonry, the W.M. performing both ceremonies in an excellent manner, and the general working of the lodge giving great satisfaction to all present. The

by ballot, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bro. D. Ferguson, S.W. The old and esteemed friend of the lodge, Bro. E. Thurkle, P.M., was again re-elected to the office of Treasurer, which office he has held since the formation of the lodge, and for his excellent services the brethren are about to present him with a testimonial at the next meeting as a mark of their appreciation of him and brethren are about to present him with a testimonial at the next meeting as a mark of their appreciation of him and and his services to the lodge. Bros. G. Whitaker, C. R. Cross, and A. J. Taylor were elected Auditors. The removal of the Creaton Lodge of Instruction to the Wheatsheaf Tavern, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, was sanctioned. Bro. J. Williams, P.M., proposed that the usual Past Master's jewel be provided and presented to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had conducted the lodge during his year of office, and was seconded by Bro. J. J. Cantle, P.M., who in the name of the members thanked the W.M. for having relieved the lodge of its debt by his excellent management. Bro. Cantle, P.M., informed the brethren that he had met with so many questions concerning the decease and burial of the late esteemed brother and first Master of the lodge, Bro. Col. Creaton, that he felt it his duty to say a few words upon the subject. He had been informed upon undoubted authority that our esteemed brother had died, as he had lived for nearly 40 years, a thorough Mason in heart and principle, nearly 40 years, a thorough Mason in heart and principle, and did not renounce our Order in his last moments as had been stated. The hymn for the burial of the dead ("Day of Wrath," &c.) was sung by the brethren, and the lodge

of Wrath," &c.) was sung by the brethren, and the lodge was closed with solemn prayer in perfect harmony.

The brethren held their banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, when the usual toasts were given. The W.M. in one of his speeches thanked the officers for the great assistance they had given him during his year of office, likewise the Past Masters for their good advice, and the Secretary for the admirable way in which he had performed the during the Reveloper Walsh and Studd re-Secretary for the admirable way in which he had performed his duties. Bros. Brindley, Burden, Walsh, and Studd replied for "The Visitors," each expressing their regret at the bereavement the lodge had met with, and felt sure that if that night's workings could be taken as an example the brethren were building a living monument to the memory of him whose name the lodge bears. Some excellent music was given during the evening (as is always the case with this lodge) by Bros. H. D. Martin, A. Thomas, J. Kift, A. Weston, and J. I. Cantle.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—The second year of this highly successful lodge was inaugurated at the Masonic Hall, Sa, Red Lion-square, Holborn, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Present: Bros. G. Lambert, P.G.S.B., W.M.; C. Probyn, S.W.; R. Payne, J.W.; C. Bellerby, Treas.; G. Coop, Sec.; H. C. Lambert, S.D.; Alexander Jones, I.G.; W. Bayley, D.C.; Livett, Kempton, Strugnell, Canning, Kingdon, Hunt, Brotheridge, Rowe, Payne, Hodges, Nugent, Godfrey, Fowley, Birch, Currie, Jordan, Walters, and Cross. Visitors: Bros.* Frank Herold, I.P.M. 1056; G. Flint, 1287; J. R. Harnell, 511; and C. G. Weitzley, 141.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the November meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Daniell, Aitchison, and Harnell, and proving unanimous in their favour, those gentlemen were duly admitted into the Craft. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. C. Probyn, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. G. Lambert for the benefit of installation, which was admirably performed by that excellent worker, Bro. R. Payne, J.W., P.M. 1328. After the usual preliminaries, and the brethren re-admitted, the W.M. was saluted according to the accustomed form, and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. R. Payne, S.W.; H. C. Lambert, P.G.D. Herts, J.W.; C. Bellerby, Treas.; G. Coop, Sec.; A. Jones, J.D.; W. Bayley, I.G.; Canning, Stwd.; W. Hunt, Asst. Stwd.; Delevanti, Org.; and T. Bradley, Tyler. The rest of the officers, having been named, will be invested at the January meeting. Bro. Probyn, W.M., then, in a few well-chosen words, presented a Past Master's jewel and a beautifully-painted vellum to Bro. G. Lambert, I.P.M., thereby testifying to the hearty affection and esteem that worthy Mason is held in by every member of the lodge.

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Bro. Lambert feelingly responded. Bro. R. Cross, for
many years surgeon-major of the Queen's Westminster
Volunteers and P.M. of the Percy Lodge, thanked the
brethren for unanimously electing him an honorary
member of the lodge. Letters having been read from
several brethren regretting their inability to attend, Bro.
Strugnell, P.M. of the Farringdon Without Lodge, having
mentioned it was his desire to represent the lodge at the
forthcoming feetingl of the Benevolent Institution, was mentioned it was his desire to represent the lodge at the forthcoming festival of the Benevolent Institution, was unanimously chosen. All Masonic business heing concluded, several of the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The installation banquet is unavoidably postponed to the January meeting, when a large gathering is expected. expected.

WEST COWES.—Medina Lodge (No. 35).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Lodge Rooms, when there were present Bros. Airs, 1.P.M., A meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Lodge Rooms, when there were present Bros. Airs, I.P.M., as W.M.; Roberton, S.W.; Manners, J.W.; Faulkner, P.M., Treas.; Mursell, P.M., Sec.; Hunter, as S.D.; Rutland, J.D.; Taylor, D.C.; Leftwich, I.G.; Young, Stwd. and Tyler; H. H. Wheeler, P.M.; O. Haxthanson, P.M.; Renzie, Matthews, Toms, J. Halliday, J. Bishop, Hurst, S. S. Wheeler, Langmaid, Cullingford, Sullivan, Dyett, Jones, Chamber, and A. Perry. Visitors: Bros. G. Brown and H. J. Dawson.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of pre-

Representative; and Bro. Young, Tyler. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

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HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The usual monthly meeting of this prosperous and influential lodge took place on the Sth inst. at the Castle Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Councillor W. H. Russell, presided, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. F. Plowman, S.W.; F. H. Hallett, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Sec.; J. Pearce, I.P.M., acting S.D.; S. Chandler, acting J.D.; H. Gloyns, I.G.; Leslie, Tyler; Edwin Bradnam, (Mayor); F. J. Parsons, J. C. Kenwood, C. E. Hallett, R. J. Reed, Councillor S. T. Weston, G. Roddis, A. G. Gush, T. J. Rubie, J. Hirst, P.P.G.D. Herefordchire, P.M. 338; Peter Robinson, P.M. 201; J. B. Foord, J.D. 1184; W. S. Allen, H. A. Muscat, J. Stace, T. C. Edwards, G. Randell, W. A. Beck, R. Dengate, and Henry Kimm, S.D. 1184 (Freemason). Visitors: Bros. R. Jones, 1040; A. L. Ward, W.M. 1842; J. B. Sargent, P.M. 1184; W. T. Jordan, 1184; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the formal business of reading the minutes and communications disposed of, the W.M. then proceeded to pass Bros. Edwards and Randell to the F.C. Degree, after which Bros. Beck and Dengate were duly raised to the Sublime Degree, both ceremonies being performed in masterly Masonic style. In conformity with the bye-laws, the brethren proceeded to ballot for a W.M. and also Treasurer for the ensuing year. The choice fell respectively upon Bro. F. Plowman, S.W., as W.M. elect, and Bro. F. Rossiter, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. The Tyler, Stewards, and Auditors having been chosen, on the proposition of Bro. Hennah, P.M., the sum of £10 ros. was voted towards the Girls' School. The W.M. and Bro. Russell elected to represent the iodge at the forthcoming Festival, when the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex will preside. It was unanimously decided to present a P.M.'s jewel to the W.M. on the completion of his year of office, as a mark of esteem of the brethren. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors, the lodge was cl

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SUNDERLAND.—Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—
The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, to celebrate the installation of Bro. Joseph Robson Pattison, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing 12 months. Bro. John C. Moor, P.G.J.D., W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of visiting brethren, amongst those present being Bros. T. Jopling, P.P.G.J.D.; B. Levy, P.P.G.J.W.; J. Bailey, P.P.G.J.W.; A. T. Munro, P.P.G.S.B.; J. E. Nelson, I.P.M. 80; M. Douglass, P.P.G.J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.G.D.D. of C.; J. Egglestone, P.M. 949; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; G. Porteous, P.P.G.O.; H. Tonkinson, P.M.; T. M. Watson, P.M.; T. Sharp, P.M. 97; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; L. Bruet, Loge Amenité Maitre, Havre; W. Beattie, P.M.; A. Currie, P.M.; C. McNamara, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Dobson, W.M. 80; W. Jackson, J. Sedcole, W.M. 1119; J. Henderson, 97; J. J. Bell, W. B. Ferguson, 97; J. Storey, J. Hudson, T. A. Simpson, P. Maddison, W. A. O. Sutcliffe, J. Deans, R. A. Brown, W. Birch, T. Campbell, Maxwell, G. Davison, 240; J. A. Hall, 240; S. Thompson, F. S. Cowper, J. J. Wilson, T. C. Clifford, H. Campbell, J. R. Nicholson, G. Benson, Anderson, and others.

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The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of installing Bro. Pattison in the chair of K.S. was performed according to ancient custom in a very impressive manner by Bro. Moor, assisted by Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John C. Moor, P.G.J.D., I.P.M.; Robert Singleton, S.W.; W. B. Ferguson, J.W.; Henry Tonkinson, P.M., Treas.; George C. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; C. M. Wake, S.D.; J. G. Nasbet, J.D.; J. J. Clay, P.M., P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; E. G. Watson, Org.; W. A. O. Sutcliffe, I.G.; J. W. Brown, Tyler; Thomas Campbell and J. R. Nicholson, Stewards; and J. Storey and H. Campbell, Auditors.

The lodge was subsequently closed in due form, and the annual festival of the lodge was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, Fawcett-street, the W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison, occupying the chair, and Bros. R. Singleton and Dr. Ferguson the vice-chairs. The W.M. was supported by Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Potts, P.P.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.G.J.D.; T. Pinkney, W.M.; W. Brandt, P.M. 1389; Rev. R. H. Yeld, P.P.G.C.; H. H. Pinkney, J. G. Marshall, William Jackson, James Henderson, J. J. Bell, J. B. Wilkinson, and most of the brethren named above.

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After an excellent dinner, which was served in a faultless manner, had been partaken of, the Worshipful Master
proposed, in regular order, "The Queen," "H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," "The Earl of Carnarvon,
Earl Lathom, and Officers of Grand Lodge," which were
heartily received.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "Sir Hedworth
Williamson, Bart., acting P.G.M., and the Officers of the
Prov. Grand Lodge of Durham, Present and Past." He
did so with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret—pleasure in seeing so many present to do honour to the Palatine
Lodge and partly to himself, and regret that he had not the
honour of proposing "The Provincial Grand Master, the
Marquis of Londonderry," whose loss they all deeply
lamented. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. R.
Hudson, P.G.S., a brother whom they all esteemed—and
rightly esteemed—from the manner in which he discharged
the duties of his important office. The toast was received the duties of his important office. The toast was received

with applause.

Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., in responding, trusted that the year they were entering upon, inithe Palatine Lodge, might be one of prosperity to the lodge, as well as to the Craft, and that the prestige the lodge held a quarter of a century ago, and had fully maintained, would be continued. He had always received from them a kind reception when he had come amongst them, and it would always be a pleasure to him to think of his brethren in Freemasonry. The was passed to the degree of F.C., and Mr. Thomas Joseph Head, who was a candidate for initiation, was balloted for and unanimously elected, and in due course initiated into the light of Freemasonry, the W.M. performing both ceremonies in an excellent manner, and the general working of the lodge giving great satisfaction to all present. The next business was to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year sure to him to think of his brethren in Freemasonry. The other Provincial Officers had very kindly assisted him in the past, and he trusted their efforts would continue to merit their approval. They had, indeed, sustained a great loss in the sudden death of their P.G.M., the Marquis of London and the sudden death of their P.G.M., the Marquis of London who had taken as great as integer in Macana.

He thanked them for proposing the toast, and again wished every prosperity to the Palatine Lodge, under whose auspices he first saw the light of Masonry.

Bro. J. C. Moor, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison." He believed that by courtesy and ability the newly-installed W.M. would amply verify the choice they had made, and uphold the dignity and honour of the Palatine Lodge. In all the offices he had filled in the lodge, Bro. Pattison had displayed great attention aod ability, and he was sure they one and all wished him health and strength to fulfil the duties of his office. He had to hand over to his successor a valued jewel of the lodge, in the gold snuff box, which 50 years ago exactly, was presented by the lodge to Bro. Hardy, P.M., who for 40 years very ably served the lodge, and on whose decease the box was purchased by Sir Henry Fenwick for 50 guineas and presented to the lodge. On the occasion of the presentation of the box, 50 years ago, Sir Cuthbert Sharp was the W.M. At the festival, half a century ago, he was supported by the P.G.M. of England, and by Hedworth Williamson, Bart., M.P., and other distinguished brethren, who at that distant date had honoured their lodge by their presence. He was sure they one and all wished the dignity and honour of the lodge to be maintained, and in the newly-installed W.M. he was certain they had one who would remember the traditions of the Palatine, and do honour to the chair. The toast was given with musical honours, after which, the chair. The toast was given with musical honours after which,

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The W.M., Bro. J. R. Pattison, in appropriate terms, acknowledged the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received by the brethren.
Bro. B. Levy, P.M. 97, P.P.G.J.W., proposed the toast of "The I.P.M." He said: The few times I have attended this lodge the brethren will agree with me the work has been done second to none of the predecessors who attended this lodge the brethren will agree with me the work has been done second to none of the predecessors who have been so highly spoken of this evening. It has given me great satisfaction and pleasure to witness the able manner in which the ceremonies of our Order have been performed, and the courtesy and able manner in which the general business of the lodge has been conducted. Bro. Moor has risen in the Craft very rapidly, and I am sure has done credit to the choice of the brethren who placed him in the chair of the Palatine Lodge. I am sure he gives up his office to his successor with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. I simply call upon you to drink the health and long life to our Bro. Moor.

Bro. J. C. Moor, I.P.M., in responding to the toast, thanked P.M. Levy for the handsome manner in which he had referred to his past services. As the W.M. of the Palatine Lodge he had endeavoured to discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and was gratified if he had given satisfaction. He had been ably assisted by the Past Masters of the lodge, to whom he felt much indebted, and he should ever feel it a pleasure to give any services to promote the future prosperity and success of the Palatine Lodge.

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Bro. T. M. Watson, P.M., suitably replied.
Bro. R. Hudson, P.G. Sec., proposed the toast of "The Present and Past Officers of the Lodge." He said they had duly honoured the toast of the W.M., and that of the I.P.M.—the one has his spurs to win in Freemasonry, while the other has fulfilled the duties with honour to himself and satisfaction to the lodge. He hoped all who had been satisfaction to the lodge. He hoped all who had been appointed to office that day would do their best to discharge the duties of their several offices, while the Wardens would remember how much they could assist the W.M. in the

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Bros. Robt. Singleton, S.W., and W. B. Ferguson, J.W., replied in becoming terms.

Bro. T. Jopling, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Charities," to which Bro. J. J. Clay, P.M., replied.

The W.M. gave "The Visiting Brethren," to which Bros. J. Dobson, W.M. 80; J. Potts, P.M. 94; J. A. Hall, J.W. 240; J. J. Bell, 541; D. G. Loraine; J. Bailey, P.M. 111; J. G. Kirtley, W.M. 949; T. Pinkney, W.M. 1389; R. Hudson, W.M. 2039, P.P. Sec.; and L. Bruet, Matre Loge, Amènité, having suitably responded, the latter expressing in felicitous terms his appreciation of the kindly and fraternal reception he had met with.

BURSLEM.—St. Martin's Lodge (No 98).—The brethren of this lodge assembled on Thursday afternoon, the 18th inst., to celebrate the Festival of St. John and the installation of Bro. Thomas K. Pedley, W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened in the Boardroom, Town Hall, when the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. G. H. Pickburn, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. Frank Weston, P.G.S.B.; J. Pierpoint, P.M.; J. Thorburn, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Dain, P.P.G.D.C.; and S. Bennett, P.P.G.A.D.C. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. G. Woolf, S.W.; S. Watson, J.W.; R. Dain, P.M., Treas.; T. Cope, Sec.; C. E. Woodstock, "S.D.; W. Bainbridge, J.D.; J. Godwin, I.G.; S. Bentley and E. Pearson, Stewards; and Grocot, Tyler. After the investiture of the officers, an impressive address was delivered to them by Bro. Thorburn, P.M.

At the close of the lodge the brethren, numbering about 40, adjourned to the Courtroom to a banquet provided by Bro. Morley and presided over by the W.M., when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, a selection of songs and glees were given by the Silver-BURSLEM .- St. Martin's Lodge (No 98) .-

a selection of songs and glees were given by the Silver-dale Glee Party, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The visiting brethren included Bros. Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; J. Morris, W.M. elect 451; and Dobson, 1914.

YORK.—York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting and celebration of St. John the Evangelist in tion meeting and celebration of St. John the Evangelist in connection with this lodge was celebrated on the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place. The lodge was opened at half-past two, the Worshipful Master, Bro. George Garbutt, occupying the chair. He was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Todd, P.M. and Treas. 236, P.P.G.R.; W. Draper, S.W.; H. Foster, J.W.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G.C., Chap.; W. Smith, Sec.; T. G. Hodgson, S.D.; S. Border, J.D.; Geo. Davies, I.G.; A. Sample, Org.; H. S. Hopton, Stud.; W. G. Calvert, Tyler; J. A. Barstow, P.M.; Geo. Kirby, P.M.; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.G.R.; Mark Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Buckle, B.A., P.M., P.P.G.D.; T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611,

P.P.G.S.W.; Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., W.M. 1911; J. W. Woodall, P.M. 200, P.P.G.S.W.; T. W. Tew, D.P.G.M. West Yorks; J. J. Needham, W.M. 910; George Simpson, P.M. 1611; P.P.G.P.; J. T. Seller, P.M. 1611; M. Millington, P.M. 1611; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas. 1611; W. H. Gainforth, P.M. 236; Capt. Thomas, 236; J. Sampson, 236; G. Seller, 236; W. B. Dyson, 1611; J. B. Sampson, 236; Purnell, 236; Lewis, 236; Haffner, 236; A. H. H. McGachen, P.M. 1991; General Nason, 44; Wm. Brown, J.W. 1611; M. D. Jefferson, 236; J. C. Livesey, 236; E. Carter, 236; W. Ward, 236; W. H. Godby, 236; T. Watkinson, 236; J. Biscomb, 236; James Mennell, 1611; E. Thackray, 1611; H. R. Willis, 1449; W. F. Stroud, 382; W. Starkey; B. Langley Mills, 1611; H. Allison, 1804; A. Jones, 250; T. Barnes, 294; W. Wilson, 236; C. Anderson, 236; C. M. Forbes, 236; S. G. Crummack, 236; and C. Wardle, 236.

The first business was the initiation of Licut. and Adjutant the Hon. Cecil Bingham, the ceremony being performed in a meritorious manner by the W.M., ably supported by his officers. At four o'clock; Bro. Todd was invited to occupy the chair in the position of Installing Master, the Senior Warden's chair being occupied by Bro. A. Buckle, B.A., P.M., and that of Junior Warden by Bro. Mark Rooke, P.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Draper, S.W., having been placed in the chair of K.S., the brethren were called upon to give the usual salutes, and Bro. M. Rooke, P.M., then explained the working tools of the M.M. De-

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Several excellent songs and glees were contributed by Bros. Kirby, Sample, J. B. Sampson, Mennell, and others. Bro. Sample ably presided at the pianoforte, and one of the most successful and enjoyable evenings in the annals of the Vark Locks was carent.

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LEICESTER.—St. John's Lodge (No. 279).—

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Michie, W.M.; R. Rowley, S.W.; F. Griffith, J.W.; S. A. Marris, Treas.; C. F. Wike, Sec.; W. A. Fielding, S.D.; H. J. Marshall, J.D.; W. H. Williams, Org.; J. Spurway. I.G.; G. Collins and G. Clifton, Stwds.; J. Tauser, Tyler; S. Cleaver, P.M.; C. E. Stretton, P.M.; J. O. Law, P.M.; C. Gurden, P.M.; W. H. Lead, J. H. Thompson, S. Wand, W. H. Swinglee, W. Bream, J. Young, J. Butcher, Anderson, H. Porklington, E. Snowden, A. Foster, H. H. Bastick, F. J. Brett, E. Newton, and W. T. Dogwell. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Harris, W.M. 1560; E. Mason, P.M. 1391; C. Oliver, P.M. 1007; H. P. Brown, J.W. 523; J. Harrison; and J. Waring, 1391.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. R. Rowley, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bros. Duncan, Weatherburn, and Laken were passed to the Second Degree.

HANLEY .- Menturia Lodge (No. 418) .- The Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 16th inst., and Bro. J. Lovell Hamshaw was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. Upwards of 50 brethren were present on the occasion, the Board of Installed Masters consisting of the following: Bros. John Bromley, the retiring W.M.; J. B. Piercy, P.G.S.W.; W. H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Brandon, P.M.; W. J. Carr, P.M.; J. Stringer, P.M.; and the following visiting brethren: Bros. J. Payne Hall, 456, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. H. Croydon, 460, P.G.A.S.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Mountford, 460, P.G. Grg.; F. Weston, 98, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Aggutter, W.M. 460; G. H. Pickburn, W.M. 98; and D. H. Dunning, P.M. 637.

formed by Bro. Bromley, assisted by Bros. Hales, Piercy, Bickley, Crapper, and Brandon. The following were invested with the collars and badges of their respective offices: Bros. E. B. Jackson, S.W.; E. V. Greatbach, J.W.; W. H. Hales, Treas.; W. Tunnicliffe, Sec.; the Rev. E. D. Boothman, Chap.; G. Barlow, S.D.; J. Lobley, J.D.; T. Taylor, D.C.; J. Wain, Org.; H. Windle, I.G.; J. Buckley and D. Heath, Stwds.; and G. Wilkes, Tyler.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Angel Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. Warrillow. Bro. Hamshaw presided, and at the conclusion of the repast proposed the loyal and other toasts,

conclusion of the repast proposed the loyal and other toasts, which were duly honoured.

Bro. Spencer Lawton, P.M., proposed "The Health of the P.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Col. Tudor," and Bro. Beardmore, P.M., proposed "The Health of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Gough, and the other Prov. Grand Officers," for whom Bro. Piercy responded.

The W.M. then spoke in highly complimentary terms of the manner in which Bro. Bromley had discharged the duties of W.M. during the year, and of the hospitality which he had displayed in connection with the jubilee of the lodge, presented to Bro. Bromley a splendid Past Master's jewel. On the ribbon is a Neo Grec or Etruscan vase in gold, with a fillet from the verge of the shoulder, on which is inscribed the name of the lodge, the terminals of cover and foot being formed of the acanthus leaf. On the obverse side of the jewel is a suitable inscription, viz.: obverse side of the jewel is a suitable inscription, viz.:—
"Presented as a mark of esteem by the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, to their worthy brother, John Bromley, P.M., December 16, 1884."

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Bro. Bromley in a neat speech, which was cordially received, expressed his grateful thanks for the kindness of the brethren of the lodge. After a short interval he proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Hamshaw in responding declared that he had been very much impressed with the solemnity of the proceedings of the day.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. Bickley and acknowledged by Bros. Hall and Ingamells.

Ingamells.
The health of Bro. Hales having been drunk with great The health of Bro. Hales having been drunk with great cordiality, Bro. J. Charlesworth proposed "The Masonic Charities," observing that the more he saw of Freemasonry the better he liked it. There was a sanctity and harmony about the proceedings in a Masonic lodge which made him anxious to devote some time to it. Charity was the very essence of Freemasonry, and the Masonic Charities were doing a splendid work, and it was gratifying to know that they were well supported in Staffordahire, and particularly by the Menturia Lodge.

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Bro. Taylor, in an excellent speech in commendation of the Masonic Charities in London, and of the noble work done by the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening vocal music was supplied, and the proceedings were harmonious throughout.

CARMARTHEN.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 476). CARMARTHEN.—St. Peter's Lodge (No. 476).

On the 16th inst. there was, a large assemblage of the members of the above lodge at the lodge room, and a very fair sprinkling of visitors, to witness the installation of Bro. Howell Howells as W.M. The W.M. has fairly earned his right to his position by his faithful service in subordinate positions in the lodge, and we were glad to see so many Past Masters present to welcome him into their ranks. "It goes without saying" that Bro. Howell Howells, having so faithfully served the lodge in the various offices he has filled, will take care that the honour of his lodge shall not suffer in his hands, but shall be handed down to his successor with, at least, undiminished splendour, for Bro. Howells sor with, at least, undiminished splendour, for Bro. Howells now has the pleasure and honour of presiding over the premier lodge of the Western Division of South Wales. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Hutching P. M. in the premier log of the Western Division of South Wales. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Hutchins, P.M., in a very effective manner. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Jones, I.P.M.; W. Lewis Hughes, S.W.; J. A. J. Timmins, J.W.; Rev. T. Rus Walters, Chap.; John Morris, Treas.; H. Cadle, Sec.; Rev. C. G. Brown, S.D.; T. Walters, J.D.; W. Morris, I.G.; E. H. Davis and C. Jones, Stwds.; and F. Stokes, Tyler.

After the ceremony of installation, the brethren adjourned to the May Bush Royal Hotel, where Bro. D. G. Williams had prepared a very capital spread, which was done full justice to, after which the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in the way usual amongst brethren of the Craft. Not the least interesting of the musical portion of the evening's entertainment

esting of the musical portion of the evening's entertainment was a Masonic part song, composed by the son of the W.M. for the occasion. No one was more surprised than the W.M. at this, as he was unaware of the fact. Mr. Willie Handling and the was unaware of the fact. Howells is well known in London musical circles as a very promising tenor, and as a composer of no mean ability. This song, if Mr. Howells publishes it, cannot fail to become a favourite in the Masonic world. The company broke up after a most enjoyable evening.

GREAT DRIFFIELD. — Sykes, Lodge (No. 1040).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., and was attended by an unusually large number of brethren. Bro. W. H. Porritt, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. Elgey, P.M., Treas., P.G.A.P., as S.W.; James Bordass, J.W.; H. Wrigglesworth, as S.D.; W. Highmoor, J.D.; J. Scott Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; John Baines, Chap.; Geo. S. Highmoor, D.C.; James Watson, I.G.; John Tate, Org.; W. House and Overend, Stwds.; G. Potts, Tyler; also Bros. J. Duner, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Holgreaves, P.M.; Stanley, Pulman, Atkin, Sellers, Dunning, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. P.P.G.P.; H. Holgreaves, P.M.; Stanley, Pulman, Atkin, Sellers, Dunning, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Bryan, P.M. 294, P.G.D.C.; Kemp, P.M. 294; Sugden, P.M. 294; Marshall, P.M. 294, P.P.G.D.C.; Thompson Foley, 294; Winterbottom, P.M. 734; Timmins, W.M. 734; and Kemp, Tyler 734.

After the usual formal business of the lodge had been correlated minutes confirmed and correspondence read.

H. Hales, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Iaylor, P.P.G.S.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.G.J.W.; Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.G.A.D.C.; F. Brandon, P.M.; W. J. Carr, P.M.; J. Stringer, P.M.; the brethren adjourned to the Falcon Hotel, where, under and the following visiting brethren: Bros. J. Payne Hall, 456, P.P.G.A.D.C.; E. H. Croydon, 460, P.G.A.S.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.G.J.D.; F. Mountford, 460, P.G. Org.; F. Weston, 98, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Aggutter, W.M. 460; G. H. Pickburn, W.M. 98; and D. H. Dunning, P.M. 637.

The ceremony of installation was very impressively per-

On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic On the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in proposing that of the evening, the W.M., Past Master Elgey said he rose to discharge an agreeable and important duty, and after calling on the brethren of the lodge, and the visiting brethren to assist him in giving an enthusiastic and sympathetic greeting to Bro. Porritt, alluded briefly, and bore the highest testimony to his many and varied qualifications, and the able and zealous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. His retentive memory and pleasant delivery able and zealous manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. His retentive memory and pleasant delivery were great gifts, such as were rarely to be found amongst Masons, and enabled him to give the important parts of the ritual in such a manner that every brother and every visitor assume the Master's chair by the unanimous solicitation of the brethren, and after the lodge had passed through a period of division and luke warmness, he had been successful in extinguishing the embers of discontent with that prompt and energetic action which characterised all his ful in extinguishing the embers of discontent with that prompt and energetic action which characterised all his movements. He had adjusted grievances, consolidated the finances, and rallied round him an enthusiastic set of officers, each of whom had endeavoured to excell in his respective duties. The W.M. responded in suitable terms, and appeared much affected. He thanked Past Master Elgey for the very kind sentiments he had expressed towards him. He assured the brethren of his great appreciation of their confidence and kindness. His great appreciation of their confidence and kindness. His great appreciation of their confidence and kindness. How and unmitigated pleasure; he had the greatest regard for the past, was pleased with the present, and anticipated a glorious future for the brethren of the Sykes Lodge. Having previously filled the Master's chair six times in his Masonic career, his feelings on this occasion were greatly gratified by seeing before him a larger number of faces than had for a long time past surrounded their festive board, and he could assure them, and especially his officers, that, in he could assure them, and especially his officers, that, in ackowledging the great compliment they had paid him, he should never forget the great kindness and consideration the brethren had shown him, and the able and efficient manner in which his officers had laboured to assist him, or be unmindful of the great and solemn responsibilities of his

Other toasts followed, the harmony of the evening being contributed to by Bros. Jas. Scott Wilson, Baines, Pulman, Tate, and Bordass.

Tate, and Bordass.

DEAL.—Lord Warden Lodge (No. 1096).—
A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at St.
Hall, when there were present Bros. H. Chambers, W.M.;
J. W. Court, S.W.; B. M. Beer, J.W.; J. S. Huntly,
Org.; G. Bond, P.M., P.G.A.P., Treas.; T. J. Usher,
P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. Shepherd, S.D.; A. Banger,
J.D. (pro tem.); F. E. Hast, D.C.; G. Beale, I.G.; H.
E. Jones, Stwd.; S. Holgate, Tyler; E. Kirby, P.P.G.
Swd. Br., P.M.; A. H. Des Barres, P.M.; J. Trollope,
W. Kerrison, John Loughlin, S. Willey, H. G. Frost, J.
W. Doell, J. A. McAdam, J. Lofthouse, and John Allan.
Visitors: Bros. J. F. Solly, W.M. 784; E. J. Elliott,
W.M. elect 784; W. Wincole, 903; and J. Read, 258.
Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed.

lar meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. ballot was then taken for Mr. A. B. Payne, M.D., for initiation, and found unanimously in his favour. Bros. Lofthouse and Allan were then duly and regularly raised to the degree of M.M.'s. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form.

BATTLE.—Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 18th inst. There were present Bros. B. H. Thorpe, P.P.G.S.D., P.M., W.M.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie, M.A., Prov. G. Chap., S.W.; Chas. Armstrong, J.W.; Rev. C. Bonny Hawkins, M.A., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.P.G.P., P.M., Treas., acting J.D.; Robert Hughes, Sec.; Henry Kimm, 40, S.D. (Free mason); T. J. Walder, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; Jesson, Tyler; Wm. Lamborn, P.P.G.P., P.M.; J. B. Sargent, P.M.; Charles Martin, W. C. Till, W. T. Jordan, W. E. Skimner, J. M. Farr, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes were confirmed and communications read. There being no business before the lodge, Bro. Jordan having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, having been unanimously elected to represent the lodge at the R.M.B.I., Februarylnext. Bro. Farr, P.M., then very ably gave a lecture of the tracing board in the Second Degree.

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THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was a good attendance of members, as well as visitors from other lodges. The ceremony took place at two o'clock, and was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.G.S.W., who placed in the chair Bro. James Walton, the S.W. of the lodge during the previous year. Amongst those who were lodge during the previous year. Amongst those who were present at the ceremony and banquet were Bros. F. Smith, P.M. (Ripon), and H. C. Pickersgill (Ripon), who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens during the ceremony; Bros.! J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611; H. Fairburn, P.M. 1337; C. Palliser, P.M. 1337; J. M. Meek, P.M. 111; R. Bell, P.M. 1416; H. Smith, P.M. 1416; J. S. Walton, P.M. 1337; W. Coltman, P.M. 1416; Rev. Canon Camidge, P.M. 1416; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1416; G. Ayre, P.M. 1416; W. Hall, P.M. 1416; W. Brown, J.W. 1611; W. Lackenby, I.G. 1611; C. Elsley, 1416; and others.

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The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. Smith, I.P.M.; Z. Wright, S.W.; H. Longford, J.W.; Rev. Canon Camidge, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Hansell, S.D.; J. J. Eberle, J.D.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; R. Hartley, Sec.; F. R. Hansell, D.C.; Rev. E. Richardson, Org.; W. W. Hall, I.G.; W. Coltman, P.M., and C. Greensides, P.M., Stwds.; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler. The lodge elected Bro. G. Ayre, P.P.G.D., to the office of Charity Representative. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presented to the lodge a copy of Bro Hughan's latest work on the "English Rite of Freemasonry," and several other minor works, and received the thanks of the lodge. Many letters of apology were read, and the lodge was clored amidst "Hearty good wishes" from all quarters. An admirable banquet was prepared at the Fleece Hotel, notoriously one of the best houses in England for wines and cookery, and of the best houses in England for wines and cookery, and the brethren enjoyed a very happy evening interspersed

HAMPTON WICK.—Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—This very prosperous lodge met at the White Hart Hotel on the 8th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. W. Forge, P.G.D.C. Middx., W.M.; Piller, P.M., S.W.; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., J.W.; the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, P.P.G. Chap. Middx., Treas.; T. W. Ockenden, P.P.G.D. Middx., Sec.; Chandler, S.D.; Elphick, I.G.; Peat, Org.; Jobbins, D.C.; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. Middx., W.S.; Featherstone, P.G.A.P. Middx., I.P.M.; Gilbert, Tyler; and others. The visitors were Bros. Noton, W.M. 1309; Godden, P.M. 975; Taylor, P.M. 1767; and Paterson,

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. V. Potter was duly passed as a F.C., and Mr. J. E. Gentle initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M., both ceremonies being well performed. A distressed member of the lodge having been relieved by a donation of five guineas, a resolution expressing condolence with the relatives of the late W. Bro. H. C. Levander, P.G. Sec. of Middx., &c., was unanimously passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. being compelled to leave, the I.P.M. ably presided at the banquet table. The customary toasts were duly honoured.

SURBITON.—St. Margaret's Lodge (No 1872).

—A meeting was held the 20th ult., at St. Mark's Schools. Present: Bros. George T. Clayton, W.M.; R. Sebastian Hart, S.W.; E. W. Stsllwell, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Dawes, P.M., Chap.; Dr. Gibbs, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Boucher, P.M., Sec.; W. H. D. Pearse, S.D.; R. Piper, J.D.; T. S. Borradaile, P.M., D.C.; C. M. Hogg, I.G.; G. F. Budden, Tyler; V.W. Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey; Bros. Case, P.M., W. D. Young, and J. H. Crofts. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Gray, W.M. 1920; J. Trapp, P.M. 1920; J. L. Jennings; Dr. A. Nuthall, W.M. 889; and C. T. Tyler, P.M. 1395.

The only business was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. R. Sebastian Hart. This ceremony was performed by the out-going W.M., Bro. Clayton, who acted as Installing Officer. SURBITON.—St. Margaret's Lodge (No 1872)

After lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, where they partook of the usual banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Salter, the genial host.

INSTRUCTION.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, when there were present Bros. J. Stephens, W.M.; Holcombe, S.W.; Mellier, J.W.; Baker, Treas. and Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Scattergood, S.D.; Hunt, J.D.; McCullock, I.G.; Green, W.S.; Williams, Davie, Dixon, Riddle, Hubert, H. Curtis, Boyles, J. W. Curtis, Hayes, A. C. Stephens, Leach, Stratton, Howe, Wickens, Knight, Whittingham, Drew, Cole, Drake, Harris, Coleman, and Hutchings. Visitor: Bro. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed.

The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Hubert being the candidate. The ceremony of initiation was next rehearsed, Bro. Coleman

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WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Adam and Eve, York-street, Westminster, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Gibson, Treas. and W.M.; Brindley, S.W.; Fraser, J.W.; Wray, P.M., Preceptor; A. Hayes, acting Sec.; Coleman, S.D.; Greenway, J.D.; Forscutt, I.G.; Heil, Coughlan, Purnell, sen., and Morgan. The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Coughlan answered the questions leading to the Third Degree and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Coughlan being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Wray, Preceptor, worked the Second Degree. Bro. Wray, Preceptor, worked the Second Section of this lecture. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. Brindley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony. offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623). WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE (No. 1623). A very successful meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, 88, Aldersgate- street, E.C. Present: Bros. Aynsley, W.M.; Howes, S.W.; G. Higgins, J.W.; Barnett, S.D., and acting Secretary; Aslett, J.D.; C. Rumball, I.G.; Smyth, Tyler; N. Mackay, Jolly, G. H. Stevens, W.M. 1623, acting Preceptor, and others.

Lodge was duly opened, and after due formalities Bro. Jolly was tested and entrusted, and subsequently the ceremony of raising was carefully worked, Bro. Aynsley being heartily congratulated at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Stephens, Preceptor, next worked the traditional history and the Third Section of the Lecture, great attention being paid to the working so as to secure efficiency and a thorough knowledge of the work in hand.

efficiency and a thorough knowledge of the work in hand. Bro. J. J. Howes, S.W. of the mother lodge, was elected W.M. for the first lodge meeting in the new year, and Bro. G. H. Stephens, W.M. 1623, arranged to work the Three Craft ceremonies on the last Monday evening in December. Brethren are very cordially invited to attend. Lodge opens at seven o'clock every Monday evening.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, when there were present Bros. Glover, W.M.; A. Hayes, S.W.; J. Wade, P.M., J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; Gibson, Treas.; Coughlan, Sec.; Green, Sen., S.D.; McCullagh, J.D.; Luckhurst, I.G.; Greenway, Foulson, Hiel, Edwards, and Ray.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibson, a candidate to be passed to the Scoond Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson candidate. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The lodge was called off and on, the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Ray, 1621, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Ilayes was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1947)

—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., when there were present: Bros. A. Clark, W.M.; G. Coleman, S.W.; Shand, J.W.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; Ford, J.D.; J. Woodward, I.G.; W.C. Smith, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; C. Ralph, C. Pinot, J. Rhodes, Skinner, P.M.; B. Solomons, Dowling, Seymour, and Frank Gulliford. The lodge was opened in due form. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. C. Smith, Preceptor, worked the First Section of the lecture. Bro. B. Solomons having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted and retired. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Sublime Degree of M.M., giving the traditional history. Lodge opened in the Third and then the Second Degree. Bros. J. Rhodes, 1524; C. Pinot, 1557, and W. A. Dowling, 2012, were unanimously elected joining members of the lodge of instruction. Bro. W. C. Smith proposed that Bro. G. Coleman, S.W. be W.M., at the meeting to be held on Thursday evening, the 1st of January, 1885. Seconded by Bro. Ford, J.D. Carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes, was unanimously voted to Bro. A. Clark, for the very able and efficient manner he had occupied the chair. The W.M. having made a suitable reply, the lodge was closed in ancient form, with peace and harmony, and adjourned. THE COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1947)

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting wus held on Saturday, the 20th inst. at the Hampshire

wus held on Saturday, the 20th inst. at the Hampshire Hog, when there were present Bros. John Davies, W.M.; W. Sharratt, S.W.; J. Brown, J.W.; George Gardner, Treas.; H. Furze, acting Sec.; George Gardner, S.D.; W. Dowling, J.D.; R. Pidcock, I.G.; Stranger, Tyler; E. Ayling, Preceptor; F. Botley, W.M.; C. Botley, C. Coward, Hayes, W.M.; D. Stroud, A. Williams, J. Sims, G. Smither, C. Hopkins, J. Meyer, and Steers.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the three first Sections of the First Degree. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Williams being the candidate.

Bro. Meyer having answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree, two brethren were proposed and elected joining members, making upwards of 100 members that have joined this lodge since its commencement in May last. The S.W. was then voted to occupy the chair of K.S. at the next meetig (which will be held on the 3rd of January next), and appointed his officers. held on the 3rd of January next), and appointed his officers. A Tyler was then appointed, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, lodge was closed. Brethren are cordially invited to the next meeting, as it will be a musical evening.

Royal Arch.

ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER (No. 907).—
The installation meeting of the above chapter took place at the White Hart Hotel, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Comps. G. T. Barr, M.E.Z. elect, was installed as Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., as H.; and R. Jennings, as J. The other officers invested were Comps. T. Burne, Scribe E.; J. Lyon, Scribe N.; W. H. Causton, P.S. (the P.S. will appoint his Assistants at the next meeting); J. S. Farnfield, P.Z., Treas.; and Church, Janitor. The installation ceremony was admirably performed by M.E. Comp. T. Griffiths, P.Z., assisted by Comps. F. A. White, P.Z., and Miller, P.Z. Comp. J. P. Curtis, P.Z. 683, was unanimously elected a joining member, and the ballot was taken for Bro. A. H. Strong, 1585 and 2012, and proving unanimous, that brother was exalted to the Supreme Degree by M.E. Comp. Griffiths, in grand style, ably assisted by Comps Lardner as H., and F. A. White, P.Z., as J.; Comp. Causton making his mark in his new office as P.S. A hearty vote of thanks to Comp. Griffiths, to be inscribed on the minutes of the chapter, for the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer, was tendered that esteemed companion, and he briefly returned thanks.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to an elegantly served banquet.

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The usual loyal and Royal Arch Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.Z. rose to propose the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Barr, and in so doing, said it was a toast he felt sure every one around that board, and he was sorry that there were not more present, would drink with all the enthusiasm it deserved. It needed no commendation from him for the subject of it. their M.E. Comp. all the enthusiasm it deserved. It needed no commendation from him, for the subject of it, their M.E. Comp. Barr, had proved himself worthy of the position he now occupied in every way. He had gone through the chair of the mother lodge with credit, and that augured well for the good government of the chapter under his sway; as a younger mason than Comp. Barr he should not sound his trumpet further, but would ask them to drink the toast, and wish their worthy M.E.Z. "a merry Christmas and a

The M.E.Z., who on rising to respond was received with cheers, said he had but very little to say for himself, although it would require an extensive vocabulary to return thanks adequately for the very kind words spoken of him by Comp. Coleman, and so heartily endorsed by them. He, however, trusted he had gone through the chairs in

Craft Masonry with some little credit, but certainly was afraid the exalted position he now occupied would almost be too great a task for him. They might depend upon him doing his best for the chapter, but he hoped, whether or not, the same good feeling which now existed would ever exist between himself and the companions of the chapter. "The Exaltee" was then toasted, and Comp. Strong, in response, said he had travelled 400 miles to be present, and highly appreciated the genial reception afforded him, while the beautiful ceremony had impressed him more than anything he had yet heard or seen. He trusted to become a working member, and worthy of the continued confidence of the companions.

Comps. Laurance, Tyler, and Jolly responded for "The Visitors," and expressed their pleasure at the Masonic treat given by the grand working of the installation and exaltation ceremonies.

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The M.E.Z. then presented Comp. Coleman, the I.P.Z., with a handsome and valuable P.Z.'s jewel, and, in so doing, said he felt sure Comp. Coleman would not prize it so much for its intrinsic value, as for its being a token of merit, and of the esteem of the companions of the Royal Albert Chapter. He trusted Comp. Coleman would long be spared to wear it, and then when the time came for him to leave this world, it might be a passport for his children wherever they might go.

Comp. Coleman, in returning thanks, said he should carefully preserve the jewel as one of the most valuable possessions he had, because it represented the universal kindness he had always received from every companion of the chapter. He spoke in eulogistic terms of their worthy S.E., Comp. Burne, and also of the valuable assistance rendered him at all times by P.Z.'s Griffiths, White, and Miller, and concluded by assuring them that any thing he could do for the benefit of the chapter should be done willingly and from his heart.

The toast of "The P.Z.'s" followed "The Installing Officer, Comp. Griffiths," and then came that of "The First and Second Principals." "The Treasurer and S.E." were duly honoured, and after "The Officers" had been complimented, the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

BATH.—Royal Cumberland Chapter (No. 41).

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—The regular annual convocation was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 7.30, soon after which hour a Board of Installed Principals was opened, the following officers occupying the chief chairs: Ex. Comps. F. Wilkinson, M.E.Z.; C. W. Radway, H.; E. J. B. Mercer, J. The P.Zs. present were Col. Adair, Prov. G. Supt.; T. Hearne, T. Wilton, Lawson Howes, E. L. Hill, J. Rubie, T. S. Keene, T. B. Moutrie, Dr. H. Hopkins, and, as a visitor, Col. J. R. Ford, P.P.G. J. and P.Z. 53. The companions were then admitted, the following officers taking their respective chairs: Comps. F. Glover, E.; W. Peach, N.; R. B. Carter. P. Soj.; T. E. Wilton, Asst. Soj.; Macfarlane, Orgt.; and Bigwood, Janitor. There was a good muster of companions not in office.

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The chapter having been duly opened, the summons of convocation was read, and also the minutes of the previous chapter, which were confirmed. A ballot was taken for three candidates for exaltation, Bros. S. Collis, W. L. Baldwin, and J. G. Wilton, which was favourable in each case. The Treasurer, Ex. Comp. Moutrie, read his statement of accounts, which had been duly audited, and remarked that owing to the recent increase in the amount of subscription the result was unusually favourable, showing a balance of upwards of £15 in hand, and arrears of about £7 still to be paid. On the proposition of Ex. Comp. Howes, seconded by H., the accounts were passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Apologies for absence were read from Ex. Comp. E. T. Payne, Prov. G. Treas. and P.P.G. J., on account of indisposition, and from Comps. Becket, Knight, and Sparrow. The companions who had not passed the principal chairs were then requested to retire, and during their absence the Board of Principals having been constituted, Ex. Comp. C. W. Radway was duly installed in the chair of Z. by Ex. Comp. Dr. H. Hopkins. Ex. Comp. Mercer was afterwards admitted and installed as H. by his predecessor. This done, Comp. Glover was summoned and installed as J. by the companion who had just vacated the third chair. The Board was closed, and the companions having been readmitted and installed as H. by his predecessor. This done, Comp. Glover was summoned and installed as J. by the companion who had just vacated the third chair. The Board was closed, and the companions having been readmitted, Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins completed the ceremony by proclaiming the new Principals and directing the customary salutations. The following were the officers, besides the before-named Principals, appointed for the ensuing year, and invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. Lawson Howes, Master of Cers.; W. Peach, E.; R. B. Cater N.; Knight, P. Soj.; T. E. Wilton, S. Soj.; Banks, J. Soj.; Macfarlane, Org.; and Bigwood, Janitor. On the proposition of the M.E.Z., a cordial vote of thanks was carried to Ex. Comp. Dr. Hopkins by acclamation, for his attendance and assistance, which he remarked were the more entitled to appreciation by the companions, because the state of his health and his advancing age—he being now in his 77th year—might have been a reasonable cause for absence, and still more so for declining to take an active part in the work. Dr. Hopkins replied with considerable emotion, stating that having been for some weeks confined to the house by serious illness, though not refused permission to be present by his medical attendant, he had been informed by him that it might be at some risk. He was anxious not to break a promise made long ago to the M.E.Z., to place him in the first chair, having in the course of the last few years installed him at the head of the Craft and Mark lodges, and in the second and third chairs of the chapter. To do this would not have been possible during the last week or two. Morcover, he felt that his physical and Mark lodges, and in the second and third chairs of the chapter. To do this would not have been possible during the last week or two. Moreover, he felt that his physical condition was so precarious, that he was desirous on the present occasion to express his gratitude for the many acts of kindness he had received, as this evening would probably terminate his career in the performance of any ceremonies, nor could it do so more suitably than in putting the finishing stroke to so apt a pupil as Ex. Comp. Radway. In response to a vote of thanks for the trouble he had taken in coming so far to attend the meeting of the had taken in coming so far to attend the meeting of the chapter, Col. Adair, Prov. Grand Supt., remarked that the chapter, Col. Adair, Prov. Grand Supt., remarked that the word trouble was inappropriate, as it was his great desire to witness the work as carried out in this distinguished chapter under his rule, though himself not taking part in it, or occupying a prominent position on this occasion. It was otherwise years ago, when he attended officially within these walls, consequently pleasant recollections were now revived, and he was delighted to hear the name of the son of one of his old fellow workers proposed for exaltation.

Having a long distance to go by train, he regretted his inability to join in the banquet. The customary honours were paid as he left the hall. The M.E.Z. addressed the companions, expressing his thanks for the confidence reposed in him by placing him in so exalted a position, and his hope that he should be able successfully to carry out the ritual and administer the ceremonies.

The chapter was closed soon after half-past seven, and an adjournment was made to the Castle Hotel for the

annual banquet.

MANCHESTER.—Affability Chapter (No. 317).

The bi-monthly meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Comps. J. E. Steward, Z.; Jas. Wilson, H.; Charles Oldham, J.; R. R. Lisenden, S.E.; W. J. Cunliffe, S.N.; John Garside, acting P.S.; J. G. Elderton, 1st Asst. P.S., J. W. Edwards, Treas.; W. B. Akerman, Steward; J. Sly, Janitor; James Dawson, P.Z., P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; John Bladon, P.Z.; W. P. Norris, P.Z.; W. Nicholl, P.Z., P.S.E., H. 1387; G. C. Frühling, H. L. Rocca, P.Z. 815; H. Walmsley, P.S.N.; W. Hardcastle, W. R. Sowter, P.P.S.; John Sherwin, Abraham Wild, Joseph Kirby, J. W. G. Coombs, and Harry Smith.

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The chapter was opened in the usual manner at six o'clock, and at 6.30 was "called off," the companions adjourning for tea. At 7.40 the companions re-assembled in the lodge room, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Black, who was balloted for and elected at the last meeting, being in attendance, was, after the usual preliminaries, exalted to the Holy Royal Arch Degree by the Excellent First Principal, assisted by his officers. This being the night for electing the officers for the ensuing twelve months, the choice of the companions fell upon the following, who were declared duly elected: Comps. James Wilson, Z.; Chas. Oldham, H.; W. J. Cunliffe, J.; W. Hardcastle, S. E.; J. W. Edwards, S.N.; J. Garside, P.S.; H. Walmsley, Treas.; and J. Sly, Janitor. Each companion returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and after some further business of a private nature in connection with the chapter, it was closed in peace and harmony.

INSTRUCTION.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IM-PROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A convocation was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday, the 18th inst., when there were present Comps. F. Brasted, P.Z. 1524, Z.; W. Radcliffe, H.; W. Foster Shaw, J.; J. E. Sheffield, S.E.; T. E. Edmunds, S.N., Preceptor; J. H. Wood, P.S.; W. H. Dean. Z. 77, P.G.R. Dorset; J. Strugnell, Z. elect 1044; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538; H. E. Dehane, D. P. Holness, and R. Bird.

The minutes of the last convocation were confirmed. The cereinony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Holness being the candidate. The Preceptor rehearsed the history of Moses' rod. The 147 companions of the chapter represent 57 chapters. The chapter was closed in peace and harmony until the second Thursday in January next year. NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IM-

ANNUAL LADIES' MEETING OF THE RANELAGH LODGE, No. 834.

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A meeting of this flourishing and highly popular lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Regent-street, W., on Tucsday, the 9th inst., when, alter the ordinary business of the lodge was disposed of, the brethren were permitted, by special dispensation of H.R.H. the M.W.G. Master, the Prince of Wales, to invite lady and gentlemen visitors to dine with them, and to wear their Masonic Craft regalia. The W.M., Bro. H. Purdue, with his usual promptitude, opened the lodge, there being present Bros. Sims, S.W.; J. Doposon, J.W.; J. Tuck, Sec.; H. Blake, S.D.; P. Burton, J.D.; J. Doncaster, I.G.; W. Coplestone, Stwd.; F. J. Oliver, I.P.M.; H. Shaw, P.M.; J. Slack, P.M.; J. Barker, P.M.; Walkley, Tyler; Holland, Bird, Broadbridge, Iredale, Chapman, Bowles, Southwood, Banks, Hewitt, Cliburn, Graham, A. Williams, A. P. Lake, W. Purdue, May, W. W. Williams, Ward, Newland, Crumpton, A. Smith, Lucas, and several others. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. Austin, S.D. 1791; Roberts, P.M. 742 and 209; Moran, 749; Waller, 9; Paul, J.D. 1828; Noel, S.W. 6; Tilbury, 975; and Brooks, S.W. 766.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Broadbridge, Bird, and Banks were then passed to the degree of F.C. Messrs. Morgan, Cooner, and Spooner were afterwards initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. in a most efficient manner, its solemnity and beauty being much enhanced by the admirable musical accompaniment of Bro. F. J. Oliver, I.P.M. Bro. H. Shaw, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Barker, P.M., seconded, that the sum of 10 guineas should be voted from the lodge funds, and placed on the W.M.'s list, who kindly consented to act as Steward to represent the lodge at the ensuing Festival for the Benevolent Institution. The special dispensation of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and ordered by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, to be read in open lodge, and be recorded on the minutes, was read by Bro. John Tuck, Sec. The formal business of the lodge height.

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The brethren then adjourned to the Carnarvon Room to receive the ladies, where a large number had already assembled, among whom were Miss Purdue, Mrs. Purdue, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. John Tuck, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Blake,

Mrs. Snaw, Mrs. John Luck, Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. Blake, Mrs. and Miss Dopson, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. May, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Coplestone, Mrs. Lucas, and others. After a brief interval the banquet was announced to be served, and the ladies were escorted into the Victoria served, and the ladies were escorted into the Victoria Hall, where tables had been laid for 112, presenting a most exquisite appearance. The W.M. presided, and, with the assistance of the appointed Stewards, succeeded in making the evening most enjoyable. Too much praise cannot be given to those excellent managers of the Criterion Restaurant, Bros. Madell and Bertini, for the admirable manner in which they personally surpervised the whole of the evening, adding so much to the pleasure of all present.

The repast being over, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed in appropriate terms the toasts of "The Queen and

the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon;" "The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom;" and "The rest of the Grand Officers;" which was enthusiastically drunk by the brethren and visitors.

Bro. Oliver, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. H. Purdue," and spoke of him in the highest terms for the efficient manner he had presided over the lodge and as a Mason.

The Worshipful Master, in rising to respond to the toast, was greeted with acclamation. He sincerely thanked the brethren and visitors for the enthusiastic manner they had drank the toast. He was proud to respond to it in so vast an assemblage of ladies and brethren who were so intimately connected with the Ranelagh Lodge. He hoped to pass through his year of office to the satisfaction of the intimately connected with the Ranelagh Lodge. He hoped to pass through his year of office to the satisfaction of the brethren, and if he did so it would be a great gratification to himself. He was proud to say that he had initiated more into Freemasonry in the Ranelagh Lodge than any previous W.M. He was afraid Bro. Oliver had flattered him by the eulogistic manner he had spoken of him. He also felt proud and flattered by the presence of so many ladies and visitors.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Health of the Initiates," expressing the gratification he had in initiating three gentlemen who had paid such marked attention to the beautiful and impressive ceremony.

Each of the Initiates replied in most appropriate terms, Bro. COONEY, in particular, who, in expressing his delight

Each of the initiates replied in most appropriate terms, Bro. Cooney, in particular, who, in expressing his delight and surprise in all that had transpired during the evening, remarked that he was not desirous of monopolising the whole of the reply, but would leave it to his brother initiate

to complete.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Ladies," which was responded to in a most humorous manner by

Bro. CLIBURN.
The Worshipful Master proposed "The P.M.'s," which was responded to by Bro. SLACK, P.M., who expressed his delight as father of the lodge in watching its progress and at seeing so many happy faces around him, and his deep regret that severe family affliction prevented

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The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary," remarking how proud he was to possess such a Treasurer as Bro. Butt, P.M., also of Bro. John Tuck, as Secretary; how efficient and with what promptitude all the duties connected with that office were carried out.

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Bro. JOHN TUCK, in rising to respond in the absence of the Treasurer, thanked the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren and visitors for the hearty manner in which they had responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." On behalf of Bro. Butt, P.M., he could tell them that in him they had the perfection of a Treasurer; it would be impossible to have a brother in that position who would watch over the funds with greater care, and dispense them with greater caution, than Bro. Butt. For himself, he thanked them for the cordial and hearty manner in which they had received the toast, and how proud he was to act as Secretary to such a distinguished lodge at the Ranelagh Lodge. It had now been his distinguished honour to act as Secretary under five successive W.Ms., during which time he had met with nothing but harmony and brotherly love, each member working with that unanimity which makes the arduous duties of a Secretary so light, and tends so to promote peace, harmony, and prosperity did exist in the Ranelagh Lodge he referred them to the number of good men and true that continue to range to the number of good men and true that continue to range under its banner. When he undertook the duties of Secretary the lodge numbered under 50, and now he was pleased to inform them that it was over 80. He thanked those brethren who had rallied round the W.M. and himunose preturen who had rallied round the W.M. and himself to make the meeting a success, the pleasures of which was so considerably enhanced by the presence of the ladies who then graced the table. He took the liberty of quoting a few words he had dotted down while at the table.

"The ladies claim right to come into our light,
Since the apron they say is their bearing;
Can they subject their will, can they keep their
tongues still,
And let talking be changed into hearing?"

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He sincerely hoped that these meetings would become an institution in the Ranelagh Lodge, and that the ladies would look forward for its approach with gratification and pleasure, and that when they quitted the realms of peace and harmony, and mingled with the busy world, they would tell their fair sisters how much they had enjoyed themselves, and thereby be the means of increasing the number next year.

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The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Sims, S.W., and Bro. Dopson, J.W.

The Tyler's toast brought one of the most enjoyable evenings spent in the Ranelagh Lodge to a conclusion, which was much enlivened by some excellent songs by Miss Dopson, Bros. Tilbury, Cliburn, Doncaster, Boyes, Williams, and Messrs. Coram and Hansford. Miss Amy Purdue rendered a solo on the pianoforte, and Bro. Shaw, P.M., gave a recitation.

INAUGURATION OF NEW MASONIC ROOMS AT BELVEDERE.

The new Masonic Rooms at the Royal Alfred Institution, Belvedere, of the Saye and Sele Lodge, 1973, with which is allied the Mark Lodge, 309, and the Red Cross Conclave, 122, were inaugurated on Monday, the 15th inst., by a 122, were inaugurated on Monday, the 15th inst., by a large muster of the brethren and many visitors at a lodge of emergency, when there were present, "inter alia" Bros. Bateman, W.M.; Wood, I.P.M.; Chillingworth, P.M.; Dr. Spurrell, P.M., Sec.; Elliot, S.W.; Bright, J.W.; De Pinna, S.D.; Robinson, J.D.; Lemon, acting D.C.; Colman, I.G.; Park and Russell, Stwds.; F. E. and F. G. Houghton, Crump, Keyes, F. C. Blyth, Heaps; and among the visitors Bros. Blount, 1593; Moulder, 824; A. Smith, 829; H. Martin, 829; Dr. Weddell, 1837; the Rev. H. Jamblin, 1837; Carvosso, 1837; the Rev. H. Cummings, 1837; Loftus, 1193; Rowland, 1193; Ronaldson, 162; Thomas, 1669; Iedder, 1107; Soppett, 1558, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and several letters of apology presented, the W.M. stated that he had received

a very kind communication from Lord Holmesdale, Prov. G.M. Kent, who, being unable to attend the lodge in person, had sent his portrait, for which the Secretary was directed to thank Lord Holmesdale on behalf of the lodge. directed to thank Lord Holmesdale on behalf of the lodge. A valuable Masonic picture, by an old master, was then presented by Bro. Chillingworth, P.M., and Bro. Colman, I.G., with an appropriate speech, presented an extremely handsome banner, bearing the Saye and Sele arms. Various other presents, donations, and loans having been suitably acknowledged by the W.M., the Secretary was directed to write to the different brethren concerned, and to convey the these of the ledge for their kindness. Bro. the Rev. H. the thanks of the lodge for their kindness. Bro. the Rev. H. Jamblin delivered the ancient charges in an admirable manner. The W.M. then made a statement as to the different Masonic Institutions now flourishing in Belvedere, different Masonic Institutions now flourishing in Belvedere, viz., the Craft and Mark Lodges and the Red Cross Conclave, and further stated that it was proposed hereafter to found a Royal Arch Chapter upon the same lines.

After a brief interval, Bro. the Rev. H. CUMMINGS, P.P.G.C. Cornwall, delivered one of those impressive and instructive Masonic orations for which he is so justly celebrated, which was listened to with much attention by the brethren

brated, which was instened to with and a superinter brethren.

The W.M. then in appropriate terms referred to the Masonic career of Bro. Cummings, and more particularly to his services rendered, on many occasions, to the Saye and Scle Lodge, and proposed that, as a mark of the lodge's hearty recognition of his kindness, he should be created an honorary member of the lodge. This having been seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. Woon, was carried by acclamation, and was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. Cummings.

A statement as to the work of the Building Committee was then made by Bro. Heaps, and supplemented by the

was then made by Bro. HEAPS, and supplemented by the W.M., after which Bro. Dr. Spurrell moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Committee, which was seconded by

Bro. CRUMP,

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary architect, Bro. Church, which was seconded by the I.P.M., Bro. Wood.

Bro. BRIGHT, J.W., moved a similar vote to the honorary solicitor, Bro. Newman, which was seconded by Bro. DE PINNA, S.D.

A vote of thanks to Bro. Park for his hospitality during

the time the lodge had been held at the Institution was moved by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. CHILLING-WORTH, P.M.

WORTH, P.M.

All these votes having been carried unanimously, the Secretary was directed to write to the Secretary of the Royal Alfred Institution, thanking the Committee for their kindness in the matter of the Masonic Rooms.

A vote of thanks to the W.M. for his untiring energy and unceasing zeal in superintending the alterations of the building, in which he had spent much time and had succeeded beyond expectation, was eloquently proposed by Bro. CHILLINGWORTH, P.M., and having been seconded by Bro. Elliot, S.W., and supported by Bro. Wood, was carried by acclamation.

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A brother having been proposed for initiation, the lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Belvedere Hotel, where a recherché supper had been provided, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

MASONIC CELEBRATION AT ALTON.

This enterprising town made an effort some years ago to become a centre of Masonic work, but from various causes the warrant was not taken up, and it remained for a more favourable occasion to start a lodge. This occurred last year, thanks to the exertion of several members of Economy Lodge, 76, who were residents at Alton, and who, aided by their mother lodge, took the proper steps, and were fortunate in gaining the aid of Bro. Major Shalden Smith, a genial and estimable gentleman residing near, and this obtained a warrant for the Shalden Lodge, 2016. A twelvemonth ago it was consecrated, and since then it has, aided by the joint advantages of the Craft, the excellent first Master, Bro. Shalden Smith, the energy of the founders, become a strong lodge with every element of success. Wednesday week was the second anniversary of the formation of the lodge, and the second installation of the W.M., a position of honour and responsibility, has been very properly placed again on Major Smith, for various valid reasons. On that day a full lodge and attendance of P.G. Officers showed the high respect felt for him, there being present Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Sec. (who is the R.W.D.P.G.M. designate, with the entire approbation of the Craft); Rev. Hervey, P.G. Chap., W.M. 309; Rev. Barker, P.P.G. Chap.; Rastrick, P.G. Treas.; Robertson, P.G.D. of C.; Grier, P.G.J.D.; Beall, P.G. Std. Br.; Jacob, P.G. Stwd.; Glasspool, Roumieu, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Surrey, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Payne, Surrey, and others.

The occasion was rather special, for the lodge after being opened proceeded in Masonic regalia and order to the parish church, where the vicar, Rev. A. Whyley, and choir received and preceded them, singing as a processional "Through the night of doubt and sorrow." When all had taken their seats—and there was a large congregation—the vicar commenced a short and select service, which included the opening portion of evensong, followed by a lesson from the Old Testament, read by the Rev. Bro. Barker, This enterprising town made an effort some years ago to become a centre of Masonic work, but from various

masonry, its connection with religion, its benefits—social, benevolent, and charitable—and at the conclusion was sung, whilst the offertory was collected, the Hymn 273, "Lord, how joyful 'tis to see." The vicar having pronounced the benediction, the choir sang, as a recessional chant, the the benediction, the choir sang, as a recessional chant, the Nunc Dimittis, and the procession moved out of the fine old church in due order, and proceeded to lodge, where the R.W. Prov. Grand Master duly installed Bro. Shalden Smith a second time as Worshipful Master.

The officers invested were: Bros. Harber, S.W.; T. G. Timbrell, J.W.; H. Holman, Treas.; Cooper, Sec.; Swanborough, S.D.; Blake, J.D.; and Piggott, Org., who presided at the organ in his usual good style at church. At the conclusion of the installation hearty thanks were accorded to the Prov. G.M. for his attendance, and the

lodge adjourned from labour to refreshment, about 50 sitting down to a banquet capitally served by Bro. and Mrs. Blake, of the Crown Hotel, and the proceedings were marked with that geniality, moderation, and true enjoyment which is a characteristic of the Craft. It may be noted that the Vicar, Mr. Whyley, is a candidate for initiation in the lodge, and it may be congratulated not only on this proposition, but also on the fact that its twelve months' initiation of many brethren exhibits a high standard of social and local position, the W. M. having

standard of social and local position, the W.M. having remembered that Masonry requires a careful exercise of the doctrine of selection.

PRESENTATION TO A LIVERPOOL BROTHER.

On Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., Bro. Walter Hatton, a respected member of the Liverpool Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, acting manager of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, was the recipient of a pleasing testimonial of the goodwill and esteem of many brethren and friends on his leaving Liverpool to assume similar managerial duties at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, under Bro. H. Cecil Beryl. In order to show their appreciation of the unfailing courtesy of Bro. Hatton, and of his personal character generally, a number of brethren and others entertained him at supper in the Neptune Hotel, Clayton-square. Bro. Josef Cantor presided, the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. J. M. Boyd, and those present included Bros. J. L. Shrapnell, J. B. Curtis, W. W. Sandbrook, Ben Hughes, W. E. Smith, J. B. Mackenzie, D. Cumming, William Savage, Richard Burgess, W. Parker, Eaton Batty, J. Orr Marples, E. H. Allen, T. Hamson, and Messrs. H. Heard, J. Metcalfe, J. Stonehouse, H. Woodger, J. N. Petrie, S. Kirkham, E. Edwards, and N. Burt.

After supper the CHAIRMAN gave "The Health of Bro. Hatton," and the toast was warmly pledged.

Previously to this, Bro. Hatton was invited by the Chairman, in the name of the company, to accept a handsome gold locket and an illuminated address. the inscription on

man, in the name of the company, to accept a handsome gold locket and an illuminated address, the inscription on gold locket and an illuminated address, the inscription on the former and the terms of the latter conveying to him a hearty recognition of his many fine qualities. Beneath a design typical of friendship appear on one side of the locket the following words: "Presented to Walter Hatton by a few of the boys. Liverpool, December 10th, 18S4." On the other side of the elegant trinket is a horseshoe inclosing Bro. Hatton's monogram. The illumination of the address is highly artistic.

Bro. Hatton shortly, but with deep feeling, acknowledged the kindness which prompted the bestowal of the gifts.

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In the course of the evening, songs, vocal trios, and quartets and pianoforte solos were given by the Chairman—who as an accompanist is unrivalled—and Messrs. E. Edwards, S. Kirkham, N. Burt, Bros. W. Savage, J. B. Mackenzie, Messrs. J. N. Petrie, Bros. Eaton Batty, and R. Burgess. Early on the same day, Bro. Hatton was presented, on the stage of the Prince of Wales's Theatre, with a magnificent diamond solitaire and scarf pin, this coming from the working staff of the establishment, and on the eve of his departure he was further presented with a the eve of his departure he was further presented with a diamond ring by the gentlemen in attendance in front of the theatre.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE IN AID OF MASONIC CHARITIES.

On Wednesday, the 17th inst., a dramatic performance was given in the Theatre Royal and Opera House, Rochdale, Bro. F. W. Purcell, 191, sole lessee and manager, by a number of Masonic brethren amateurs. The dress circle of the theatre was completely filled, but the other parts of the house were not patronised as well as was expected, owing, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather.

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A dispensation having been granted for brethren to appear in Craft and Royal Arch clothing, the theatre presented a most brilliant and striking appearance.

The piece performed was the late Bro. II. J. Byron's comedy of "Our Boys," with the following caste of characters:

Sir Geoffrey Champings, Bro. N. T. Colling and T.

characters:
Sir Geoffrey Champneys,
Talbot Champneys ... ,, C. E. Collingwood, P.M. 298.
Perkyn Middlewick ... ,, J. Dearden, P.G.S., P.M. 54.
Charles Middlewick ... ,, Thos. Stott, 54.
Kempster ,, J. T. Butterworth, J.W. 363.
Poddles ,, J. H. Collingwood, 54.
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Taking the characters in the order of the caste, we may say that Bro. N. T. Collinge gave an excellent rendering of the part of the haughty baronet, his acting being consistent throughout, and such as stamps him as an amateur of the first order. In Talbot Champneys Bro. C. E. Collingwood had a part which seemed exactly to suit him, and entered thoroughly into the spirit of it from the commencement, playing with a naturalness and assuming that hesitancy of speech necessary to a successful portrayal of the languid easy-going son of the baronet. Perkyn Middlewick found a worthy exponent in Bro. Jas. Dearden, his acting being characterised by a robustness and bluntness, which delighted the audience, and the various points in the part being brought out in a happy and telling manner. Bro. T. Stott, as Charles Middlewick, gave a very fair rendering of this, a rather difficult, character, and, although at times he might be said not to raise equal to the part, he, nevertheless, throughout showed evidence of careful study, and a desire to make the best of the part. The minor characters of the two servants—Kempster and Poddles—received a careful rendering at the hands of Bros. Butterworth and J. H. Collingwood. The ladies, one and all, contributed materially to the success of the performance by their easy and finished acting of their respective parts, and it would be invidious to make any distinction.

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At the conclusion of the installation hearty thanks were accorded to the Prov. G.M. for his attendance, and the [Apperlement of the control of the control of the prov. G.M. for his attendance, and the prov. G.M. f 250 to 2500.—Tobacconists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How commence from £20: three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109,

Obituary.

BRO. HENRY SAREL COOPER.

We regret to hear of the death of Bro. Henry Sarel Cooper, P.M., who was well-known amongst Freemasons in the west of the metropolis. He was intimately associated with the Zetland, the South Middlesex, the Imperial, and many other lodges, and, having passed through the chair on several occasions, was ever ready to impart his extensive.

many other lodges, and, having passed through the chair on several occasions, was ever ready to impart his extensive knowledge to junior members of the Craft. At the meeting of the Imperial Lodge, No. 1694, held at the Pier Hotel, Chelsea, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That the lodge has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Bro. H. S. Cooper, P.M., who was a kind, true-hearted friend of every brother in the lodge, and to whom the brethren were under the greatest obligations for instruction, advice, and assistance of every kind; and that an expression of deep and sincere sympathy be sent to his relatives, and entered on the minutes, that brethren may for ever know the high estimation and regard in which may for ever know the high estimation and regard in which Bro. Cooper was held, and the irreparable loss the lodge has sustained by his death."

BRO. JAMES NORRIS.

A paragraph in our issue of the 13th inst, will have prepared our readers for the announcement which we now have to make of the death, at the patriarchal age of 95, of Bro. Norris, who for such a lengthened period has occupied the position of Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon. Bro. Norris was born on the 1st January, 1790, and was initiated into Masonry in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, in March, 1812. After an absence from Masonry for some years, he joined in July, 1848, the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, and continued a member till December, 1851, when he rejoined his mother lodge, and remained a subscribing member until 1862, when he was elected an annuitant. In 1868 he until 1862, when he was elected an annuitant. In 1868 he until 1802, when he was elected an annuitant. In 1868 he was appointed to the office of Warden, and his services in that capacity have given every satisfaction to the Committee, and his regular monthly reports were as well prepared and carefully written as those of many a younger man. The familiar figure of Bro. Norris will be sadly missed by visitors and inmates.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE, WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

R.W. Bro. C. J. Toxward, D.G.M., presided at the Quarterly Communication of the D.G. Lodge of Wellington, held on the 19th June, in the Masonic Hall, Wellington. Amongst those present were Bros. A. de B. Brandon, D.G.S.W.; Sir G. O. Gibbes, as D.G.J.W.; C. P. Powles, D.G. Sec., as D.G. Chap.; H. G. Williams, as D.G.S.D.; J. G. Cox, as D.G.J.D.; R. M. Simpson, D.G.S.B.; Hautrie West, D.G. Org.; C. O. H. Smith, as D.G.P.; and E. Back, D.G. Tyler.

After opening D.G. Lodge, and before proceeding to to business, the D.G.M. spoke of the great loss sustained by Freemasonry through the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, and added that he had sent a letter of condolence to H.R.H. the Grand Master, and had also directed that all the lodges should wear mourning as a mark of respect to their deceased Royal brother. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, and letters of apology had been read from several bretters of wines to their deceased the

all the lodges should wear mourning as a mark of respect to their deceased Royal brother. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, and letters of apology had been read from several brethren owing to their inability to attend, the report of the Board of General Purposes was submitted. From this it appears that 480 certificates had been issued during the year to the lodges in the district; that two new lodges had been formed and were working under dispensation from the D.G.M., and that a Masonic hall erected at Wanganui, on a piece of land granted to the Fraternity, had been consecrated by Bro. the Rev. B. W. Harvey, acting D.D.G.M., in April last. Bro. C. O. H. Smith, K. M. Simpson, and Sir E. O. Gibbes were elected an Audit Committee, and Bro. R. M. Simpson, D.G. Treas. The D.G.M. then invested the following D.G. officers, namely: Bros. K. Wilson, as D.G.S.W.; A. de Brandon, D.G. Reg.; Sir E. O. Gibbes, President of Board of General Purposes, R. M. Simpson, D.G. Treas.; C. P. Powles, D.G. Sec.; H. J. Williams, D.G.D.C.; C. O. H. Smith, D.G.P.; H. West, D.G. Org.; J. G. Cox, D.G. Stwd.; and E. Buck, D.G. Tyler. The investiture of the other D.G. officers was deferred till some future occasion, and after the usual formalities had been complied with, District Grand Lodge was closed.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

A regular communication of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Monday, the 22nd September. R.W. Bro. Cornelius Thorne presided, the following D.G. Officers being present, namely, Bros. J. I. Miller, D.D.G.M.; Thos. W. Kingsmill, P.D.S. G.W., as D.S.G.W.; L. Moore, P.D.S.G.W.; W. C. Howard, D.J.G.W.; W. H. Short, D.G. Treas.; E. P. Lalcaca, D.G. Reg.; C. J. Holliday, Pres. D.B. of Gen. Purps.; A. Johnsford, D.G. Sec.; J. D. Bishop, P.D.S. G.D., as D.S.G.D.; R. A. Gubbay, D.G.S., as D.J.G.D.; J. M. Cory, D.G.S. of W.; John Morris, D.G.D. of C.; O. Middleton, D.G.S.B.; G. B. Fentum, D.G.O.; John Findlay, D.G.P.; A. M. A. Evans, D.G.S.; Alex. P. MacGregor, D.G.S.; C. Merritt, D.G. Tyler; together with several visitors and other brethren. The minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as that held on the 18th June, having been read and confirmed, the report of the Board of General Purposes was submitted and unanimously adopted, its chief features being that annual returns should be made by the D.G. Secretary to the D.G. Lodge of the members of the subordinate and D.G. Lodges; that the D.G. Treasurer's accounts should be presented in full at the Annual Communication instead of, as heretofore, in summary, and that the rule in the new edition of the Book of Constitutions as to the production of brethren's G. Lodge certificates and clearances from their parent or former lodges on offering themselves as joining members should be strictly enforced. The D.G. Master in his address made special allusion to the importance of the last of these recommendations, and also directed attention to the new Book of Constitutions, and likewise to a scheme for the education of the children of poor Masons in the district, pointing out with reference to the latter that though so long a time had elapsed since it was first proposed he had not received a single suggestion from any brother DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

or lodge on the subject. However, on the motion of Bro. Kingsmill, seconded by Bro. Lalcaca, it was resolved that a Committee consisting of representatives from the different lodges should be formed, with the D.G.M. as representing the D.G.L., with a view to giving practical shape to the matter before the next meeting. The D.G.M. then referred to the financial position of the D.G. Lodge, which now had a balance in hand and its regalia, and was in advance of its liabilities for rent. He also alluded to the subject of maimed candidates, respecting the acceptance of which he pointed out that the Master and brethren of a lodge must exercise their own discretion. Finally, he announced that he had tendered his resignation to the M.W.G.M., an announcement which was received with regret and surprise, but that until he received a reply he should continue to act in his present capacity. The D.D.G.M., seconded by Bro. Kingsmill, gave hearty expression to the feeling of regret which would be experienced by all the brethren in the district on hearing of the D.G.M.'s resignation, and the latter having appropriately acknowledged the kindness displayed towards him, what other business remained was disposed of, and the D.G. Lodge closed. From the tabular returns appended to the proceedings, it appears that the membership of the lodges in the district has increased from 101 on the 31st December, 1877, to 154 on the 31st December of last year, or rather above 50 per cent. This is a favourable testimony to the services rendered by Bro. Corn. Thorne, who was only appointed D.G.M. in March, 1877, during the period of his D.G. Mastership, while the number of lodges has decreased from five tofour.

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I The ninth annual conclave was held in Denver City on the 19th September, when the following were installed Grand Officers for the year, namely: Sir Knts. James P. Maxwell, G.C.; Horace N. Banks, D.G.C.; Charles H. Jacobson, G.G.; Albert H. Branch, G. Capt. Gen.; Aaron Gore, G.P.; A. J. Bean, G.S.W.; Richard Harvey, G.J.W.; W. D. Todd, G. Treas.; E. C. Parmelu, G. Recorder; S. A. Shepherd, G. Std. Br.; S. H. Thompson, G. Swd. Br.; James H. Peabody, G.W.; and T. Linton, G.C. of C. The usual committees were appointed and charters were issued for new commanderies. G. COMMANDERY (K.T.) COLORADO.

THE G. MASTER OF CANADA.

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The Canadia: Craftsman contains a biographical sketch of Bro. Hugh Murray, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada. From this we learn that Bro. Murray was initiated in the Acacia Lodge, No. 61, G.R.C. in 1868, and was its W.M. in 1871 and 1872. In 1874 he and other brethren joined the Wentworth Lodge, No. 165, with a view to reviving its somewhat dilapidated fortunes, and for the five following years he presided over it as W.M. He is a Charter member of Temple Lodge, No. 324, Hamilton, and had a hand in establishing the Doric Lodge, No. 382, in the same city. He was exalted in St. John's Chapter, No. 6, and received the degree of the Temple and Malta in Godfrey del Bouilion Preceptory. He is a Rose Croix, and in 1876 was made a S.G.I.G., 33, and is a P.G. Secretary, Ontario and Quebec, Royal Order of Scotland. In 1873 he was appointed Asst. G. Sec., G. L. of Canada, and G.J.W. in 1874. In 1877-8 he was D.D.G.M. Hamilton district, and in 1882 and following year D.G.M. Canada. At the recently annual meeting he was elected and installed Grand Master, and is described as being eminently fitted for his high office. for his high office.

LODGE OF DUNEDIN, No. 931.

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The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Dunedin, on Wednesday, the 20th August. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, all the lodges in Dunedin being well represented. Bro. E. Nathan, P.M., officiated as Installing Officer, and Bro. Owen James Hodge having been inducted into the chair of K.S. and duly saluted and congratulated, proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers, namely, Bros. A. Westwood, S.W.; J. Selby, J.W.; Lichtenstein, P.M. and Chap.; J. Horsburgh, Treas.; R. Greig, Sec.; H. Naphthali, S.D.; S. Solomon, J.D.; Jax Riedle, P.M., Org.; W. Parker, I.G.; J. H. Chapman, and Thos. Chapman, Stewards; and W. Meyer, Tyler. The consideration of the financial report, which, however, was most satisfactory, was left over till the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall, where the usual festivities took place, dancing, in which the fair sex present had the oppor tunity of indulging, being a part of the proceedings.

A mong the London Theatres at which, in addition to Drury Lane, pantomime will be the order of the day, may be mentioned the Standard, Britannia, Surrey, Astley's, and the Grand [(Islington); "Cinderella" and "Alladin" being the subjects chosen for those at the Standard and Surrey respectively.

T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales re-T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales returned to Marlborough House on Saturday last, after paying a few days' visit to the Earl and Countess of Dudley, at Witley. En route for London, their Royal Highnesses visited the Guildhall (where they were presented with an address by the Corporation of Worcester), the Cathedral, and the porcelain works. At the railway station, the Prince received, and graciously acknowledged, an address presented by R.W. Bro. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., on behalf of himself, the P.G. Lodge, and the brethren generally of the province.

The Crystal Palace Pantomime, which was produced on Monday, was intended to be essentially a pantomime for children, is founded on the popular story of 'Jack and the Bean Stalk.' We shall, no doubt, have occasion to refer to it again, but in the meantime there can be no doubt about the success which attended its first performance as stated. The author is Mr. Horace Lennard; the music is from the pen of Mr. Oscar Barrett, and nard; the music is from the pen of Mr. Oscar Barrett, and Mr. John D'Auban is responsible for the arrangement of the dances. In painting the scenery the services of such well-known artists as Messrs. Beverley, Tellin, Emden, Grieve, and F. Fenton, while the responsibility of management has been assumed by Bro. Augustus Harris. Among the principal actors are the Misses Emily Duncan, Annie Poole, Emma D'Auban, Jennie Lee, and Lottie Venn, and Messrs. John D'Auban, W. Morgan, Russell Crawford, Charles Ross, and E. S. Vincent, Mdlle. Luna being the principal danseuse. The title of the transformation scene is "The Golden Treasury of the Giant."

MASONIC WAR GNB D GENERAL MIDINGS

Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie presided on Saturday st at a meeting of the Trawling Commission at 6, Old Palace-yard.

Bro. Alderman Evans presided on the 17th inst., at the second house dinner of the City Constitutional Club.

Bro. Alderman Isaacs was among the guests at the Markets' Committee dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate -street, on the 19th inst.

Bro. W. Holland, late Manager of the Alhambra, will open the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Boxing-night with a Colonial International Cirque.

Bros. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Alderman Gray, G. P. Goldney, and others were present at a livery dinner of the Shipwrights' Company on the 17th inst.

Bro. the Right Hon. G. O. Trevelyan, M.P. and Mrs. Trevelyan arrived at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday last, on their way to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. R. N. Philips, M.P., at Welcombe House.

Bro. the Duke of Newcastle, P.P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, has again returned to his tenants 20 per cent. of their rents; this being the fourth or fifth year in succession that a similar abatement has been made.

Bro. Lord Plunket, who has just been elected to succeed Dr. R. Chenevix French in the Archiepiscopal see of Dublin, has, for some years past, held the office of a Great Chaplain to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Bro. the Lord Mayor entertained at luncheon at the Mansion House, on the 19th inst., the Servian Minister and the Commissioners from Belgrade, now on a visit to this country on a Sanitary Mission. Bro. Hyde Clark was also one of the guests.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Isaacs, Alderman Staples, Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W., Alderman Savory, &c., were among the guests at the banquet given on the 18th inst. by the Court and Junior Livery of the Haberdashers' Company.

The subject chosen for the Grand Christmas Pantomine at Old Drury is, "Whittington and his Cat;" and we have no doubt Bro. Augustus Harris, the enterprising lessee and manager, has a grand spectacular treat in store for his patrons.

The Grocers', Salters', Mercers', and Skinners' Companies have sent contributions to various charitable institutions; the Grocers', Fishmongers', Goldsmiths', Coopers', Carpenters', and Scriveners' Companies have rendered a similar service to the Poor-Box at the Guildhall; and, with the exception of the Carpenters' Company, to the Mansion House Poor-Box likewise.

Bro. H. B. Marshall is going to bring into the Court some day one of Carter Paterson's vans containing all the trowels used by him at laying foundation-stones. He is a regular Mason now, and does his level best to do everything on the square. The last trowel is a gem, a work of art, by Bro. George Kenning.—Metropolitan.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir H. E. Knight, Alderman Staples, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, &c., were among those present at the Masters' Banquet of the Butchers' Company, at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 19th inst., Bro. E. Terry, who was one of the guests, gave a most amusing recitation.

Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, presided on Saturday last at a meeting of the General Committee for the restoration of St. Michael's Church, Coventry. It was announced that, as subscriptions towards the object of the fund had been promised to the extent of over $\mathcal{L}_{20,000}$, the conditions on which Mr. Woodcock's offer was made had been fulfilled.

The Sanitary Commission dispatched to this country by the King of Servia, accompanied by the Servian Minister in London, paid a visit on Saturday last to Brighton, where they received a hearty welcome from the Mayor and Corporation of the borough. Bro. W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., and Alderman D. Smith, P.D.G.D.C., were present. The whole party afterwards lunched at the Royal Pavilion.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., as Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company, presided on the 18th instant, at the usual banquet held in the Company's Hall on "Doctor's Day," Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P. Pres. B. of G.P.; Justice Straight, Alderman De Keyser, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, G. P. Goldney, J. H. Puleston, M.P., and Alderman Sir R. Hanson being among the guests.

Bro. the Lord Mayor presided at a meeting of the Common Council on the 18th inst., when it was resolved by a considerable majority to offer a reward of £5000 for the discovery and apprehension of the miscreants who recently attempted the destruction, by dynamite or other explosive substance, of London Bridge. Among those present were Bros. Alderman Stone, P.G.W.; Sir F. W. Truscott, P.G.W.; Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Sir R. Hanson, Gray, Evans, Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, A. J. Altman, A. Brookman, H. B. Marshall. G. Treasurer: G. Shaw, &c., &c. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer; G. Shaw, &c., &c.

Among the numerous appeals which are just now being addressed to the public in behalf of different charibeing addressed to the public in behalf of different charitable institutions, we notice that of Dr. Barnardo in aid of his Homes for Destitute Children, the receipts of which have so seriously declined of late—owing, it may be, to the absence of the institutor in Canada for some months—that the treasury may be said to be virtually, if not actually, empty. The chief offices of the Society are at 18, Stepney Causeway, E. A similar appeal is being made on behalf of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, 19, King-William-street, Strand, whose ability to render assistance to needy applicants of both the in and out patient classes is seriously crippled for want of funds.

Bro. Lord Londesborough, P.G.S.W., has been elected President of the Yorkshire Agricultural Society for 1885. Its show next year will be held at Selby.

Bro. W. McDonald, P.M., will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, at the Printing Works, No. 202, Whitechapel-road, E., on Monday, the 29th instant.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their two sons, the Princes Albert Victor and George, visited the Haymarket Theatre on Saturday evening last and saw a performance of "Diplomacy."

Bro. F. P. Alliston presided on Friday last at the annual dinner, held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, of the Markets' Committee of the Corporation of London. Everything passed off well.

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Bro. John Elvin will be installed W.M. of the La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, [at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 1st of January, at four o'clock; banquet at seven.

Her Majesty has graciously forwarded to Bro. Captain Shaw copies of "Leaves from our Journal of a Life in the Highlands" and "More Leaves," for the use of members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

Bro. Alderman Staples, W.M. of St. Botolph's Lodge, No. 2020, presided at the Aldersgate Wardmote on Monday last, and afterwards entertained the Councillors of the Ward and friends at dinner at his residence.

A meeting of the Court of Assistants of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company was held at the offices of the Clerk, Mr. Wynne E. Baxter, on Friday last, when Bro. Major Joseph, C.C., was elected to serve the office of Master for a second year.

According to a telegram received from Paris early during the present week, the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris has addressed to his clergy a pastoral in which he denounces the Society of Freemasons as an association which is alike menacing to religion and civil order.

The Christmas Social Party at the Hulme Town Hall will not take place on the third Friday in January as previously announced in our columns, but on the second Friday—viz., the 9th. The present W.M. is Bro. James Francis Anderson, who was installed a few weeks ago.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, on Thursday, 8th January, at 8 p.m. A ballot will afterwards take place for one of the subscriberships to the Royal Masonic Institutions.

Bro. Sir John Bennett gave his promised lecture on "The House of Lords: their past career and future destiny," at Norwich, on Wednesday last, when his audience gave him a very hearty reception. Our brother has accepted several invitations of a similar character for the new year.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Bro. Joseph Harling, who was W.M. of the United Mariners Lodge, No. 30, in the year 1870-1, has been again elected to the same office, and will be duly installed at the regular meeting, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday, the 3rd of

Votes of thanks were cordially and unanimously passed last week to the chairmen of the various Corporation Committees, among them being Bro. T. Loveridge, of the City Lands Committee; Bro. F. Alliston, of the Markets Committee; Bro. T. Beard, of the Markets Sub-commit tee; and Bro. Pearse Morrison, of the Sub-committee on Music.

Bro. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress presented the prizes won during the past year by the pupils of the Haberdashers' Schools, Hoxton, on Saturday last. The report of the Schools was most satisfactory, and the usual compliment passed by acclamation to his Lordship and the Lady Mayeress for their presence on the occasion.

Bro. George Manners, C.C., ex-Churchwarden of the Parish of St. Dunstan's-in-the West, was last week presented with a testimonial, consisting of a handsome silver tea and coffee service, with a beautifully-illuminated address on vellum, in recognition of his great services to the parish, and especially in connection with the restoration and decoration of the parish church. The presentation—which was resolved upon in April last, at a meeting held under the presidency of the rector, the Rev. W. Martin—took place at Anderton's Hotel.

The Waiters and Staff of the Freemasons Tavern, held their fourth annual dinner at the Hotel de la Cloche, Hand Court, Holborn, on Monday evening. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dawkins, the chair was taken by Bro. R. J. Morley, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The toasts were interspersed with songs and recitations. Bro. J. Boot, on whom as Secretary, most of the arrangements devolved acquitting himself very most of the arrangements devolved, acquitting himself very successfully in "The Anchor's Weighed."

A bazaar was held on the 1st October and following day in the new Masonic Hall, Sydney, New South Wales, in aid of the fund now being raised under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales to establish homes and schools for the widows and orphans of distressed brethren. Great interest appears to have been taken in the proceedings and any complaints. that may have arisen must have been due to the crowded state of the hall and the over-anxiety of the stall-keepers to dispose of their wares. There was abundance of entertaining music, both vocal and instrumental, and we hope to hear that the bazaar proved remunerative, and will yield a hand-some contribution to the proposed fund.

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Holloway's Pills.—With darkening days and changing temperatures the digestion becomes impaired, the liver disordered, and the mind despondent, unless the cause of the irregularity be expelled from the blood and body by such an alterative as these Pills. They directly attack the source of the evil, thrust out all impuritles from the circulation, restore the distempered organs to their natural state, and correct all defective or contaminated secretions. Such an easy means of instituting health, strength, and cheerfulness should be applied by all whose stomachs are weak, whose minds are much harassed, or whose brains are overworked. Holloway's is essentially a blood-tempering medicine, whereby its influence reaches the remotest fibre of the frame and effects a universal good,—[Addrt.]