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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 WOLSELEY, 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 fry," 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 Reverend 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.

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 trammelled 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 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 unanimously 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:

Bro. Wm. Walters ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.W.
" C. Maltby ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.W.
" Rev. C. T. Bromwich ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" E. Belfield ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Crossley ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.D.
" J. Bland ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.D.
" W. Butterfield ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Percy Wallis (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of G.
" F. Bennett ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A.D. of C.
" T. Parker ...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. H. Richardson ...	...	...	...	Prov. G.A. Sec.
" James Wright ...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" M. Attwood ...	...	...	...
" J. Monck ...	...	...	...
" R. Slater ...	...	...	...

At the request of the P.G. MASTER, Bro. THOMAS HALL 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, 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 Colville.

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 *via* 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:

"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:

"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 pleasure 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 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 slowly moved out of the station amid the loud hurrahs 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.

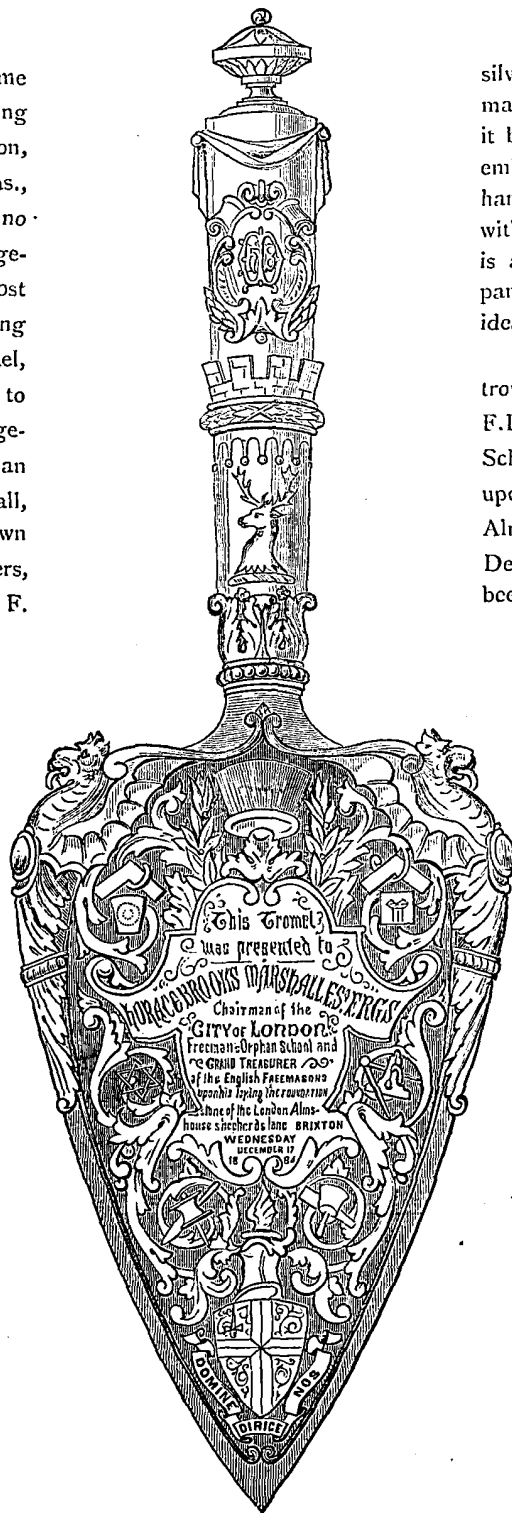
The Freemasons then proceeded to the Great Western Hotel, where Sir E. Lechmere read the address he had received at the railway station, together with that presented to the Prince. Cheers were subsequently given for Sir Edmund, and also for Bro. A. F. Godson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

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 for the fraternity in this province, and 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 Billingham, 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*, *Citizen*, *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 13ozs., 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*.

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 Exalte" 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.

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 anything 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).—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.

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. Beckett, 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, 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, Orgt.; 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. 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 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.

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 IMPROVEMENT (No. 1171).—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 ceremony 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.

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

A meeting of this flourishing and highly popular lodge took place at the Criterion Restaurant, Regent-street, W., on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when, after 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. Dopson, 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 being concluded, it was closed in perfect peace and harmony.

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. 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 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 superintended 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 drunk 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 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 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 him from having any of his own present.

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.

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 in a lodge. As a proof that 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 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 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?"

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.

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, 1073, with which is allied the Mark Lodge, 309, and the Red Cross Conclave, 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; Carosso, 1837; the Rev. H. Cummings, 1837; Loftus, 1193; Kowland, 1193; Ronaldson, 162; Thomas, 1669; Tedder, 1107; Soppett, 1558, and others.

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

or lodge on the subject. However, on the motion of Bro. Kingsmill, seconded by Bro. Lalcaea, 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 to four.

G. COMMANDERY (K.T.) COLORADO.

The ninth annual convocation 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.

THE G. MASTER OF CANADA.

The *Canadian 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 Bouillon 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.

LODGE OF DUNEDIN, No. 931.

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 opportunity of indulging, being a part of the proceedings.

Among 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 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 Lenard; 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."



Bro. the Earl of Dalhousie presided on Saturday last 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 Pantomime 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 £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 inst., 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.

Among the numerous appeals which are just now being 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 inst.

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.

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 January next.

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-committee; 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 Mayoress 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 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 handsome contribution to the proposed fund.

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 impurities 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.—[ADVT.]