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AN old year has passed away, and a new one has dawned upon us all alike, those who write and those who read. 1884 has been an eventful one and a sad one for the passing generation which has hailed its advent or bewailed its departure. Wars and rumours of wars, scenes of wickedness and violence, crimes and conflicts, the wonted outcome of the weakness, the perversity, the sinfulness of the world, much evidence of a loosening of the ties of society and the advance of insubordination, in general outline or in minute detail, have rendered 1884 a marked and a mournful epoch in the annals of Time for us all who form the living generation of to-day, and it is in wondering emotions and anxious anticipations that we stand on the threshold of a new year. What will it bring to us all? Who can tell? The issues of life are so many, varied, and mysterious often, the changes and chances so abounding, the delusions, (which fade at the magic touch of truth however) the frailties and follies of our common life are so prevalent, that our whole time and thoughts,—if we do think,—are taken up in mastering the social problems of our own general relations and particular interests, so much so that we have little space left us to realize sometimes what the “morrow” may bring forth to us and ours. And yet it is that very uncertainty of human existence, the mutability of human prosperity, the passing away of all we cling to the most here often, which constitute for us the “crux” hardest to solve, the “crook” most difficult to bear by us all. We meet a new year, we may not perhaps, in the inscrutable wisdom of T.G.A.O.T.U., witness another. The plans we make, the homes we raise, the names we create, the outflow of industrious prosperity, or the emanations of cultured genius, all alike fade away before that levelling power which recognizes no exemptions and displays no partialities. Like as with the stern sisters three of old classic story,—the “inexorable Fates,” as the ideal poets like to paint them to-day, when the thread of life is cut, all the aspirations of the hopeful, all the flashes of the witty, all the wealth of the great, and all the struggles of the enterprising are in vain, gone, forgotten, in a moment, like an old wife’s tale. Too often the only record of a long life is, as the poet sang, “a nameless stone,” at any rate, after a few dissolving years. As Freemasons, in our exalted philosophy of life, let us learn to look forwards and to look upwards. Life passes, with its shadows and its sorrows, its trials and its troubles, its corroding cares and its customary connections, and all the time like the mystic “Pastos” of old, the ark is floating down the great river of life, and speeding on, in irresistible progress, to the greater and silent sea of eternity. For thoughtful Freemasons everywhere these words at the beginning of a new year and at the close of an old one will have a general significance, and at the same time a fraternal message of sympathy, thoughtfulness, and goodwill.

“RING the old year out, ring in the new,” sang the Poet Laureate in other days, implying, as we understand his words to-day, the ceaseless march of time, and the onward progress of countless years. Something like the French adage, “Le Roi est mort, vive le Roi,” so to-day, as Freemasons and mortal men, we commemorate the close of another, we contemplate the advent of a fresh period of twelve months. It may be full of vivid interest to us all, whether in our Masonic character or our private relationships, or it may turn out to be most uneventful, abnormally dull and uninteresting. Whatever it may prove alike to us and ours, of this one thing we may rest assured, it will witness for us in all parts of the globe, assuming that the outcome of Freemasonry is true, real, and constitutional, new victories and fresh triumphs. If bigotry still raises its ferocious voice here and there, if the dictates of a barbarous fanaticism still dominate certain sections of religious thought and certain schools of irreligious tendency, Freemasonry proper heeds none of these things, takes note of none of these things, is intimidated by none of these things. Wherever the true principles of cosmopolitan Freemasonry are professed in earnestness and entirety, there we see light prevailing

against darkness, knowledge against ignorance, truth against error, reason against fallacy, loyalty against revolution, and religion against infidelity. If, indeed, there are jurisdictions of professing Freemasons from whose words and doings, silly programmes and childish developments, the Genius of Freemasonry turns away shamefaced and appalled, what an outlook does the great family of Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry present of happy reverence for antient truths and honest perseverance in the “good old paths?” And so let us hope and believe that it will be for Freemasonry—real, simple, and honest Freemasonry in 1885, in the good Providence of T.G.A.O.T.U. as it has been in 1884. Everywhere Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry is advancing, and let us trust that, avoiding fads and novelties, eschewing the hurtful advice of the mere agitator, and the selfish aims of the open or insidious malcontent, we may witness the peaceful progress and consistent advance of that beneficent Order of ours, that noble Army of light and toleration, whose “parole” is loyalty and charity, whose “countersign” is glory to God, love to man.

A few words of warning seem advisable in this the first issue of the *Freemason* for 1885. There are abroad and elsewhere disturbing influences at work as regards Freemasonry. We say nothing of direct persecutions or ridiculous anathemata, they are alike effete in idea and harmless in effect,—a thing to smile at or deplore, to condemn or to forget. But we are thinking rather of those aberrations as regards the true intent and object of Freemasonry, which are placing before some bodies a “spurious Freemasonry” altogether, utterly alien from the mild and beneficent principles of the most humane and tolerant of Orders, utterly opposed to those true living Cosmopolitan maxims which have constituted its honour, the glory, the proof of its utility and meaning in past epochs of doubt and difficulty and anxious times of opposition and incrimination. We see in some parts an actual parody of Masonic teaching presented to our notice, and every benign adage we teach, and every loving verity we proclaim, every landmark which tells of archaic days, every symbol which typifies ineffable realities deliberately ignored or ungratefully repudiated. Freemasonry here and there appears to be assuming the form of a dangerous secret political society, hurtful to the world, and hateful to man. Instead of the goodly, beneficent, and sacred doctrines of charity, toleration, loyalty, and peace, we hear “the angry strife of tongues,” the “Babel shouts” of revolution and socialistic folly. Reverence and truth seem to be passing away, and in their stead appear ill-omened theories of change and idle discussion, and a most sterile “output.” Charity is unknown, and toleration is superseded. Let us learn then to value both the wisdom of our Masonic forefathers and to realize the loyalty of our own passing generation of Freemasons in their firm and calm adherence to all that time has tested, and experience has proved to be alike worthy of preservation, maintenance, and reverence. Peaceful, harmonious, prosperous, and contented, may our English Freemasonry wend on its way, a light to others, a pride to ourselves, ministering greatly to our own comfort and edification, and advancing in no measureable degree the happiness of our universal Fraternity, as well as subserving the civilization, the progress, the enlightenment, and the welfare of all the nations of the world.

We call attention elsewhere to the details of the remarkable totals which attest the outcome of Masonic Benevolence for 1884, namely, £48,823 17s. 7d. Of this the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has received £19,901 7s. 8d.; the Girls’ School, £14,928 19s.; and the Boys’ School, £13,993 10s. 11d. In the same period the Lodge of Benevolence has also voted, we are told, £9252 to indigent Freemasons of all nationalities.

THE following paragraph has been forwarded to us from Montreal, as if we could explain it, which we cannot, never having heard of said lodge before. Can any of our esteemed brethren in Red Lion-square do so?—“Hemlock Lodge, No. 314, of Mark Master Masons, have, according to the *Gazette*, re-elected Bro. JAMES MARTIN W.M. It is not stated to what register this lodge belongs, and we fall to find it in the Directory. Can it be that, in face of the threatened edict, the Grand Lodge of England has issued a new charter, and thus hurls defiance at the authorities of Quebec? The indications are that ere long there will be music in Masonic circles, irrespective of that which is almost inseparable from St. John’s Day celebrations.”—We would only observe, “en passant,” that the language of the Canadian Press is excessively grandiloquent, and, to our minds, absurdly turgid in respect of a most insignificant matter.

WE take the following, to which our attention has been called, from the *Montreal Daily Star* of December 12th: "Grand Master JOHNSON, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, is in town. In an address before the St. John Lodge, he alluded to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Quebec was now the recognized peer of all the Grand Lodges in the world, with the exception of that of England. He deeply regretted the differences which had arisen with that Grand Lodge on account of its invasion of territory in this province. An ultimatum had been sent to it from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and unless it withdrew the warrants of the three lodges in Montreal, working under its jurisdiction, the question of issuing an edict of non-intercourse would have to be seriously considered by the Grand Lodge of Quebec at its meeting next month in the city of Montreal." By this time they will know in Montreal the unanimous decision of the Grand Lodge of England, and we trust such knowledge will prevent the Grand Lodge of Quebec from following the unsafe lead of unqualified guides, and lead them before it is too late to consider the propriety of a little moderation and common sense.

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WE are pleased to announce that the Right Hon. the Marquis of HARTINGTON, M.P., R.W. Prov. G. Master for Derbyshire, has consented to take the chair at the next Festival of the Boys' School. We heartily congratulate Bro. BINCKES on his good fortune in securing such a popular and influential Chairman.

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WE are anxious to draw attention to a circular, issued by Bro. F. BINCKES, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which will be found in another part of our columns. The basis of the appeal is the New Preparatory School, which, it is expected, will be available for occupation about Midsummer. The ways and means for erecting it have been found, but Bro. BINCKES is beginning to feel anxious about the extra cost it will involve, and the extra subscriptions and donations which will have to be forthcoming in order to maintain it, and all must sympathise with him. We shall probably revert to the subject in a further issue.

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MANY of our readers will be as pleased to learn as we are that our esteemed Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA has been elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Bro. MACCALLA is a remarkable instance how ability and highmindedness contribute to render a man regarded and respected by all who know him. We wish him all health and happiness to enjoy his well-deserved honours. As Editor of the *Keystone*, Bro. MACCALLA has done good service for Masonry, and it must be gratifying to his confreres on both sides of the water to find that Masonic literature is thus honoured in the person of our worthy brother.

MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1884.

The sums received during the year just ended by our three Charitable Institutions do not amount in the aggregate by several thousands of pounds to the total recorded in 1883; but we are glad to say that the falling off is more apparent than real. In 1883 a special appeal was made by the Executive of the Boys' School for the funds with which to erect a Preparatory School, and the Craft responded to the appeal most handsomely. In 1884 only the ordinary contributions were invited, the special requirements of the previous year having been abundantly satisfied, and consequently the receipts we are about to place before our readers are only of the ordinary character. That, under these circumstances, the average of the seven years from 1878 to 1884—both inclusive—should have been not only maintained, but exceeded by upwards of £1500, must be a subject of congratulation with every one, and will doubtless go a long way towards rebutting the obnoxious charges which have been laid against us in the Pope's Encyclical. However, we give the figures as they have been furnished to us from headquarters, and we dare say our friends will read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them with a considerable amount of satisfaction.

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

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	£15,654	2	2
Dividends	...	...	...	...	1915	0	6
Grand Lodge	...	...	...	...	1600	0	0
Grand Chapter	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
Do. Special	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
Legacies	...	...	...	...	64	5	0
Rent of Field	...	...	...	...	18	0	0
					£19,901	7	8

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	£13,951	4	7
Dividends—"General Fund"—3 qrs.	...	...	...	...	945	0	0
"Sustentation Fund"—2 qrs.	...	...	...	...	173	11	11
Grand Lodge	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Do. Special	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
Sale of Old Stores	...	...	...	...	1	17	6
Sale of Lists of Subscribers	...	...	...	...	1	15	0
Legacies	...	...	...	...	95	0	0
					£14,928	19	0

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Donations and Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	£12,242	7	3
Dividends	...	...	...	...	572	16	8
Grand Lodge	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
Ditto Special	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
Purchased admissions (2)	...	...	...	...	357	0	0
Music Fees	...	...	...	...	63	0	0
Sale of lists of subscribers	...	...	...	...	2	17	0
Legacies	...	...	...	...	95	0	0
					£13,993	10	11

We gather from the above particulars that, while under the head of "Donations and Subscriptions" the R.M.B.I. shows an increase of about £800, and the Girls' School one of about £2400 over 1883, there is in the case of the Boys' School a decrease of about £11,800. But in the latter case, as we have pointed out already, 1883 was an exceptional year, owing to the special appeal made in behalf of the Preparatory School, and this will account for by far the greater part of the decrease, while the rest we may fairly ascribe

to one of those chances which notoriously affect the payment of voluntary contributions. We gather, likewise, that the Benevolent Institution is indebted for its place at the head of the list to its heavier total of "Donations and Subscriptions," which alone exceeds the receipts from all sources by either of the two Schools. Both these latter would make a better show if the amounts they severally received from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter approximated more closely to those received by the Benevolent, while, as regards "Dividends," we are only repeating the old story when we say that this constitutes the weak point in the income of the Boys' School, the Girls' School being fairly well off in this respect.

The following table shows the amounts received by each Institution during the septennial period—1878-1884—the fourth column giving the total for the three for each successive year—as well as the average per year for each Institution, and for the three taken collectively:

	R.M.B.I.	R.M.I.B.	R.M.I.G.	Total.
1878	£14,880 2 7	£12,566 0 0	£12,866 1 8	£40,312 4 3
1879	17,781 12 10	13,923 4 4	13,025 12 1	44,730 9 3
1880	16,301 4 10	15,673 15 8	17,787 10 11	49,762 11 5
1881	17,736 14 6	12,993 9 11	12,537 4 7	43,267 9 0
1882	16,595 7 7	14,879 15 8	15,969 15 8	47,444 18 11
1883	18,449 6 0	25,010 17 1	12,650 1 2	56,110 4 3
1884	19,901 7 8	13,993 10 11	14,928 19 0	48,823 17 7
Total for 7 years	£121,645 16 0	£109,040 13 7	£99,785 5 1	£330,471 14 8
Average per year	£17,377 19 5	£15,577 4 9	£14,255 0 9	£47,210 4 11

Average per year per Institution £15,736 14 11

The following table gives the number of cases relieved, and the total of the sums voted, in each month of the year by the Board of Benevolence. The returns show that, while there were fewer cases as compared with 1883—323 as against 334—the total distributed was greater, namely, £9252 as against £8675:—

Month.	Cases relieved.	Amount.
January	...	16
February	...	21
March	...	32
April	...	29
May	...	33
June	...	22
July	...	26
August	...	16
September	...	19
October	...	34
November	...	37
December	...	38
	323	£9252

CONSECRATION OF THE SHADWELL CLERKE PRECEPTORY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

It having been determined to perpetuate the name of the Great Sub-Prior in consideration of his many and great services to the Order of the Temple, a warrant was granted by the Earl of Lathom, Great Prior, and on Monday, the 22nd ult., the Masonic Hall at Golden-square was the scene of a most splendid ceremony.

Punctually at four o'clock the Great Sub-Prior and the Grand Officers were received under an arch of steel.

The following sir knights were present: Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Great Sub-Prior, Prov. Prior of Sussex; Capt. N. G. Phillips, 33°, Prov. Prior East Anglia; Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, Past Grand High Prelate; Raymond Thrupp, Grand Registrar; Dr. Ralph Gooding, Grand Herald; F. Richardson, P.G.C. of Guards; C. H. Driver, P.G.A.D.C.; Magnus Ohren, P.G.A.D.C.; J. Read, P.G.A.D.C.; Jas. Shilcock, Neal York, W. G. Lemon, Dr. G. Mickley, J. S. Cumberland, P.A.D.C.; Dr. Cantrell, Major Penrose Dunbar, W. M. Bywater, H. C. Heard, J. Purrott, C. F. Matier, K.C.T. (Scotland); J. E. Dawson, Col. Haldane, Past Grand Herald; F. W. Driver, M.A.; R. B. Croft, H. Lovegrove, J. Hunt, and G. Austin (as Serving Frater).

The preceptory having been opened in due form, the ballot was taken for Comps. H. H. Shirley, A. McDowell, F. J. Bennett, A. R. Carter, and G. J. Dunkley, and all these companions, except Comp. McDowell, being in attendance, they were duly installed as members of the Order by the Great Sub-Prior, assisted by Sir Knights Rev. Ambrose Hall and Frank Richardson, the latter acting as Director of Ceremonies in his usual perfect style.

The ceremony of consecration followed in accordance with the rubric, and in due course the Eminent Preceptor designate, Sir Knight Henry Lovegrove, was presented to the Great Sub-Prior and duly installed.

The ballot was taken for Sir Knights R. Benyon Croft, J. Hunt, George Kenning, H. C. Heard, and J. Read, as joining members. Sir Knights E. H. Thielley and J. Purrott were proposed for joining.

The officers invested were Sir Knights W. G. Lemon, Prelate; H. H. Shirley, Sub-Marshal; G. J. Dunkley, Reg.; F. J. Bennett, Almoner; A. R. Carter, Std. Br.; and J. Read, Org. In accordance with the unanimous wish of the members, Sir Knight Magnus Ohren accepted the position of Treasurer.

The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members, and, in putting the motion, the E.P. mentioned that he felt proud of the assembly of distinguished Templars who had gathered round him to do honour to the preceptory and the Great Sub-Prior, and referred to the presence of Sir Knight Dr. Cantrell, a distinguished Irish Mason, now residing in London.

The preceptory having been closed in ancient form, the Sir Knights adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to partake of a banquet. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and

The E.P., in proposing "The Health of the Consecrating Officers," thanked them for their attendance, and their assistance on several previous occasions when he had started other Masonic bodies which were now thriving, and expressed a hope that he might in some way help to stimulate the progress of the Order of the Temple, which was second to none in its splendid ritual and teaching.

The whole of the musical arrangements were carried out by Sir Knight John Read, P.E.P., P.G.A.D.C., in his usual style, his knowledge of the ceremonies preventing the mistakes so frequently noticed with less practised hands.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The regular Committee meeting of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 24th ult. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Patron, occupied the chair, and among those present were Bros. Robert Grey, P.G.D., Patron; E. Letchworth, G.J.D.; C. Hammerton, J. H. Matthews, G. Std. Br.; Webb; A. E. Gladwell, and F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary.

When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, and those of the House Committee read for information, the motion, of which notice had been given, for increasing the salaries of two of the teachers, the Misses Goodridge and Gardner, was passed.

Seventeen petitions were then taken into consideration, with the result that ten were approved, five deferred, and two rejected. The sum of ten guineas was voted towards the usual Twelfth Night entertainment to the pupils remaining at the School during the holidays, and 22 vacancies having been recommended for the April election, with an approved list of 30 candidates, the proceedings concluded with the usual compliment to the Chairman for presiding.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 24th of December. Bro. James Brett, Senior Vice-President, occupied the President's chair, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, jun. Vice-President, and Henry Garrod, Ass. G. Purs., those of the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents respectively. Having first of all confirmed recommendations made in November amounting to £300, the Board proceeded to consider the merits of the various petitions—48 in number—submitted to them, the result being that 10 were deferred, and 38 relieved with a total of £827, made up of one grant of £100, one of £50, four of £40 each, three of £30 each, one of £25, eleven of £20 each, five of £15 each, ten of £10 each, one of £5, and one of £2.

THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL FOR THIS YEAR.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer and Patron, presided, and among those present were Bros. J. L. Mather, C. Belton, Will Clarke, P.G.P.; Geo. Mickle, G. Ward Verry, George Kenning, Chas. Pawley, E. L. Horne, Thos. Clark, A. W. Stead, Chas. Sims, G. Norrington, A. C. Graystone, Alex. Forsyth, C. J. Rich, R. W. Galer, H. E. Dehane, A. C. Spaul, J. E. Dawson, Edgar Bowyer, P. G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. F. Hogard, H. Lovegrove, J. H. Clare, G. P. Fairchild, G. Lambert, P. G. S.B.; R. Bird, J. Boulton, H. G. Stranger, H. G. Henderson, E. G. Johnson, J. M. Chapman, and James Terry.

The SECRETARY having reported that H.R.H. the M.W. G.M. had fixed Wedne-day, the 25th February, for the celebration, and that R.W. Bro. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, had kindly consented to preside, the Board elected the following as their officers, namely: Bros. J. Brook-Smith, M.A., President; H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, acting President; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treasurer; and James Terry, Hon. Secretary. All Patrons, Vice-Patrons, and Vice-Presidents to be acting Vice-Presidents; and all Present and Past Grand Officers, Present and Past Grand Stewards, and Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers to be Vice-Presidents of the Board.

The Stewards' fee was fixed at £2 2s., and 30 guineas was agreed to be allowed for music. A Musical Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for this portion of the celebration, and the Board then closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The next meeting will be held on the 13th February.

BOYS' PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

The following circular has been issued by the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:—

Preparatory School, 1885.

"Memorandum specially addressed to the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, Secretary, &c., of each lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

"The Preparatory School buildings were commenced in September last, and are expected to be completed by Midsummer next; at all events, there is little doubt that the Committee will be prepared to recommend the election of a proportion of the number of boys for whom the additional accommodation is provided, not later than at the Quarterly General Court in the ensuing October.

"The Executive is thus being rapidly brought face to face with the anxious question—'Whence are to be derived the additional means necessary for the maintenance of the Subsidiary Establishment?' Supposing the experiment be tentatively tried by the admission of 25 boys, and the administration based on the most economical system possible, the expenditure cannot be less than from £1000 to £1200 over and above that now required. Having regard to the fact that the extension so long contemplated, and now in course of completion, has been carried out in strict compliance with the wishes of the Craft, nothing further in the shape of argumentative appeal need be resorted to.

"The situation I thus venture to draw your attention to is a serious one; but all anxiety may easily be allayed if only every lodge will organise and maintain a steady annual subscription, from which source an increase ought to be secured of as permanent nature as that derived from invested capital. So far from this being the case, I find that during the past year 1884 the result was as follows:—

	Total.	Subscribers.
of District and Provincial Grand Lodges	68	6
Private Lodges, including Colonial, &c.	2019	135
R.A. Chapters	650	7
The total amount received being	£252	5s.

"Surely something can be done to remedy this unsatisfactory state of things—one guinea per annum could not,

and would not, affect the finances of any lodge—while many are in a position with equal facility to contribute two guineas, and others even a larger amount, by special continuous resolution operating annually, without affecting in any way the support rendered from time to time, as circumstances arise, either by donation direct, or through the medium of a Steward as representative of a lodge.

"Commending the above to the favourable consideration of the influential members of the various lodges.—I am, brethren, your faithful and obliged servant and brother,
"FREDERICK BINCKES,
"Secretary."

THE LATE BRO. JAMES NORRIS.

We have been favoured with the following particulars relating to the initiation of the late Bro. James Norris. They will be found interesting, not only from their association with a very worthy Craftsman, but also because they disclose what, if we were speaking medically, we should describe as the treatment through which an initiate passed on his acceptance and subsequent promotion:

Ex. Minutes of Lodge of Sincerity, No. 231 (now No. 174), held at the Lion and Castle, Cherry Garden Stairs, March 10th, 1812.

"At a lodge of instruction held on Sunday, March 8th, 1812, Bro. Price, R.W.M., proposed that Robert Whitaker become a Mason in this lodge, seconded by Bro. Watkins, S.W. and carried nem. con. and also that Mr. James Norris, Taylor, aged 24 years, be made a Mason in this lodge, and seconded by Bro. Wade, J.W., and carried nem. con.

"March 10th, 1812. The lodge this evening was opened in due form, and Mr. James Norris initiated into the First Degree of Masonry, and passed to that of Second Degree, or Fellow Craft. Proposed by Bro. Hall and seconded by Bro. Judge (Treas.), that Bro. Norris become a regular subscribing member of this lodge, and carried nem. con. The R.W.M. went through part of the first lecture, and closed the lodge in its usual good harmony.

"April 7th, 1812. Master's lodge of emergency. Bro. Norris was raised to the Third or more Sublime Degree of Masonry."

Knights Templar.

ST. GEORGE'S ENCAMPMENT (No. 6).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 19th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Sir Knights J. Blyth, E.O.; John Smith, Marshal; Mackinnon, Expert; George Cooper, Registrar; T. Woodstock, Tyler; P.Cs. Sir Knts. R. Costa, G. A. Norris, E. Letchworth, Maybrick, W. E. Stewart, and Florence; and H. J. Spark. Visitors: Sir Knts. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Dr. Ramsay, T. W. Coffin.

Comps. P. H. Waterlow and George Waterlow were impressively installed into Knight Templary. Sir Knight John Smith was elected E. Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knt. Geo. Cooper was re-elected Treasurer.

When the business was over the knights adjourned to an admirably appointed banquet.

ST. HELENS.—William de la More Preceptory (No. 49).—A conclave of the knights of this preceptory was held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 18th ult. The muster roll having been called, the following Sir Knights answered to their names: W. Newsome, E.P.; W. R. Robinson, Prelate; F. A. Huet, Constable; L. S. Mattison, P.E.P., as Marshal; R. G. Brooke, P.E.P., as Capt. of the Guard; W. J. Thomson, P.E.P., Treas.; R. Young, P.E.P., Reg.; and J. D. Murray, P.E.P. Faith, P.G. Std. Br.

The minutes of the last conclave were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Comp. J. Oakden Swift, and was unanimous. Sir Knight J. D. Murray took the chair, and inducted Comp. Swift into the Order. Sir Knight R. Young then presented the E.P. elect, Sir Knight Frank A. Huet, 696, 1009, W.M. 32 (Mark), and Humphrey Cheetham Chapter, to the Installing Preceptor, Sir Knight J. D. Murray, who performed the ceremony of installation in a manner that elicited the approval of the members of the conclave. The newly-installed E.P. having been proclaimed and saluted, appointed his officers as follows: Sir Knights A. H. Jefferis, Con.; B. Thomson, Marshal; W. R. Robinson, Prelate; W. J. Thomson, Treas.; R. Young, Reg.; S. Mattison, Almoner; W. Newsome, Capt. of the Guards; J. O. Swift, Sub-Marshal; and R. G. Brooke, 1st H.

The alms having been collected, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered, the preceptory was closed, and the Sir Knights adjourned to the Raven Hotel, where, under the presidency of the E.P., a most excellent banquet was served by Bro. Bennett. The after proceedings were of a most enjoyable character; in fact, quite in keeping with the "hearty go" of the members of the William de la More Preceptory.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

WIGAN.—St. George's Council (No. 4).—A meeting of the members of this prosperous council was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Saturday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. J. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br. The Degrees of St. Lawrence and the Knight of Constantinople were duly conferred on Bros. R. Knowles and J. H. Smith; and the Degree on the Red Cross of Babylon on Comp. J. H. Smith. The W.M. elect, Bro. Hunter, P.M., was then presented and duly installed by Bro. Murray. After being proclaimed and saluted, the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Dean, S.W.; H. T. Byrom, J.W.; J. D. Murray, Sec.; Wm. M. Wyld, S.D.; R. B. Seddon, J.D.; and Patterson, Tyler.

Among the other members present were Bros. G. P. Brockbank, P.G.W.; J. Christian, and Jas. S. Garnew. Bro. W. Nicholl, W.M., Mahir Council, G.J.W., Grand Council, was a visitor.

After the close of the Council the brethren adjourned, partook of refreshment, and spent the evening in the manner customary among the members of the Allied Degrees.

Mark Masonry.

BON ACCORD LODGE (T.I.).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 18th ult., at Sa, Red Lion-square, W.C., when there were present Bros. J. W. Fuller, W.M.; J. M. Collins, S.W.; W. G. Lemon, J.W.; Webster Glynes, S.O.; G. C. D'Albion, J.O.; Rev. A. C. Graystone, Chap.; Magnus Ohren, Treas.; George Cooper, Sec.; F. A. Manning, R.M.; H. C. Lambert, S.D.; W. M. Bywater, J.D.; G. Austin, Tyler; Mortimer Davis, P.M.; J. P. Godfrey, P.M.; George Lambert, P.M.; E. B. Florence, P.M.; Dr. R. Gooding, P.M.; T. Vincent, and C. W. Tayleur. Visitor: Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W.

Lodge having been opened, Bros. F. Landon and T. J. Hanley were advanced into Mark Masonry in an admirable manner by the W.M., and Bro. Charles Belton was elected a joining member. Two names of candidates were given in, and from the way in which the business was performed, it is evident that the old Bon Accord means to hold its own. The business being ended, the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet was provided.

WOOLWICH.—Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The regular quarterly meeting of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, William-street, on Friday, the 19th ult., Bro. T. Holleyman, W.M., in the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.G.S.W. Kent; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Kent; Capt. Eugene Sweeney, P.M. 44, P.G. J.W. Kent; G. Spinks, S.W., P.P.G.A.D.C. Kent; T. D. Hayes, J.W., P.P.G. Swd. Br. Kent; G. Kenneday, Sec., P.P.G.A. Sec. Kent; W. Moulds, S.O., P.P.G.I.G. Kent; T. Ovenden, J.O., P.P.G. Swd. Kent; J. Bilton, S.D., P.G. Std. Br. Kent; J. Whiteheart, J.D., P.G. Swd. Kent; C. Jolly, I.G., P.P.G. Org. Kent; J. McInerny, J. Savage, J. Allard, J. J. Gould, W.M. 199; and, later on, Bro. W. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.J.D. Kent, attended.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes passed, the ballot was taken for Bros. H. Vallom and H. Canning, both of Craft Lodge 1472, and, it proving unanimous, they were advanced by the W.M. in perfect style. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Capon's, the Earl of Chatham Arms Hotel, where, after partaking of refreshment, they assembled round the social board, and the usual loyal and Mark Masonic toasts—both Grand and Provincial—were duly honoured.

The toast of "The W.M." having been honoured and responded to, and "The Initiates" duly honoured,

Bro. Penfold, in response for "The Past Masters," referred to the steady support accorded him by the W.M. while he (Bro. Penfold) was in the chair, and then he expressed his determination to support Bro. Holleyman when his term of office arrived. As to the Past Masters, they all knew what a splendid Mason Bro. Coupland was, and the earnest support he had always given the lodge since its consecration, of which he was one of the founders. The Past Masters were bound to do their best for the lodge, especially if they found the work a little loose; but he was proud to say that under Bro. Holleyman their services were not required. He cordially thanked them for the toast, and, in return, wished them all "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Bro. Weston—who had just returned from a journey to the Mediterranean—gave a most interesting account of his Masonic experiences at Malta and Gibraltar. He said that he had visited the Keystone Mark Lodge at Malta, and was very pleased to see the admirable manner in which the work was done, while the District Grand Master, who was present, gave the signs and addresses to the candidates in a most impressive manner. He was also glad to say that he there met several military brethren who had been initiated in the Excelsior Lodge, two of whom were in office at the Keystone Lodge. Before sitting down, he thought it advisable to inform the brethren of a person, named Julius E. Cowen, who was initiated in the Keystone Lodge at Malta, and who is now going about as an itinerant Mason, he last being heard of at Reading, in England, where he had obtained Masonic relief. It was alleged that Cowen, while living at Goja, put up a sign-board, stating that he was authorised to make Craft and Mark Masons at so much per head—a small charge. He (Bro. Weston) had brought home with him a printed circular, issued by the Grand Mark Secretary at Malta, having reference to Cowen, which he would hand over to the W.M., a copy of which had been sent to the Grand Mark Lodge of England. It behoved every brother to beware of this impostor, and, if possible, get possession of his certificate, and return it to the Grand Mark Lodge of Malta.

Several other toasts followed, and the proceedings closed with a verse of the National Anthem.

Royal Ark Mariners.

WIGAN.—Mount Ararat Lodge (No. 158).—A meeting of the members of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, King-street, on Saturday, the 13th ult., when the following brethren were present: Bros. P. M. Hunter, W.C.N.; H. T. Byrom, J.; W. M. Wyld, Scribe; R. B. Seddon, S.D.; W. Johnson, J.D.; J. Wilson; J. D. Murray, P.C.N.; J. S. Garner, and J. Christian. Visitors: Bros. W. Nicholl, P.C.N. 34; A. H. Jefferis, W.C.N. 34; and T. H. Glendinning, P.C.N. 34.

The candidates were Bros. Wm. Dean, P.M. 158, Rose and Thistle Mark Lodge, and R. Knowles, of the same lodge, who were duly elevated by the W.C., Bro. P. M. Hunter. Bro. J. D. Murray then assumed the chair, and Bro. H. T. Byrom, the W.C. elect, having been presented in form, was duly installed as W.C.N. for the ensuing year. After being proclaimed and saluted, the officers were appointed as follows: Bros. A. H. Crossley, J.; W. M. Wyld, S.; R. B. Seddon, Scribe, W. Johnson, S.D.; J. Wilson, J.D.; R. Knowles, G.; and Wm. Patterson, Tyler.

A Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees was held immediately after the close of this lodge.

Among the large party of guests present at the marriage on Tuesday of Mr. H. Graham with Lady Margaret Compton, second daughter of the Marquis of Northampton, were Bro. the Earl and Countess Cowper.

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To Correspondents.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1885.

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.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Would you kindly say in your next issue if the annexed is in accordance with the new Book of Constitutions, viz., "MASONIC FUNERAL."—On Wednesday afternoon the remains of Mr. Thomas Nuttall, late secretary of the Lodge of Commerce, 215, were interred at the parish church. The deceased had been in failing health for the last two years, and died on Saturday last. He was well known as an active and earnest member of the Masonic Craft. He had been many years Secretary of his lodge, and the recipient of a well earned annuity from the Masonic Charities. About thirty of the brethren of the Amity, Commerce, and Hardman Lodges attended the funeral in full regalia. The deceased was 64 years of age.—Yours fraternally,
P.M. 1476.

[We presume a dispensation was obtained from the Provincial Grand Master for appearing in Masonic clothing in public.—Ed. FM.]

THE RED APRON LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The remarks concerning the former Grand Stewardship of the Pilgrim Lodge, contained in Bro. E. L. Hawkins' article on "The Red Apron Lodges," which appeared in your last issue, are calculated to convey a wrong impression to the minds of the brethren.

The annexed correspondence which passed in the year 1834 between the M.W. Grand Master and the Pilgrim Lodge will be enough to remove this impression, showing as it does that the privilege was not lost through any mistake, omission, or carelessness, but was reluctantly resigned in consequence of the small number of members belonging to the lodge at that time. You will therefore oblige me by inserting this explanation and the letters, of which I give copies below.—Yours fraternally,

C. KUPFERSCHMIDT, I.P.M. 238.

23, Woodberry-grove, N.,
23rd December.

"Pilgrim Lodge, 8th February, 1834.

"M.W. Grand Master,

"The most kind and gracious manner in which your Royal Highness was pleased to bestow upon the Pilgrim Lodge the distinguished privilege of returning one of the Grand Stewards has ever been prized by its members as a most valued jewel, and they trust the selection they have periodically made has been such as to evince their gratitude and to afford satisfaction to your Royal Highness.

"The change of circumstances, however, as far as numbers are concerned, resulting from the few resident Germans in London, during a period of peace, render it impossible for the lodge to avail themselves longer of this much valued privilege, and they are therefore under the painful necessity of returning it into the hands of the M.W. Grand Master. In doing so, they venture to hope that your Royal Highness will do justice to their motives, and believe that the Pilgrim Lodge will ever retain a grateful sense of the kindness and condescension which your Royal Highness has always shown to their body. I have the honour to subscribe myself,

"Your Royal Highness's most obedient servant,

"By order of the W.M. of the Pilgrim Lodge,

JOHN SCHMIDT, Secretary.

"To H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex,

M.W. Grand Master, &c."

"Kensington Palace, 10th February, 1834.

"W. Master,

"I am commanded by the M.W. Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 8th inst., rendering the resignation of the privilege of annually nominating one of the 18 Grand Stewards in consequence of the reduction of the numerical strength of the lodge, and I am to acquaint you that his Royal Highness accepts the surrender with much regret.

"His Royal Highness further commands me to renew the assurance of his satisfaction at the manner in which the proceedings of the Pilgrim Lodge have always been conducted, and at the same time to express his Royal Highness's best wishes for its future welfare and prosperity.

"I have the honour to be, W. Master,

"Your very obedient servant and faithful brother,

WILLIAM H. WHITE, G.S.

"To the W. Master of the Pilgrim Lodge, No. 289."

MASONS BY INDUCEMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At page 597 of your issue of December 20th there appears a very interesting account of a Masonic meeting in the North of England. There is one clause which I do not think is altogether in harmony with the spirit of Freemasonry—I wish to put stress upon the first part of the word Freemasonry—I have always understood that members of the Craft must never solicit candidates for its mysteries. I have been a Mason many years, and can honestly say I never have done, not even so much as a side hint. From the report referred to, it would appear that, although our brethren do not solicit, such a course is pursued by those "nearest and dearest to them." Doubtless such action is exercised with a good motive for our Craft; but would it not be wise for those who know what is good to be done, and what is the contrary, to say—Do not induce; the tenets of our Order, so far as may be done outside the lodge, have been explained; we leave the rest to the dictates to a man's own conscience?—Yours fraternally,

VOLUNTEER, NOT PRESSED.

December 22nd.

MASONIC MENDICANCY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"A Secretary," in treating upon the above subject in your columns of December 20th, suggests that an official list of Secretaries, with their addresses, be published annually. I do not see how such a list, in order to be correct, could be published, because these offices are not always filled by the same brethren; neither do all lodges appoint their officers for twelve months at one stated period. So it is quite plain that in many cases the publication would be incorrect directly it was issued. I held the office of Secretary for a considerable period, and regarded it as a duty appertaining to that office to call at the lodge room for my letters as a rule twice every week, and never omitted collecting them once a week. Perhaps to some this would occupy too much time; but a Secretary should be one who can devote a little time weekly to the duties of his lodge. If time cannot be spared to call for letters, our penny postal system is now in such a state of perfection, that a paper properly signed and left with the proper post office official, directing that all letters addressed to a certain lodge be forwarded to a given address until further notice, would have the result desired.—Yours fraternally,

December 22nd.

ONCE A WEEK.

A RE-JOINING BROTHER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can you inform me through the medium of your journal if it is necessary for a Brother, who resigns his mother lodge, to be re-balloted for should he at any time afterwards desire to again become a member of that lodge?

Judging from Rule 191 of the Constitutions, it appears no fresh ballot is required, although it is customary in many lodges.—Yours fraternally, M.H.C.

[A fresh ballot is required. Rule 191 does not affect the point mentioned.—Ed. F.M.]

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I trust you will allow me to correct a couple of errors that appeared on the opening page of the *Freemason* of Saturday last; the two instances are:—"Tis true, 'tis pity; 'tis pity 'tis, 'tis true," and "Familiar on our lips as household words," both of which purport, of course, to be quotations from Shakespeare, but what the Bard of Avon really wrote was:—

"Tis true 'tis pity;

"And pity 'tis 'tis true."

Vide Hamlet, Act 2, sc. 2.—Pol. loq. And—

"Familiar in their mouths as household words."

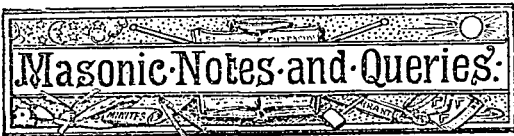
Vide Hen. 5, Act 4, sc. 3.—Hen. loq.

In the first case you had the stops as well as the words wrong, thus materially altering the sense and force of the sentence.—Yours truly and fraternally,

G. SHANKS, K.M., P.M., P.Z., &c., &c.

Kensington, Dec. 29, 1884.

[Our quotations, although not literally correct, were somewhat nearer the original than one we remember to have seen in an American paper—"Tis forty, 'tis fifty; 'tis fifty, 'tis, 'tis five"—as the result of the effort on the part of a compositor who had some difficulty in deciphering the handwriting of the editor.—Ed. F.M.]



AN UNKNOWN JEWEL.

473] Can any one tell me to what Order or Degree a star with eight points in blue enamel and gold, with a light-blue enamel centre, and the letters within the angles of each point—H, T, W, S, S, T, H, S belongs? The Degree was given at Kingston, Jamaica, October 30th, 1842.

ENQUIRER.

MASONIC DEGREES.

474] I am not particular about the use of the word *grade* or *degree*, so long as it is understood exactly what is meant by the term used. When I speak of there being no Masonic Degrees prior to the last century (say, *save one*, I mean to state that before the advent of Grand Lodges, Grand Masters, and other modern titles, the only esoteric ceremony which can fairly be described as a *degree* was that conferred upon Entered Apprentices. In other words, my contention is, that for a ceremony to be called a degree it is necessary that the secret ceremonial should be worked in the presence of those favoured only, to the exclusion of all others. I am not aware of any records earlier than say 1720-3, which narrate the conferring of a separate and distinct degree upon either Fellows or Master Masons, to the exclusion of Apprentices. As our Brother "Third Degree" finds no justification for his statement respecting the three degrees in Bro. Hunter's history of No. 8, but considers he can in Bro. Lyon's noble history of No. 1, I shall be glad to be referred to any extracts in the latter work which prove that *separate* Masonic Degrees were worked by the Lodge of Edinburgh in the presence, and on behalf only, of Craftsmen and Master Masons anterior to, say 1720. We have all but one end in view, and that is the truth, so let us all seek to advance such a high aim by only stating what *facts justify*, not what *fancies dictate*. As to Bro. Gould's views as to the degrees question, I think it will be found on the publication of Vol. 4 of his splendid work that he agrees entirely with my views thereon, as also Bro. Lyon's. I am sorry that Bro. Speth does not, at present, accept our verdict, but I think he will yet do so, and I shall seek his conversion thereto as opportunity offers, because he is one of the most earnest and diligent Masonic students I know, and is open always to evidence.

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475] WORCESTER MASONIC CATALOGUE.

I hear that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was pleased to accept a copy of the catalogue of the Worcester Masonic Exhibition when at Worcester the other day. Copies may still be had from Bro. Geo. Taylor (Prov. G. Sec.) at two shillings each, post free.

ANTIQUARY.

THE RED APRON LODGES.

476] We are indebted to Bro. E. L. Hawkins, of Oxford, for the fullest and best account of the "Red Apron Lodges," and I hope he will continue the good work by giving us particulars of many of the old lodges of which he has any reliable data. In my "Masonic Register" I simply give a short sketch of the origin of the "Grand Stewards Lodge" in 1735, and allude to the number of Grand Stewards from that year, though of course they were annually appointed before then, the calendars of the Grand Lodge containing the names from 1721. I see, however, that my reference is ambiguous, and shall alter it in a new edition, should any such ever be issued. The "Pilgrim Lodge declined the honour of nominating a "Grand Steward" in 1834, there being "few resident Germans in London," and the resignation of the honour by the members was accepted with regret by the Grand Master, who at the same time paid a graceful compliment to the lodge for its efficiency and zeal, which, I believe, has continued unto this day. The jewel of the Grand Stewards Lodge was designed by Bro. Hogarth, who was himself a Grand Steward. Can Bro. Hawkins inform me of the precise character of the "Country Stewards Lodge" founded in 1789? The "Extra Supplement" of the *Freemason* is remarkable for Bro. Hawkins' article on the "Red Apron Lodges," and, I think, also for an elaborate and carefully prepared digest of "Freemasonry in 1884."

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477] THE POET MASON.

With Bro. J. Todd, P.M., I have carefully looked through the records of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, but we have failed to find any entry of the name of the Poet Mason before 1775, so that he probably was not made at York.

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.



Craft Masonry.

NINE MUSES LODGE (No. 235).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th ult., at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, when there were present Bros. Walter Webb, W.M.; W. English Harrison, S.W.; Warwick Webb, Sec.; Heather Bigg, S.D.; E. Luxmoore Marshall, J.D.; Sir James Cockle, P.G.S., I.G.; A. B. Church, Tyler; G. Sangster Green, P.M.; J. H. Puleston, M.P., P.M.; George Cockle, E. Leigh, E. W. Layton, William Webb, G. S. Bower, J. B. Batten, E. W. W. Edwards, and Clarence Smith. Visitors: Bros. G. B. Brodie, P.M. 26; A. B. Malleson, 720; and H. W. Schartau, Org. 1549.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Clarence Smith was raised to the Third Degree, after which Bro. W. English Harrison, S.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. J. J. Heseltine, P.M., re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. A. B. Church re-elected Tyler. After the Audit Committee and Stewards for the Charities had been appointed, the lodge was closed.

BURY.—Lodge of Relief (No. 42).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated by the brethren of this lodge on Monday afternoon, the 29th ult., when Bro. S. Parsons was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. J. Redfern, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows (the charges to them being given by Bro. T. Sedgwick, P.M.): Bros. T. Rigby, I.P.M.; J. Chadwick, S.W.; T. Greenhalgh, J.W.; R. Kay, Treas.; T. Carter, P.M., Sec. and Org.; H. Slee, S.D.; J. Robinson, J.D.; J. R. Barton, I.G.; J. Farrar and W. Meadowcroft, Stewards; and J. Thorman, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren, numbering about 50, sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Grey Mare Hotel, a number of visiting brethren being present. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was spent in brotherly love and harmony. Bro. Carter ably accompanied.

NOTTINGHAM.—Newstead Lodge (No. 47).

—The annual festival of this time immemorial lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 16th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. Rogers, opened the lodge, supported by a large number of the members and a goodly array of visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. Messent, P.M. 231, P.G.S.B.; H. R. Hatherley, P.G.S.W.; R. Fitzburgh, P.P.G.J.W.; C. B. Truman, P.P.G.J.W.; J. M. Perry, P.G.J.D.; R. C. Sutton, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. G. Woodward, P.P.G.J.D.; A. Lawson, P.P.G.P.; J. Prescott, P.M. 999; G. T. Alenson, I.P.M. 1435; J. T. Spalding, P.M. 1909; J. Thornley, W.M. 1435; E. Hind, W.M. 1405; W. Hobson, W.M. 1852; A. Willing; S. G. Johnson, P.M. 133 (Town Clerk of Nottingham); W. St. L. Chubb, 231; and other brethren.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the preceding lodge, the I.P.M., Bro. G. Chapman, took the chair, and proceeded to install the W.M. elect, Bro. H. Vickers, S.W., the ceremony throughout being performed in a most able manner, the correctness and precision of the working giving, by its impressiveness, the greatest gratification to the whole of the brethren assembled. The W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. A. J. Barber, S.W.; H. E. Wilson, J.W.; J. Brown, S.D.; T. Roberts, J.D.; G. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. Cockran, Org.; J. Toplis, P.G.J.D., Treas.; G. Baxter, Sec.; B. Crookes, I.G.; A. A. Dennis and G. Clark, Stewards. Fraternal greetings and "Hearty good wishes" having been given from all sides, the lodge was closed in due form by the W.M. About 70 of the brethren then partook of the banquet, which was served in the banquetting room of the Hall in most admirable style by the Stewardess of the Hall.

The cloth being removed, the W.M. gave the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," prefacing it with a few aptly and well-chosen remarks.

The next toast was "The Health of the G.M. and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Grand Lodge," and, in proposing it, the W.M. referred in a felicitous manner to the advantage the Craft generally derived from the fact of having in the position of Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the able and efficient brethren who, from time to time, fill the offices in Grand Lodge.

This was responded to by Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B., who, in expressing his acknowledgments for the toast on the part of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Grand Officers, drew attention to the losses which that body had sustained during the year by the death of Bro. John Havers and Bro. Col. Creaton. Bro. Messent paid a high compliment to the working of the Newstead Lodge, which, he said, had been as well considered as it had been executed.

The next toast in order was "The P.G.M., His Grace the Duke of St. Albans, the D.P.G.M., and the Officers, Present and Past of Prov. Grand Lodge." The W.M., in proposing this, spoke of the zeal and earnestness which characterises the whole of the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and as a result the very rapid strides Masonry has made in this province since the affairs of the province were resuscitated under the able guidance of the P.G.M. and his deputy.

This was responded to by Bro. Hatherley, P.G.S.W. He acknowledged the compliment paid to the Prov. Grand Lodge by the W.M., and said while it was very gratifying to know that any services rendered were appreciated, still the greatest stimulant to good work was the earnest desire to see the prosperity of Masonry in general throughout the province, and in every lodge in particular.

Bro. Derry, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." In an able speech he referred to the pleasure which every member of the lodge felt in seeing Bro. Vickers in the chair. A pleasure which to him was all the more gratifying because of the long friendship, which apart from Masonry, had existed between them. The W.M. of the Newstead had to follow some very able men to emulate whom it would be no easy task, but he felt sure their W.M. was equal to it, and tried by any standard would not be

found wanting. He congratulated the lodge on having such a Master.

The W.M. suitably responded, and proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Rogers." He said the best proof which could be given of Bro. Rogers' successful administration was the complete unity and concord which, during the past year, had distinguished the lodge, and its thorough prosperity in every sense.

Bro. Rogers having responded, the W.M. next gave "The Installing Master, Bro. George Chapman." He commented on the admirable manner in which the ceremony had been performed and the deep impression it had made on his own mind. Deeply as he felt the responsibility of office, the manner in which he had been inducted into the chair had greatly encouraged him in his work.

Bro. Chapman responded, and then proposed the toast of "The W. Masters of the Lodges in the Province."

This was acknowledged by Bros. Hind, W.M. 1405, and Thornley, W.M. 1435.

Bro. R. C. Sutton, P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., then proposed "The Visitors," which was suitably responded to by Bros. Prescott, 999; Spalding, 1909; Chubb, 231; and Willing. "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. C. B. Truman, P.P.G.J.W., and responded to by Bro. Toplis, P.M., Secretary for the province. In an earnest and forcible speech, he warmly advocated the claims of the respective Charities, and urged the brethren to support as far as they could these commendable institutions.

"The Officers of the Lodge" (with the exception of the Tyler's toast) brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Bros. Adie, Cartledge, Perry, and others added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by singing and music.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.—Lodge of Industry (No. 48).—The last meeting for 1884 of this old-established lodge was held at the Industry Masonic Hall on Monday, the 22nd ult., when there was a fair attendance of members and visitors. In the absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. John Moul, I.P.M., supported by Bros. John Wood, P.M.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; R. F. Cook, P.M.; A. Rhagg, S.W.; W. F. Carman, as J.W.; E. Shewbrooks, Sec.; W. Dalrymple, S.D.; W. Brown, J.D.; W. F. Raeburn, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Thompson, S.S.; W. Stafford, J.S.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. Whitfield, T. Bulmer, W. Richardson, C. Case, H. F. Dryden, A. Simpson, M. R. Wright, T. W. Ferguson, John Page, P.M. 406; J. Witter, P.M. 1119; J. Macnamara, P.M. 97; J. C. Lawson, S.W. 424; and others.

After the preliminary business, the ballot was taken for Mr. John Hedley, who, being in attendance, was duly initiated by Bro. Moul, acting W.M. The working tools and the charge of the degree were given by the acting J.W. Bros. Mark Robinson Wright and T. W. Ferguson were afterwards passed as F.C.'s by Bro. Robt. Whitfield, P.M., and the working tools were explained by the S.W. On the proposition of Bro. R. Whitfield, P.M., seconded by Bro. John Wood, P.M., the revised bye-laws were adopted. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and, after receiving the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the proceedings terminated, when the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room.

WOODBIDGE.—Doric Lodge (No. 81).—The installation of the W.M. took place on the 29th ult., the ceremony being admirably performed—his sixth consecutive time—by our old and esteemed Bro. Clarke, P.G. Purst. Eng. Bro. Major-General Hessey, the retiring W.M., was reinstalled, and he nominated his officers as follows: Bros. J. Collins, S.W.; F. J. Horsey, J.W.; Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, Chap.; B. Gall, Treas.; F. Whistock, Sec.; H. W. P. Phillips, S.D.; J. F. Lewis, J.D.; J. Sidolph, Org.; J. Parrett, I.G.; G. Hall, Tyler; R. W. Allen, Rd. Allen, C. Girling, and F. W. W. Gross, Stewards.

After the lodge was closed in peace and harmony, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Crown Hotel, where every creature comfort was admirably supplied by Bro. Host T. Grimwood, and a happy and harmonious evening was spent.

CHELTENHAM.—Foundation Lodge (No. 82).—The installation festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 27th ult., being St. John's Day. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Kynaston, P.P.G. Chap., his successor in the chair being Bro. the Rev. J. H. Churchill Baxter, S.W. The Prov. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., attended by his Deputy, W. Bro. Brook-Smith, M.A., honoured the lodge with his presence, and took part in the ceremony; and among the other brethren present were Bros. the Baron de Ferrieres, M.P., G.S.D.; W. F. Newmarch, P.P.D. G.M.; Dr. T. Partridge, 702, P.S.G.W.; W. H. Gwinnett, P.G.T.; J. Walker, P.P.G.S.W.; R. W. White, 839, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Norman, 246, P.G.R.; L. Winterbotham, P.P.G.R.; W. R. Porcher, P.P.G.R.; J. Winterbotham, P.P.G.S.D.; G. W. Keeling, P.P.G. J.D.; J. L. Butler, 246, P.P.G.J.D.; W. R. Felton, 246, P.P.G.S. Wks.; Dr. E. Gregory, 246, P.P.G.D.C.; H. S. Crump, 900, P.P.G.D.C.; W. C. Heane, 1005, P.P.G.S.B.; G. C. Hewitt, 1363, P.G. St. Br.; J. A. Matthews, P.G.O.; J. A. Roberts, W.M. 702; H. Browett, W.M. 900; W. J. Lifton, W.M. 1005; A. Parker, W.M. 1067; F. Ticehurst, I.P.M.; C. Atkins, J.W.; Prowde Smith, Sec.; Rev. Hattersley Smith, S.D.; Simms-Bull, I.G.; Sir Brook-Kay, Dr. W. R. Smith, W. Powell, S.W. 900; G. W. Clare, P.G.S. Mon.; Middlemore-Whithard, C. H. Rainger, 246; Hayward, J.W. 900; D. Chandler, Sec. 900; and others.

The Prov. G.S.W. and Bro. White occupied the Warden's chairs, and Bros. Porcher and J. Winterbotham, assisted in other offices during the ceremony. The appointment of officers for the ensuing year was made by the W.M. as follows: Bro. Rev. Dr. Kynaston, I.P.M.; C. S. Atkins, S.W.; R. Prowde Smith, J.W.; F. Ticehurst, P.M., Sec.; Rev. T. Middlemore-Whithard, Chap.; J. Walker, P.M. Treas.; Rev. P. Hattersley Smith, S.D.; E. L. Baylis, J.D.; W. Simms-Bull, I.G.; W. R. Porcher, P.M., D. of C.; J. Winterbotham, P.M., S.; and H. Phillips, Tyler.

At the last meeting of the Royal Union Lodge, 246, Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, P.M. 82, G.S.D., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. His installation takes place on the 21st inst.

MARPLE.—Lodge of Benevolence (No. 336).—The annual meeting of the members of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at the Jolly Sailor

Hotel. Its present charter bears date 1812, and the lodge is therefore 72 years old, but we believe that it has been in existence over one hundred and fifteen years. The business of the evening was to receive the audited accounts, and to appoint officers for the year 1885. The brethren present were Bros. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Henry Hardy, P.M.; J. E. Steward, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; James Ridgway, P.M.; James H. Hartley, P.M., Org., P.P.G.P.; J. Temms, P.M.; R. Andrew, P.M.; James Boardman, W.M.; John Crompton, S.W.; W. Caldwell, J.W.; John Sherwin, I.G.; W. Boardman, J. Phythian, John Radford, and J. Osbaldiston, P.M. The following visitors were also present: Bros. C. Oldham, P.M. 1773, 815; Henry Oldham, S.W. 1365; Samuel Robinson, P.M. 625; J. G. Platt, W.M. elect 337; Herbert Finch, P.G.D.C., 104; T. Whalley, J.D. 323; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; and J. W. Draycott, 221.

The rapid strides of advancement which this small, but important, lodge has made during the last few years is little short of marvellous, and a large amount of praise in connection with this advance is undoubtedly due to the remarkable efforts of its Past Masters, but particularly to the perseverance of Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P. of the Province of Cheshire. Several telegrams and letters were read from brethren regretting their inability to be present. The proceedings commenced punctually at 3.30 p.m. The lodge having been opened in due form by Bro. James Boardman, W.M., the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and declared to be correctly recorded. The installation of Bro. John Crompton, S.W., to the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year, was at once proceeded with, the Installing Master being Bro. J. E. Steward, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., assisted by Bros. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Hardy, P.M.; James Ridgway, P.M.; and J. Boardman, I.P.M. Each officer performed his allotted task in an exceedingly efficient manner.

The following were inducted to their new and respective offices: Bros. W. Caldwell, S.W.; Joseph Boardman, J.W.; J. H. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G.P., Org.; J. Kirby, Sec.; John Sherwin, S.D.; W. Boardman, J.D.; John Phythian, I.G.; and John Osbaldiston, P.M., Tyler. The business of the lodge having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned, and the brethren celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist. During the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, including those of "The Newly-appointed W.M.," "The Promoted Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," and "The Masonic Charities."

Several songs were admirably rendered by Bros. T. Whalley, Mark Stafford, and by several brethren of the lodge. A Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was presented in a few well and happily chosen words, by Bro. Henry Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., to Bro. James Boardman, on his retiring from the position of Worshipful Master. This recognition is intended to convey the high appreciation and esteem in which the latter is held by the members of the above lodge for his indefatigable and useful efforts during his term of office.

The recipient of the honour returned thanks in appropriate terms for the mark of estimation the brethren of the lodge had so munificently bestowed upon him. The proceedings then terminated.

PRESTON.—Concord Lodge (No. 343).—The festival of St. John of this lodge was held on the 18th ult., at the Bull Hotel, when Bro. W. Troughton, J.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. A. Beattie, P.M. There was a large attendance of brethren from local, Southport, and East Lancashire lodges, among the many visitors being Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.R., Prov. G. Sec. West Lanc. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. W. J. Monk, I.P.M.; G. W. Dawson, S.W.; E. T. Pearson, J.W.; W. Parker, Sec.; J. Elton, Prov. G. Std. Br., Treas.; H. Ingham, S.D.; A. Gordon, J.D.; P. R. Roe, P.M., D. of C.; R. Hall, P.M., Org.; J. R. Hodgson, I.G.; A. Beattie, S.S.; R. Robinson, jun., J.S.; and J. Moss, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Goodacre expressed pleasure at seeing the efficient performance of the ceremony.

An excellent banquet was afterwards well served, and the customary toasts were honoured, songs and recitations being very efficiently given. The dining-room was chastely decorated, emblems of each lodge and a leading Masonic motto appearing upon the walls framed in laurel leaves. On the tables were numerous choice plants and cut flowers from the conservatories of the W.M. The whole proceedings were among the most successful and enjoyable which the lodge has celebrated for many years.

WHITEHAVEN.—Lewis Lodge (No. 872).—The members of the above lodge met in great force on Friday, the 26th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. H. Burns as W.M. for the ensuing year. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. Glessal, W.M., P.G. Purst., supported by the following officers, members, and visitors: Bros. C. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; J. Spittall, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; T. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; F. Hodgson, P.M.; E. Rose, P.M.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. Tounson, P.P.G. Org.; J. T. Ray, J. Dixon, R. D. Metcalf, J. Lawson, J. Bryden, W. Carter, A. Mordaff, W. Lewis, W. B. Gibson, P.M. 119, P.P.G.S.W.; G. Ryrie, W.M. 119, P.P.G.A. D.C.; John Burr, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; W. Sandwith, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; R. W. Moore, R. Miller, S.W.; W. J. Johns, J.W.; T. Studholme, S.D.; C. J. J. Harris, J. Dickinson, W.M. 371, P.G.A. Purst.; Thos. Mason, W.M. 1002; J. Black, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. Paterson, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; W. Whitehead, 962; H. A. Langlois, 962; R. Tyson, W.M. 1267; E. Clarke, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; Rees Thomas; W. Burnyeat; G. Hill, W.M. 1390; W. Bradley, P.M.; J. Atkinson, J.D.; H. Wynn, W.M. 1400; W. Carlyle, P.M., P.P.G. Swd. Br.; L. Ward, S.W.; J. Ruberry, J.W.; C. Gowan, S.W. 1989; H. D. Welsh, T. Temple, J. M. Clarke, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Burns, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Glessal to Bro. Dalrymple, who discharged the duties of the installation, and Bro. Morton invested the officers for the year, and delivered the customary addresses. The following brethren were appointed as officers: Bros. J. Jackson, S.W.; T. F. Mayson, J.W.; J. Spittall, P.M., Treas.; J. S. Moffatt, Sec.; J. McGowan, S.D.; T. Brakenridge, J.D.; J. Tounson, Org.; J. M. Clarke, D.C.; W. D. P. Field, I.G.; T. Rowlings

and W. Milligan, Stwds.; and Jonah Sewell, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Dalrymple and Morton for their services, and with "Hearty good wishes" from the many visitors, the lodge was closed in form and good harmony.

At the invitation of the newly-installed Master, upwards of 60 brethren accompanied him to the banquet hall, where ample justice was done to the good things provided, the viands being all that could be desired. With songs from Bros. Mordaff, Hodgson, Johns, and Studholme, and recitations by Bro. Langlois, made the evening to be of the most enjoyable character, the Tyler's toast being the final about 9.30.

WALTHAM CROSS.—King Harold Lodge (No. 1327).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Four Swans on Thursday, the 18th ult., Bro. W. A. Rogers, P.G.J.D. Herts, being the W.M. in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Robinson, I.P.M., P.G.J.W. Herts; W. Gilbert, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Herts; J. Tydemann, P.M., P.P.G.A.P. Essex; T. Reilly, P.M., P.P.G.P. Herts; W. Lewis, Sec., P.G.S. Herts; W. A. Sproal, S.W., P.G.S. Herts; G. Holdsworth, J.W.; Blackmore, S.D.; Bickel, W.S.; Maxfield, Byerlee, Macklin, and Tudgey. Bro. G. Young acted as Tyler.

Mr. George Jonathan Purdy was initiated by the W.M. in his best style, after which Bro. Macklin was passed, and Bro. Tudgey raised. Five guineas were voted from the lodge funds to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Jacobs, P.M.'s list, who has kindly undertaken to represent the lodge at the next Festival. The lodge was then closed, and a pleasant hour spent at the social board.

WIGAN.—Lindsay Lodge (No. 1335).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 3rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, King-street. Present: Bros. H. T. Byrom, W.M.; A. H. Crossley, S.W.; W. Johnson, J.W.; S. A. Oliver, P.M., Treas.; R. B. Seddon, Sec.; W. Wall, S.D.; J. Marsden, J.D.; G. L. Campbell, P.M., D.C.; J. Browne, I.G.; H. Bonchier and W. M. Wyld, Stewards; W. Paterson, Tyler; J. D. Murray, I.P.M.; R. Betley, P.M.; R. C. Snape, P.M.; C. Beazer, P.M.; H. Riddlesworth, G. G. Tatham, M. Williams, and R. Prosser White. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodace, 1588, Prov. G. Sec. W. Lanc.; R. Wright, J.W. 220; J. Hammond, W.M. 448; P. M. Hunter, P.M. 1313, P.P.G. J.W.; A. Ainsworth, P.M. 1403; and J. Parker, W.M.; T. Milner, P.M.; E. Seddon; T. Milligan, P.M., P.P. G.S.D., of 178.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Murray raised Bro. White to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Mr. J. R. Knowles was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and Bro. A. H. Crossley, S.W., was unanimously elected to that high and important office. Bro. J. D. Murray, P.M., was elected Treasurer.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed and an adjournment made to the ante-room, where a choice supper was spread, and the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed under the presidency of the W.M. The installation meeting will take place on the first Wednesday in January.

LOWESTOFT.—St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1452).—An installation meeting was held on the 1st ult., at the Masonic Hall. Present: Bros. H. W. H. Elwes, W.M.; G. Bush, S.W.; J. B. Blackmore, J.W. and Chap.; P. Alley, Treas.; H. J. Eartaugh, Sec.; R. S. Bradbeer, S.D.; L. S. Learne, J.D.; D. C. Smith, I.G.; J. Wright, Tyler; W. W. Garnham, P.M.; B. M. Bradbeer, P.M.; and W. O. Chambers, Visitors: Bros. E. Parker, W.M. 71; T. Hodgson, I.P.M. 71; C. Dance, P.M. 71; W. J. Rayment, 71; W. S. Everitt, 71; T. H. Norman, 71; A. Stebbings, 71; J. Nobbs, W.M. 301; E. U. Adnams, 1933; T. Sergeant, 1933; E. P. Youell, P.G. Treas. Suffolk, P.P.G.S.W.; and J. L. Bunn, 313.

Bro. George Bush, S.W. and W.M. elect, was ably installed Worshipful Master by W. Bro. E. P. Youell, Prov. G. Treasurer.

The W.M. having appointed and invested his officers, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the brethren retired to the Suffolk Hotel for the banquet, which was served by Bro. R. Smith, the attendance of brethren being very good. The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed, and a pleasant evening spent.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—The members of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, where there was a good attendance. During the past year the lodge sustained a serious loss in the death of Bro. H. S. Alpass, P.G. Sec. (father of the lodge), and Bro. W. P. Vines, I.P.M.; but, judging from the tone of this meeting, the incoming W.M. has a prosperous year to look forward to. The chair was taken by Bro. David Morris, W.M., supported by Bros. H. Worthington, P.M.; Archibald Morrison, P.M.; J. Hunter, J.W.; T. Senar, Sec.; T. Baird, J.D.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. J. Smith, W.M. 1035; H. Jones, P.M. 1020; G. Gordon, P.M. 724; J. Clarke, J.W. 605; W. Brackenbury, P.P.G.A.D.C.; L. Peake, I.P.M. 1035; T. Hutton, P.M., J.W. 2042; G. Beeken, P.M. 724; J. P. Bryan, P.G.O.; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Wm. Bennett, was presented by Bros. Morrison, P.M., and Worthington, P.M., and the retiring W.M., Bro. D. Morris, performed the installation ceremony in a way which fully merited the unanimous vote of thanks afterwards accorded to him. The following officers were invested: Bros. D. Morris, I.P.M.; T. Senar, S.W.; H. Ellis, J.W.; A. Jackson, Treas. (by proxy); H. Worthington, P.M., D.C.; A. Morrison, P.M., A.D.C.; T. Baird, Sec.; G. Woodward, S.D.; J. Hunter, J.D.; J. Stock, I.G.; J. Smith, Stwd.; and Bro. J. Malcolm was re-elected Tyler.

At the banquet which followed the brethren were well catered for by Bro. J. Casey, the House Steward, 1570. During the evening a very handsome gold P.M. jewel—the work of Bro. George Kenning—was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. for the members of the lodge.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.—St. Osyth's Lodge (No. 2063).—The December meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Hotel on Friday evening, the 10th ult. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the W.M., Bro. Sir

J. H. Johnson, could not be present, the chair was, however, ably filled by the S.W., W. Bro. W. J. Nunn, W. Bro. C. R. Young, P.M., occupying the S.W.'s chair, and W. Bro. C. Hempsen, P.M. 1977, P.P.G.A.D.C., that of the J.W. The other brethren present included Bros. W. M. Foxcroft, S.D.; W. T. Hook, J.D.; Fred. J. Nunn, Sec.; W. Cattermole, I.G.; T. H. Baker, Steward; H. Hart, Tyler; W. Wrench Towse, F. Wallis, R. Womack, J. P. Allan, John Dean, P.M.; N. Demaid, G. F. West, W. F. Reed, and J. S. Joice. Bro. C. Allen, 1056, was a visitor.

Two brethren were advanced to a superior Degree, and there were three initiations into the Order. During the evening the acting W.M. decorated Bro. Fred. J. Nunn, Secretary, with a very handsome founder's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), most kindly presented by Bro. Fred. Wallis. Bro. Nunn, in suitable terms, thanked Bro. Wallis for the valuable present.

After lodge duties the brethren adjourned to refreshment, a capital repast being provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The usual toasts were given, several brethren adding to the harmony by singing some capital songs. W. Bro. Foxcroft specially delighted the brethren by a very touching and thrilling recitation.

INSTRUCTION.

FAITH LODGE (No. 141).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on the 30th ult., when the W.M., Bro. Lovegrove, was supported by Bros. Chretien, S.W.; Swain, J.W.; Stroud, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Mount, I.G.; Cottebrune, Preceptor; Cross, Sec.; Hunt, Cobham, Collens, Beazley, Robinson, Sheppard, and Weeks.

Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Beazley being the candidate. The W.M. afterwards recited the charge in a very fluent and impressive manner. The ceremony of raising was next rehearsed, Bro. Sheppard being the candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. at the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Preceptor took the opportunity of wishing the brethren a "Happy and Prosperous New Year." All Masonic business being ended, lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill, when there were present Bros. Holcombe, W.M.; Harvey, S.W.; Humfress, J.W.; Baker, P.M.; Treas. and Preceptor; Thomas, Sec.; Wilde, S.D.; Mellier, J.D.; Coleman, I.G.; Wickens, W.S.; Powell, P.M.; Kempton, Flint, R. P. Stevens, Hunt, James Stephens, Edmonds, Mitchell, and Howe.

The lodge having been opened in due form, and minutes of last lodge read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Flint being the candidate. Bro. Holcombe having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Kempton, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, and Bro. Edmonds duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The following brethren were elected members of this lodge: Bros. Edmonds, Kempton, R. P. Stevens, W. Mitchell, and Flint. Bro. Harvey was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. Bro. Baker, P.M., the Preceptor, delivered the closing address, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony. Brethren at the West-end of London are invited to pay a visit to this old-established lodge of instruction. The furniture and appointments are the same as in a regular lodge, and the ceremonies are rendered in strict accordance with the ancient landmarks of the Order.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 22nd ult., at the Fountains Abbey Hotel, 111, Praed-street, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; R. P. J. Laundry, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Sec.; W. H. Chalfont, I.P.M. 1425, S.D.; T. C. Edmunds, J.D.; G. A. Laundry, I.G.; H. Moss, Steward; V. W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, P.G.C. Eng.; Bros. James Stevens, P.M. 720; M. S. Speigel, P.M. 183; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1074, P.D.G.S. of W. Punjaub; C. Andrews, P.M. 77; H. Dean, P.M. 417, P.P.G.S.D. Dorset; George Gregory, P.M. 1538; D. Cama, P.M. 1159, P.G.D.C. Middx.; H. Higgins, P.M. 1381; J. Greenway, D. Stroud, C. R. Wickens, I. J. Humfress, C. G. Wetzler, J. J. Thomas, C. S. Mote, Jos. Lichtenfeld, J. Seagrave, M. J. Green, and H. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. N. D. Fracis, S.D. 255, and W. Brindley, W.M. 1604.

The lodge was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on. The W.M. then introduced V.W. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, who proceeded to deliver a lecture on the History of the English Ritual. Bro. Woodford said that it was just possible, though so many "bright" Masons were assembled, perfect in their ritual performance, they might yet not have studied the history of that beautiful ritual of theirs, which usage had made familiar and practice had endeared to them all. His lecture to-night was only an outline, to be filled in perhaps on future occasions. He was one of those who believed not only in the beauty, but the antiquity of their ritual. Historically, we must trace our Grand Lodge to 1717, when it must have had a ritual, but our ritual was older in many parts than 1717. Of course it had gone through alterations, modernizations, and so-called improvements, but much of it was much anterior to 1717. There had, indeed, been theories started that to Desaguliers and Anderson we were indebted for the main part of our present working between 1720 and 1723, but he felt convinced from various evidences that they only adapted and expanded probably what was extant in those days and in use. Indeed, if early affected explanations of the ritual, whether from friend or foe, were to be accepted, there were traces of an archaic form and rhythmical couplets which, as all experts knew, if genuine, betokened a much earlier use. It was not very easy to trace the progress of the ritual in the eighteenth century, as almost everything depended on "it is said;" but there could be no doubt that towards the end of the last century, Wm. Preston adapted and modernized the older working, which henceforward was called Prestonian. Preston was believed, with good reason, to have made the old York working the basis of his system, and to have borrowed

part from the Moderns and part from the Antients. There were then four workings prevalent up to 1813, Modern, Antient, York, and Prestonian, the York apparently passing away and being now almost unknown, except so far as it is absorbed in the Prestonian. When Barton Wilson came to Yorkshire, some years back, he stated that the so-called old York working, which they thought they kept on, was simply Prestonian. After the Union the Lodge of Reconciliation was formed, and Bro. Hemming, to whom the reajustment of the two systems was committed by the Duke of Sussex, prepared his working, which was extensively adopted. Complaints being made that it was too diffuse, Bro. Williams, Pro. G.M. for Dorsetshire, was ordered to revise it, and he did so. The two systems are represented now by the Stability Lodge of Instruction, where "Old Mug" of much celebrity has worked so long, and so well, and the Emulation Lodge, which, under Bro. Fenn, has risen to great reputation, its present able Preceptor being Bro. Sudlow. The Emulation working is spreading, and may be described as being more condensed and less redundant than earlier workings. The Prestonian working still exists, and in some parts of the North of England the so-called Antient working is preserved in originally Atholl lodges. There is also a so-called Oxford system, and in the West of England there are certain peculiarities of work and verbiage. It had been said by a great teacher that the pendulum of truth always oscillated between two extremes, and just as perhaps we were formerly a little flowery and tautological, so now we are becoming a little bald and common-place. Bro. Woodford gave one or two illustrations of this view as applied to the First Degree, which appeared to chime in entirely with the opinions of the meeting. He (Bro. Woodford) disapproved of the system of displacing older words for modern words, without a very good reason, because thereby the collocation of words and the sequence of symbolic ideas were interfered with and got rid of. Bro. Woodford concluded his short sketch, which lasted three-quarters of an hour, by urging his hearers to frequent lodges of instruction, and to keep up the oral teaching of Freemasonry. It was a mistake to suppose that the brother who went to unauthorised sources of so-called instruction could not be detected by the expert Mason,—he could; and just as lodges of instruction were the specialty and pride of our English system, so they had helped in wonderful measure to preserve that ancient ritual, which we all loved so well, in all of its old reality, and all of its effective soundness.

A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously carried to Bro. Woodford. Bro. Mason was elected W.M. for next meeting. Bros. D. P. Cama and N. D. Francis were elected members. The lodge was then closed.

PRINCE LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1445).—The usual weekly meeting was held on the 29th ult., at the Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, E., when there were present Bros. W. H. Myers, P.M., Preceptor; W. McDonald, P.M., W.M.; Kimbell, S.W.; Dale, J.W.; J. Robson, Sec.; Winkley, S.D.; Holdom, J.D.; Heath, I.G.; Doming, Twinn, Loane, and Lister, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Loane was presented to the W.M. as Master elect, and the ceremony of installation was then rehearsed by the W.M. in a most careful and finished manner, the charges being very impressively given, and Bro. Loane was duly installed into the chair of K.S., and saluted in the three degrees. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the then W.M., Bro. Doming being the candidate. Bro. Dale, the J.W., worked the First and Second Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. After a vote of thanks had been unanimously passed to Bro. McDonald, P.M., for the very excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Kimbell was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed in due form.

WANDERERS LODGE (No. 1604).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 24th ult., at the Adam and Eve, York-street, Westminster. Present: Bros. Coughlan, W.M.; Fraser, S.W.; Greenway, J.W.; Wray, Preceptor; Hayes, acting Secretary; Grist, S.D.; Chilcott, J.D.; Bowen, I.G.; Taylor, P.M. 1624; Ray, Foulson, Purnell, sen.; Purnell, jun.; and Power.

The lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Grist candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Foulson. Bro. Power answered the questions and was entrusted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Power candidate. Bro. Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed in due form and perfect harmony.

Royal Arch.

PRESTON.—Unanimity Chapter (No. 113).—A meeting of this chapter was held on the 21st ult., at the Bull Hotel, Fishergate. The chapter having been opened, two Master Masons were exalted. Comp. W. E. M. Tomlinson, who was elected a joining companion nearly a year ago, attended this chapter for the first time, and at the supper afterwards said he had with much pleasure witnessed the admirable working of the chapter under Comps. Bell (First Principal), Roe (Second Principal), and Sumner (Third Principal), and had been greatly impressed with the manner in which the closing lecture was delivered by Comp. Cottam, P.Z. He (Comp. Tomlinson) proposed "The Healths of the new Companions," which were cordially drunk.

FUNERAL OF BRO. JAMES NORRIS.

The remains of our late Bro. James Norris, Warden of the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, were interred at Croydon cemetery on Saturday last. The funeral was attended by Bro. James Creed Norris, the son, and the three grandsons as chief mourners; and there were likewise present, to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased, Bros. J. A. Farnfield, Cubitt, P.G.P., and Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., on behalf of the House Committee; Bros. James Terry, Secretary; John Mason, Collector of the Institution; Dr. Strong, and Dr. Adams; and on behalf of the inmates of the Asylum, Bros. Shoving, Everest, Munn, Beckett, Maxwell, Mobbs, Churchouse, Hole, and Seabrook.



The Alhambra has for many years been the recognised home of the "ballet," and at this season of the year it is keeping up its reputation by having two ballets every evening. "The Swans" is very pretty; but the chief attraction is "Melusine," the principal dancers being Mdle. Palladino and Mdle. Sampietro. A variety entertainment is also part of the programme. During the last week the house has been so crowded that late comers could not get even standing room.

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The "Standard" pantomime is "Cinderella," and its chief performer is Mr. Arthur Williams, whom our readers best know as the popular low comedian of the Gaiety. We are quite sure his drollery and gag will be warmly appreciated by the dwellers in East London. Bro. Douglass has produced his pantomime in his usual elaborate style, the most brilliant display being the arrival of the guests at the fateful ball. The transformation scene keeps up to the old traditions of the Standard.

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Mr. Harry Paulton is nightly at the Avenue Theatre giving a funny entertainment; the piece which he calls a "What-you-will" being written by himself, and entitled "Lillies; or, Hearts and Actresses," and is a skit on the rage of the aristocracy for going on the stage, and the same people falling in love with actresses. The "What-you-will" is very light in its character, and leaves nothing with one to carry away, but is nevertheless very amusing for a couple of hours, if we wish to while them away easily.

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Mr. Arthur Cecil and Mr. John Clayton have shown much discretion in starting what we believe is a novel enterprise, viz., mid-week matinees of various pieces. There have now been several of these Wednesday afternoon light plays, and at all of them the Court Theatre has been filled. Each week there is a new programme. On Christmas-eve the audience was entertained with "Twenty Minutes under an Umbrella," in which Miss Norreys and Mr. Reeves Smith played with much sympathetic feeling. "Cox and Box" followed, set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, and splendidly acted by Bro. R. Temple, Mr. Furneaux Cook, and Mr. Arthur Cecil. The afternoon concluded with "My Milliner's Bill," written by Mr. Godfrey expressly for Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Cecil. To hear Mrs. Wood sing "His heart was true to Poll" is alone worth going to hear, and her smart sentence "It's all through that woman Eve we are cursed for clothes; I'm sure the serpent must have been a dress-maker." "Young Mrs. Winthrop" is drawing crowds in the evening.

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One of the most, if not the most, laughable pieces ever seen in London is "Babes; or, Whines from the Wood," by Mr. Harry Paulton; but it has been so much added to and improved upon, that even its author would not recognise some parts of it. Toole's Theatre resounds with laughter just now as much as when Bro. Toole is himself there. A slight change in the cast has been made. Miss Grace Huntley has been succeeded by Miss St. George, and Bro. Tom Squire (a recent initiate) is now the mel-uncly guardian of the babes. There is scarcely any sequence in the burlesque, and it may be described as a lot of nonsense, at which no one can help laughing. Among the new feature introduced for Christmas is a spelling lesson, conducted by Dolly and Tissy, and a laughing duet between the "babes," which is contagious throughout the house. Mr. Edouin and Miss Atherton not only laugh in tune, but laugh as though their merriment was spontaneous. Bro. Lionel Brough is provided with a splendid song in the book, "Don't," and a song about making the Christmas pudding, and after it has been stirred "the pudding won't be fit to eat." We think we can trace a good deal of Bro. Lionel Brough's own handiwork in his part. In the spelling lesson Dolly asks his pupils to spell "trouble," they readily respond by each holding up a letter which forms the word "Egypt"; they are then asked for "ham," when the letters "am" are put up, Bill Booty remarking that, being a Cockney, he has dropped the "h." When asked to spell "success," the pupils respond by holding up the letters forming "B-a-b-e-s," to which the audience give a hearty cheer, showing their approval. Miss Atherton's (Mrs. Edouin) make up of a girl in short frocks is the best we have ever seen. "Babes" seems likely to keep on the boards during the tenure of Mr. Edouin and Bro. Brough. We may add that Mr. Wm. Greet, brother of Mr. Ben Greet, the well-known actor at the Lyceum, is now the acting manager, this being his first management of a London theatre.

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Mr. Hollingshead, in a manifesto he publishes every year, informs the public that the "Empire" is now practically one and the same concern with the "Gaiety." We cannot congratulate him on his managerial instinct. A new comic (?) opera, which never ought to have seen the light of day, was brought out on Boxing night at the Empire. The less said about such stuff the better. There is not a song, chorus, or line of dialogue worth listening to. Miss Lillian Russell was the redeeming feature, and had it not been for her, "Pocahontas" would have been more severely dealt with. We were sorry that such talented people as Bro. H. Ashley, Mr. J. L. Shine, Mr. Celli, and Miss Alice Barnett should have such a wretched piece to appear in. The opera does no credit to either its composer (Mr. Edward Solomon) or its writer (Mr. Sydney Grundy), and the sooner they give us something else the better. Both these gentlemen have more often been fortunate. We shall not be surprised, but hope, to see the programme changed very soon. Mr. Hollingshead has not here "struck ile," and shows a want of what he modestly terms "managerial instinct." The mounting of the opera, scenery, dresses, &c., were all that could be desired.

We cannot recommend a better entertainment to take children to than the morning performance at the Savoy every day, except Saturday. Mr. D'Oyly Carte has done wisely in again bringing out one of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas, played by a company comparatively of children. It will be remembered that a few years ago the same manager at his then theatre, the Opera Comique, brought out "Pinafore" with a children's company. The players of those days have now become men and women, and Mr. D'Oyly Carte has gathered together, under Mr. Barker's jurisdiction, a fresh company of juveniles. "The Pirates of Penzance," a very pretty, but perhaps the least known opera of Gilbert and Sullivan, is the Christmas novelty at the Savoy. It is simply wonderful that it could be brought to such a pitch of perfection. The children act and sing as accurately as their seniors, though, of course, they are not able to put in it so much passion as older persons. Master Tebbutt, the pirate apprentice, is encored over and over again, both in his solos and duet with little Miss Elsie Joel. Every note is clear, and every word uttered distinctly—indeed, we noticed this to be the case particularly with the boys. The girls, though they sing sweetly, are not so clear in their pronunciation. Master Stephen Adeson, as the Pirate King, looks the part. He seems to enter into it; heart and soul, whilst his brother, Master Charles Adeson, is the picture of the more familiar sergeant of police, he also being encored over and over again in the song, "A policeman's lot is not a happy one." But the Major-General Stanley of Master Edward Percy perhaps is the most taking character; this may be on account of his very diminutive stature—cocked hat and all, he does not come up to the shoulder of his supposed daughter Mabel. He looks every inch—there cannot be many inches of him—a major-general. We should like to know his age; he appears to be about 10. He sings his songs with ease, some of which are very difficult in their pronunciation, having been written for Mr. Grossmith. The boys and girls who form the chorus all perform their parts well, and have been diligently tutored. The management gave a professional matinee on Tuesday before Christmas, which went off without a hitch. We think children must feel a greater interest in a performance by those of their own age, size, and dispositions. For our part, we must confess, with all due respect to Mr. Grossmith, Mr. Barrington, Miss Marian Hood, and the rest of the original company, that we left the Savoy satisfied that the "Pirates of Penzance" had never sounded so touching before, and that it has been heard at its best for the first time.

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Bro. Edward Terry made his reappearance at the Gaiety on Christmas-eve in Mr. Pinero's comedy "In Chancery," which he has been going round the provinces with for some months past. He has, fortunately, brought it to London, and the verdict is decidedly favourable. Every one will be going to see it. The cast is a totally different one from the provincial company. Mr. Pinero has been somewhat handicapped in writing the piece, as it has been written for one purpose—that is for Bro. Terry. "In Chancery" is broadly humorous, and is just the sort of play the people of to-day go and see and enjoy. We start off with the conceivement that Mr. Marmaduke Jackson (Bro. Terry) has been in a railway accident, and it has left his mental powers seriously affected—indeed, after he recovers from the shock, he has entirely lost his memory. He does not know his name, his vocation in life, nor even if he be married, a bachelor, or a widower. This at once opens up a big field for a writer like Mr. Pinero. Mr. Jackson finds a card case in an overcoat, which he supposes to be his, and finds his name is Montague Joliffe. He falls in love with, or rather is fallen in love by, the daughter of the landlord of the inn where he has been nursed. The landlord prepares a wedding, and on the morning of the marriage a detective enters the room, who is searching for Mr. Joliffe, who, it appears, has married a Ward in Chancery, without the leave of the Vice-Chancellor. The London morning papers arrive at the country inn. The occupants of the smoking-room naturally each take one. Mr. Joliffe, as he believes himself to be, catches sight of an advertisement—"£200 reward for a certain Montague Joliffe"—but it gives no particulars as to the nature of the offence. The curtain drops on the first act by Bro. Terry seizing all the newspapers from their respective readers and hiding them. The detective charges him with being the person he wants; he owns to the name of Joliffe, and asks the officer of the law what he is arrested for. He hopes it is not for some mean or paltry robbery, but, like the Artful Dodger, wishes it to be some skillfully planned crime. When told by the detective that it is for marrying a Ward without the consent of the Court of Chancery, he cannot quite realise it is nothing worse, so imbued is he that he must have done some "skillful forgery," and asks to be reassured. He then assumes an air of dignity, and cautions the detective to beware of "insinuations." The runaway couple come to the same inn—the husband as the pretended man servant of the Ward in Chancery; the lady being Mrs. Joliffe, and, to prevent detection, gives herself out as the wife of the individual who has lost his memory. He, supposing it is all right, asks how they all are at home, and how the little ones are? She tells him there are no little ones, so he inquires after the little one. He is now accused of intending to commit bigamy. He makes his escape, and, in the third act, we find him in his own home, and his wife in widow's weeds, and having just let some apartments to the run-away couple. Here, of course, a lot of amusement is brought out, as he claims the Ward as his wife; but suddenly his memory is restored to him. It is almost unnecessary to say that Bro. Terry is the centre of all the fun; every syllable he utters is eagerly listened to. Bro. Alfred Bishop is the Irish landlord, and looks it. Miss Phyllis Broughton is the Ward in Chancery, and plays her part with so much ease and gracefulness, that one would like to see her more often in comedy; probably few were aware she would make such a hit as she has done. Miss Broughton always gives one the idea that she takes an interest in all she does, and therefore it makes an audience the more appreciative. We hope that nothing will cause her to recede from the mark she has made. Mr. J. J. Dallas is always good; but in the part of the detective he has not much scope for his abilities. Miss Clara Jecks is much to be commended for her rendering of the servant girl's part. It is chiefly remarkable because it is not the conventional style, and she got plenty of applause for her acting. Mr. Pinero, at the fall of the

curtain, was called forward, and received the hearty congratulations of the audience. The successful burlesque of "Very Little Hamlet" follows "In Chancery." In the former Miss Farren plays Hamlet and Bro. Terry the Ghost. Miss Farren, as a street arab, is unique; Miss Broughton distinguishes herself as Ophelia, and dances beautifully. Mr. Hollingshead has now got something which must pay.

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Bro. Walter Everard, whom our readers will recollect with pleasure in the "The Three Hats," has been, for the past three months, touring with "Nita's First," and from public and private reports he has made a great deal of the part of "Fred Fizzleton," the press being unanimous in opinion as to his great ability. He left the company, having completed his engagement, but has been prevailed upon to return until the end of the tour. Bro. Everard has been specially engaged to appear at the new Comedy Theatre, Manchester, on January 19th, in Brandon Thomas' "Comrades," repeating his clever portraiture of General Sir George Dexter. The above theatre has been taken by Mrs. Dawes, a lady well-known in Manchester, as well as in London theatrical circles.

The Craft Abroad.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY.
R.W. Bro. E. Tyrrell Leith, D.G.M., presided at a special communication of this D.G. Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Byculla, on the 8th September, the purpose of the meeting being to arrange for the occupancy of new premises, known as Huntly Lodge, which had been inspected on behalf of the District Grand Lodge, and found suitable as a Masonic Hall, and which Bro. Leith had agreed to take on lease subject to the ratification of District Grand Lodge. The particulars having been stated, and the minutes of the District Board of General Purposes relating to the subject having been read, the question was very fully discussed, but without any final decision being arrived at. A further Special Communication was therefore held on the 25th of September, when it was ultimately decided by a majority of 22 to 15 that Huntly Lodge should be leased for a term of five years, renewable for a further term of equal duration, at 250 rupees per month plus certain rates, the lessee making the repairs and alterations submitted by the D.G.M., and maintaining the premises in repair, the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India being invited to become joint tenants with the District Grand Lodge on equal terms of occupancy.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NATAL.
The half-yearly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Natal was held in the Masonic Temple, Longmarket-street, Pietermaritzburg, on Friday, the 26th September. Owing to the absence in England of R.W. Bro. R. I. Finnemore, D.G.M., the throne was occupied by Bro. Francis, D.D.G.M., there being present, among others, Bros. Russell, D.G.S.W.; Smith, D.G.J.W.; Marriott, D.G. Treasurer; Wiltshire, D.G. Sec.; Hollick, D.G. Asst. Sec.; Crowe, D.G.J.D.; Deeves, D.G. Std. B.; Stranack, D.G.S. of Wks.; Sink, D.G.A.D.C.; and Ireland, D.G. A.P. The D.D.G.M., in his address, referred to the loss sustained by Freemasonry through the death of the Duke of Albany, while as regards the District, he spoke in terms of warm approval of the progress made by the Craft, as evidenced by the applications which had been made recently by Dundee and Pilgrim's Rest, Transvaal, for warrants for two additional lodges, the lodge at Harrismith—Southern Cross, No. 1778—having also expressed a desire to come under the District Grand Lodge. Bro. Coltam was appointed acting D.G.D.C. in place of Bro. Voysey, and Bro. Crowe, P.M. of the Port Natal Lodge, No. 738, Durban, Auditor for the current year. A banquet was held in the evening under the presidency of Bro. Francis, D.D.G.M.

NEW MASONIC HALL, PINETOWN.
The brethren of the Umlazi Lodge, No. 1076, Pinetown, Natal, being obliged, in the absence of more suitable premises, to hold their meetings in St. John's Church, resolved on building a hall of their own, and the necessary arrangements having been made, a substantial structure was speedily erected, and on the 29th September the District Grand Lodge held a meeting under the wing of the Umlazi Lodge for the purpose of solemnly dedicating it to the purposes of Masonry. Bro. Francis, D.D.G.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. G. Russell, D.G.S.W.; Marriott, D.G. Treas.; Crowe, D.G.J.D.; Smith, D.G.S. of Wks.; Coltam, D.G.D.C.; Rev. A. Ikin, LL.D., D.G. Chap.; and W. H. Kinsman, D.G. Stwd. Bro. Stanton, W.M. Umlazi Lodge, having previously opened his lodge in St. John's Church, the District Grand Lodge was announced and entered, and the acting D.G.M. having taken the chair, a procession was formed, and the brethren marched in their full regalia to the new hall, and District Grand Lodge having been resumed, the acting D.G.M. addressed those present, specially complimenting the members of the Umlazi Lodge on what, in spite of its having been only two years in existence, it had already been able to effect. The formal ceremony of inauguration was then carried out, and the usual votes of thanks having been passed, the proceedings terminated with a banquet under the presidency of Bro. Stanton, W.M., and a ball to follow.

THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND.

A special meeting of this District Grand Lodge was held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 9th October last, for the purpose of installing Bro. Henry Thompson as D.G.M., in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Dr. Donald. Bro. C. A. C. Hardy, D.G.S.W., presided, as D.G.M., and among those present were Bros. R. D. Thomas, P.D.G.S.W., as D.D.G.M.; W. Deamer, P.D. G.S.W., as D.G.S.W.; A. R. Kirk, P.D.G.J.W., as D.G. J.W.; Rev. H. E. East, D.G. Chap.; J. A. Bird, as D.G. Treas.; F. J. Smith, D.G. Reg.; W. R. Mitchell, D.G. Sec.; W. B. Allwright, D.G.S.D.; Wm. Sansom, D.G. J.D.; W. H. Gundry, D.G.S.B.; C. P. Hulbert, D.G. S. of W., as D.G.D.C.; W. H. Messenger, D.G. Org.; M. Sandstein, D.G.P.; and others, the total muster on the occasion, including Bro. T. S. Graham, D.G.M. Otago and Southland, who acted as Installing Officer, and his D. Grand Officers; Bro. Rev. J. Hill, P.G.M. (S.C.) of Can-

terbury, and his P.G. Officers; and Bro. L. Court, Representative of the P.G. Lodge (S.C.) of Otago, being 378. District Grand Lodge having been opened, and the distinguished visitors admitted and accorded the usual honours, the purpose of the meeting was stated, and apologies from sundry brethren for non-attendance having been read, Bro. T. S. Graham, D.G.M. Otago and Southland, the Installing Master, was received with honours and conducted to the chair. Bro. H. Thompson, D.G.M. designate, having been announced, the patent of appointment was read, on which a deputation was appointed to introduce Bro. Thompson, who was then obligated, invested, and proclaimed. The first act of the new D.G.M. was to appoint Bro. W. Deamer, P.D.G.S.W., as his D.D.G.M., and that brother having been obligated, invested, and proclaimed, the D.G. Master requested the D.G. Officers to retain their appointments till January, when the new D.G. Officers would be invested, and having briefly addressed the meeting, and promised to do all in his power to promote the welfare of the Craft, a vote of thanks to Bro. T. S. Graham for his services as Installing Officer was passed with acclamation, and the District Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

The regular Quarterly Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Christchurch, on Thursday, the 16th October, under the presidency of Bro. W. Deamer, D.D.G.M., as D.G.M. There was a full attendance, and the business transacted was of a satisfactory character. A report on the D.G. Treasurer's accounts showed that there was a balance to the credit of the District Grand Lodge amounting apparently to £448, but stated as £548. Votes of thanks were passed to various brethren for the part they had taken in the installation proceedings.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, AUCKLAND, N.Z.
Among the reports of meetings contained in the September number of the "New Zealand Freemason," are those of the installation meetings of three lodges at Auckland, New Zealand, under the Irish Constitution. That of the Coromandel Lodge, No. 456, was held at Boyd's Hotel, Coromandel, on the 24th June, when Bro. King was for the second year in succession installed as W.M., the brethren whom he afterwards invested as his officers for the year being Bros. Tuder, S.W.; Colebrook, J.W.; Nazer, P.M., Treas. (elected); Randel, Sec.; Grant, S.D.; Boler, J.D.; Mayn, I.G.; and Marshall (elected) Tyler. On the 24th June, the installation meeting of the United Service Lodge, No. 421, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, the P.G.M. (I.C.), and his officers, the D.D.G.M. (E.C.), and his well-known members of the S.C. being present. Bro. J. Rule, P.M., was the Installing Master, and when Bro. W. J. Suiter had been inducted into the chair, he invested the following brethren as his officers, namely: Bros. W. G. Allen, S.W.; W. Craig, J.W.; F. Roycroft, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Mellon, Sec.; T. W. Allen, S.D.; T. Ballantyne, J.D.; Boyes and Harley, Stewards; Bowring, Org.; J. Goodacre, D.C.; W. Harling, I.G.; and Tonge, Tyler. The banquet was followed by a ball, at which some 80 couples were present. Two days previously the Ara Lodge, No. 348 (I.C.), held its installation at the same place, at which the Irish and English Prov. Grand Lodges, the former headed by Bro. Pierce, its P.G.M., and the latter by its D.D.G.M., were present, the Scottish Prov. Grand Lodge being represented by sundry of the officers. Bro. A. W. Wright, P.M., played the part of Installing Master, the following being the new rule of lodge officers for the year, viz.: Bros. G. H. Powley, W.M.; J. R. Hanna, S.W.; S. D. Hanna, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Kidd, Chap.; W. L. Mitchell, Treas. (re-elected); A. S. Russell, Sec. (re-elected); S. Vosper, S.D.; C. C. McMillan, J.D.; E. W. Page, D.C.; A. Hanna, Org.; George Smyth, I.G.; W. H. Fenton and J. R. Carlines, Stewards; and Tonge, Tyler. The banquet with the usual array of toasts followed.

MASONIC DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

The third annual Masonic entertainment in aid of the Building Fund of the Freemasons' Hall, Auckland, New Zealand, took place at the Theatre Royal, Auckland, on the 14th August last. The house was well filled, the dress circle being described as inconveniently packed, while conspicuous amongst those present was R.W. Bro. Sir F. Whitaker, P.G.M. (S.C.) The programme consisted of Hay's two act comedy, "Our Domestic," and the farce of "Tweedleton's Tail Coat," the acting being, both individually and collectively, above the average of amateur performances.

G. COMMANDERY (K.T.), NEW HAMPSHIRE.
The following officers of this G. Commandery of Knights Templar were elected at the annual conclave held at Concord, New Hampshire, on the 30th September, namely: Sir Knts. J. F. Webster, G.C.; Don Hermon Woodward, D.G.C.; C. N. Towle, G.G.; J. J. Bell, G. Captain; Rev. D. Crane Roberts, G. Peel, E. R. Kent, G.S.W.; C. C. Danforth, G.J.W.; F. A. McKean, G.T.; G. P. Cleaves, G.R.; N. W. Cumner, G. Std. Br.; H. A. Marsh, G. Swd. Br.; C. C. Dorr, G.W.; and T. E. Sanger, G.C.G.

TEMPLARY IN ARKANSAS.
A general order has been issued by Sir Knt. A. A. Tufts, G.C. of the G. Commandery of Knights Templar, Arkansas, dated 9th September, and recording the virtues of the late Sir Knt. G. H. English, who died on the 1st September after having been connected with Freemasonry for close on half a century. The deceased Sir Knt. was installed in the Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 1, at its organisation in 1854, had been five times elected its E.C., namely, in 1860, 1861, 1862, 1865, and 1866, and was R.E.G. Commander, Arkansas, 1876-7. The order, which which was to be read in open commandery at the first stated meeting after its receipt, describes the deceased as having been in all respects a worthy man and Mason, and a period of 30 days' mourning from the date of such reading is prescribed out of respect to his memory.

Bro. Earl Granville returned to Walmer Castle on Wednesday, instead of Tuesday afternoon, having been detained in town through pressure of business at the Foreign Office.

£30 to £300.—Tobaccoists.—A pamphlet (80 pages) How to commence from £20; three stamps. H. Myers & Co., 109, Fustion-rd., London. Sample cigars 6, 5, 4, —1/4, 14 stamps. [Advt.]



Bro. James Gunston Chillingworth, the senior partner in the firm of W. Chillingworth and Sons, wine merchants, 23, Great Tower-street, E.C., retiring from the business with which he has been connected 40 years, it will, in future, be carried on under the old name by Bro. James Giesman Chillingworth and Bro. Charles Saward who has been connected with the firm for many years.

Bro. Sir Thomas and Lady Brassey were amongst those who attended the meet of the East Sussex Foxhounds last week at Bexhill.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, who completed his 54th year on Saturday last, has gone to Ravensworth, Bournemouth, to reside for some months.

The Metropolitan Relief and Visiting Society, of which our revered Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury is a V.P., is appealing for funds to carry on its work in the winter months.

Bro. the Pro Grand Master and Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick have just been elected members of the Empire Club, which enters upon the fourth year of its existence.

V.W. Bro. Sir John and Lady Monckton dined with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Christmas Day, being amongst the friends invited to stay for Christmas.

Bro. Charles J. Thrupp writes to the *Times* of Monday in his capacity as Chairman of the Twickenham Local Board on the subject of the drainage of the Lower Thames Valley.

There will be grand festivities at Sandringham on Thursday next, when Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, comes of age. Several naval officers serving with the fleet have been invited to take part in them.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, G. Master of Ireland, and the Duchess of Abercorn are surrounded at Baron's Court, Ireland, by a large family party during the present festive season.

R.W. Bro. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. North Riding, has consented to attend the annual meeting of the Darlington, Durham, and North Riding of Yorkshire Chamber of Agriculture in January.

Lord Wimborne, brother of Bro. Sir Montague Guest, M.P., has been entertaining company at his country seat, amongst them being the P.G.M. for Gloucestershire and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach.

Bro. J. W. Boord, M.P., after a series of letters between himself and his colleague, Bro. Baron de Worms, M.P., and Mr. Hughes, declares his intention to stand for Greenwich, and not to be ousted to Woolwich or Rotherhithe.

The Very Reverend the Dean of Westminster preached to children on Saturday, Holy Innocents' Day falling on Sunday this year, and pleaded for the Destitute Children's Dinner Society, of which Bro. Lord Kinnaird is Treasurer.

Arrangements were made that Bro. James Stevens should give his lecture, entitled "Knobs and Excrescences," in explanation of the ritual and ceremonies of the First Degree, at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, at the Collegiate School, Worple-road, Wimbledon, on Thursday, the 1st inst.

THE COSMOPOLITAN MASONIC CALENDAR, DIARY AND POCKET BOOK FOR 1885 (Kenning), contains the latest particulars relating to Masonry throughout the world, and forms a full and trustworthy guide to the meetings and appointments of the Craft. The popularity of this little work (which has now reached its fifteenth year) is well sustained.—*City Press*.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft, Past G. Treasurer, presided, as Senior Treasurer, at the last monthly Court of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, held on the 20th ult., at Corporation House, Bloomsbury-place, when the sum of £1,961 was distributed amongst about 150 applicants for assistance, the majority being poor clergymen whose incomes are insufficient to provide for their absolute needs.

We have much pleasure in announcing that a chapter of improvement has been formed under the auspices of the Camden R.A. Chapter, No. 704, and will hold its first meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday next, the 6th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, E.C. Comp. Edmunds is the Preceptor, and all R.A. Companions are earnestly requested to give their hearty support to the new Camden Chapter of Improvement.

We are authorised to state that a grand Masonic ball, organised by the whole of the lodges in the province of Sussex, and under the immediate sanction and approval of the R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. On this occasion the brethren of the Craft will have the opportunity of appearing in full Masonic clothing.

A grand smoking concert will be held on Friday next, the 9th inst., at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington, the object being to render help to Bro. Thos. McKinley, of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, who is in the last stage of consumption, and, through loss of business, in most distressing circumstances, yet with a wife and seven children unable to help themselves. The concert is under the patronage of Bros. the Lord Mayor; Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W.; Horace B. Marshall, G. Treasurer; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.G.A.D.C., D.P.G.M. Middlesex, &c. Bros. E. W. Mackney, Egbert Roberts, Seymour Smith, G. S. Graham, and other artistes have kindly offered their services on the occasion, and Bro. Graham will have entire charge of the musical arrangements. The price of tickets is 2s. each, and donations will be thankfully received by the hon. secretaries of the fund, Bros. R. J. Paton and James Brown, 43, Ellora-road, Streatham, or by the treasurer, Bro. J. R. Johnson.

Bro. G. Shaw, C.C., as Master of the Plumbers' Company, presided at the Court dinner, held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Monday, the 29th ult.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., spent Christmas at his residence near Chippenham, and by this time probably has left England on his projected foreign trip.

Bro. Sir Francis and Lady Burdett and family left Ramsbury Manor, Wilts, shortly before Christmas, for Foremark, their seat in Derbyshire, where they will spend the winter season.

Bro. Alderman Sir Francis and Lady Truscott entertained the members of Dowgate Ward and their ladies at dinner at their residence, 5, Park-crescent, Portland-place, on the 22nd ult.

Bro. P. L. Simmonds read a paper at the ordinary meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday last on the "Present and Prospective Sources of the Timber Supplies of Great Britain."

Bro. J. H. Puleston, M.P., and Mrs. Puleston, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G. J.W., and Lady Monckton, Bro. R. and Mrs. Belt, were among the guests entertained at dinner on Christmas-day by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

Bro. Rev. J. Jackson Wray is bringing out a new twopenny magazine, entitled *Good Company*; publishers: Messrs. Nisbet and Co. The serial story—"Old Ephraim; or, the Hermit of Grimburn Glen"—will be from the pen of the editor.

The firm of Poore and Co., of which Bro. Poore is a member, recently entertained their employes at a supper at the Daniel Lambert Tavern, Ludgate Hill, to inaugurate their entrance upon their new premises. The guests numbered about 50.

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Peveril Mark Lodge, No. 323, Douglas, Isle of Man, Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.G.A.D.C. England, and Prov. G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmorland, was, by a unanimous vote, elected an honorary member.

Bro. H. B. Marshall, G. Treasurer, has contributed £50 towards the Rowland Hill Benevolent Fund, among other contributors being the firms of Rothschilds and Sons, Baring Bros., Glyn, Mills, and Co., the P. and O. Company, Barclay, Bevan and Co., &c.

Sir J. Paget, Bart., has given notice to move at the next meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons that measures be taken to place in the College a memorial in honour of the late Bro. Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G.D., who has bequeathed to the College about £280,000.

H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice has graciously consented to become President of No. 3 (the St. James's and Hyde Park) District of the St. John Ambulance Association, and the Queen has forwarded on Her Royal Highness's behalf a donation of £25 to the funds of the association.

R.W. Bro. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, Lord Lieutenant of the County, presided over a meeting of the Committee for the restoration of St. Michael's Church, Coventry. In congratulating the Committee, the noble lord said that £40,000 would be required, leaving £10,000 still to be raised.

The Elliot Lodge, No. 1567—Bro. R. T. Fennell, P.M.; W.M.—will give its first ball at Freemasons' Tavern, on the evening of Thursday next, the 8th inst. The services of Coote and Tinney's band have been secured, and Bro. T. Bird, P.M. 1897, P.P.G.S.B. Middx., has taken upon himself the onerous duties of Hon. Secretary.

On Saturday last a meeting of the tenantry on the County Down estates of the Marquis of Londonderry was held in Newtownards for the purpose of arranging for the presentation of an address of condolence to the Dowager Marchioness and the Marquis of Londonderry on the occasion of the death of the late Marquis, Prov. G. Master of Durham.

Bro. Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., M.P., who is President of the Institution, was among the guests at the dinner held at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, in aid of the funds of the Commercial Travellers' Institution. There are now on the fund 212 annuitants—namely, 25 travellers receiving £50 a year each, and 187 widows receiving £30 a year each. The subscriptions amounted to £2169.

Bro. James Stevens has undertaken to deliver his lecture, "Knobs and Excrescences," in the Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 199, at Dover, on Monday next, the 5th inst. The lodge will be opened at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, at 7 p.m. sharp, and brethren from the surrounding neighbourhoods are invited. Bro. Stevens delivered this lecture in the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, at Wimbledon, on Thursday in this week. A report of the meeting will appear in our next impression.

The following resolution was most heartily passed by the members of Bro. Hughan's Cornish lodge, in which he has served as Master in 1868 and 1878: "That the brethren of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, viewed with much satisfaction the honour conferred on Bro. Hughan, P.M. 131, by members of Grand Lodge and others, in the handsome presentation to him of a purse containing £375, and a writing table, &c. Also that the lodge wish to convey to him their congratulations on the world-wide reputation he has attained in Masonry, and feel highly honoured themselves by the distinction awarded to one of their number."

THE WARWICKSHIRE BISCUIT COMPANY.—This company, which has been established for many years at Birmingham, and whose biscuits have deservedly secured for it a very considerable share of public patronage, has recently found itself under the necessity of extending its sphere of operations, and to this end has established a London depot at Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Here will be kept stores of the different biscuits purveyed by the company, and here cakes and confectionery of all kinds will be made. Any further information that may be desired will be courteously furnished by the manager, Mr. Frank Richards, but it may be convenient to state, for the benefit of Masonic caterers and others, that not only is the quality of the goods sold by the Warwickshire Biscuit Company excellent, but the prices charged are most reasonable.

Bro. Augustus Harris, of Drury-lane Theatre, has joined the Fanmakers' Company. He is already a Loriner.

Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore has, we are glad to say, greatly improved in health, and has regained his strength to a very appreciable extent.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex, contributed a silver cup towards the array of prizes distributed last week to the Colchester Rifle Volunteers.

The annual dinner in connection with the Brixton Lodge of Instruction will take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne-hill.

The Chiswick Lodge of Instruction will meet on Saturday (to-morrow) at the Hampshire Hog, Hammer-smith. Brethren are cordially invited, it being a musical evening.

Bro. Alderman Fowler, M.P., G.J.W., has joined the committee formed for the purpose of raising a memorial to the late Bishop P. C. Claughton, Archdeacon of London.

Bro. Sir G. Goldney, Bart., M.P., presided on Tuesday at the Cannon-street Hotel at the first ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway Company.

We regret to have to record that Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P., has had to undergo a severe operation, which has left him very weak, he is, however, progressing favourably.

Our neighbour, Mr. E. Surrey, has issued his usual handy little pocket diary and calendar for the new year, with price list of the excellent cigars, tobaccos, and other goods he has on sale.

Bro. G. A. Sala started on Saturday last on a lecturing tour in Australia. He will travel via San Francisco, and will give lectures en route in the different American cities he passes through.

Bro. E. A. Francis, the Preceptor of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, will preside at the meeting on Tuesday, the 6th inst. After the lodge is closed the monthly meeting of the Benevolent Fund will take place.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Sir H. W. Peek, Bart., M.P., contributed liberally towards the free admission tickets issued for an entertainment given on Friday, the 26th inst., at the Drill Hall, Kingston.

The portraits of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Whitehead, and Sheriff Phillips, which appeared in the *City Press Almanack* for 1885 were from photographs taken by the London Stereoscopic Company.

Bro. N. B. Headon has recently been elected, on the Common Council of the City of London, as a representative of the Ward of Farringdon Within. Bro. Headon is known as a very active Mason, and a consistent supporter of our Institutions.

An emergency meeting of the Lodge of King Solomon, No. 2029, will be held on the 3rd inst., at Red Lion-square, when several brethren are to be passed and raised, and Bro. the Rev. C. T. Porter, D.D., LL.D., vicar of All Saints, Southport, and Bro. Ames, P.G.S., J.W. 2, are to be balloted for as joining members.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending January 3rd, 1885: Monday—Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution. Wednesday—Mr. Walker Brown's Dinner. Thursday—Lodge La Tolerance. Friday—Fidelity Chapter; Odd Volumes.

It is expected that the freedom of the City of London, by patrimony, will be conferred, at an early date during the present year, on Prince Albert Victor, elder son of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., who received the freedom in 1863, and whose father, the late Prince Consort, was similarly honoured in 1840, the year of his marriage with the Queen.

Her Majesty has given her consent to the betrothal of her youngest daughter, H.R.H. the Princess Beatrice, to Prince Henry of Battenberg, a younger brother of Prince Louis of Battenberg, married to the Queen's grand-daughter, Princess Victoria of Hesse, and Prince Alexander, who, in 1879, was elected Prince of Bulgaria. A curious relationship will result from this marriage, the Princess Beatrice becoming the sister-in-law of Prince Louis, who is already her nephew by marriage.

The Second North London Masonic Benevolent Ball will be held at the Holborn Town Hall, W.C., on Wednesday next, the 7th inst. Bros. P. Forge and N. L. Western will officiate as M.C.'s, while among the Stewards will be found Bros. H. Sprake, J. Baker, W. G. Akehurst, H. B. Harding, J. Moulton, J. Potter, S. Stretch, G. F. Snook, R. Baker, G. Batten, and G. Dearing. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Bro. Collings, Org. 1693. Bros. C. Hammond, of Nos. 820 and 1471, and E. Woodman, S.W. No. 1950, will act as Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, it being intended that the profits accruing shall be handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. Banister Fletcher, who was elected on St. Thomas's Day as a member of the Court of Common Council for Farringdon Within, is a member of our Fraternity, and belongs to the Burlington Lodge, which meets at the Albion. Bro. Fletcher is also junior Major in the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade, which contains amongst its officers several Craftsmen. The senior Major, Bro. Wilde, is a member of the Alliance Lodge, 1827, as are also Lieut. Dunfee and Lieut. Henry Wright, who is J.W. in the Alliance and a member of the Lodge of King Solomon, 2060, and of the Bayard Royal Arch and Rose Croix Chapters. Another of the captains has recently been initiated in the person of Capt. Baptie, late Liberal candidate for Maidstone, in also Lodge 2060, whilst Surgeon Platt is a member of the Canterbury Lodge.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power, whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matters from the secretions, and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels, are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.—[Advrt.]

METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Saturday, January 10th, 1885.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5.

- Lodge 16, Royal Alpha, Willis's Rooms, St. James's.
 " 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 188, Joppa, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1731, Cholmeley, 8, Air-st., Regent-st., W.
 " 1924, Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley.
 Chap. 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Tav.
 " 1704, Cable, Cannon-st. Hot.
 Mark 139, Panmure, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Loughborough, Cambria Tav., Cambria-rd., S.E.
 Strong Man, Excise Tav., Old Broad-st., at 7.
 Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st., at 7.
 St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High-st., Camden Town, 8.
 Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. Mark's, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 6.
 Perfect Ashlar, Jamaica Tav., Southwark Park-rd., at 8.
 John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, at 8.
 Hyde Park, Fountains Abbey Hot., 111, Praed-st., Paddington, at 8.
 Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, 7.
 Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tav., 15, Finsbury Pavement, 7.30.
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.
 West Smithfield, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile End-rd., at 8.
 Kingsland, Cock Tav., Highbury, N., at 8.30.
 Coborn, Eagle Hot., Snarbrook, at 8.
 St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hot., W. Kensington, at 8.
 Honor Oak, Moore Park Hot., Honor Oak, at 8.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

- Colonial Board, at 4.
 Lodge 9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 166, Union, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 " 172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 176, Caveac, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey.
 " 765, St. James, Bridge House Hot., London Bridge.
 " 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st., Islington.
 " 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., North Woolwich.
 " 1591, Studholme, 33, Golden-sq., W.
 Chap. 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tav.
 Mark 1, St. Mark's, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 " 244, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place, W.
 " 315, Henniker, 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bldgs., at 7.
 St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
 Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's-gate, at 8.
 Domatic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Joppa, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., at 7.
 Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-rd.
 Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st., E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
 Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
 Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
 Prince Fredk. Wm., Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-hill, 8.
 Lily, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8.
 South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, 7.30.
 Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.
 Wandsworth, East Hill Hot., Alma-rd., S.W., at 8.
 Capper, Railway Tav., Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
 Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
 Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Emblematic, Red Lion, York-st., Jermyn-st., W., at 8.
 Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
 Kennington, Horns Tav., Kennington, 7.30.
 Corinthian, George Hot., Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.
 Mount Edgecumbe, Three Stars, Kennington-rd., at 8.
 Islington, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., E.C., at 7.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30.
 Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-st., Borough, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, 8.
 New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-st., N.W., at 8.
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.
 Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, George Inn, Rushey Green, Lewisham, 7.30.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head Tav., Essex-rd., N., at 8.
 West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30.
 New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood T., Finsbury Park, at 8.
 Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-st., Edmonton, at 8.
 Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-rd., East Brixton, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Park Tav., Battersea-park-rd., at 8.
 Camden Chapter, Boston Hot., Junction-road, N., at 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove-road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Cannon street, 6.30.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

- Lodge 1491, Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden-rd., Islington
 " 1707, Eleanor, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 Chap. 55, Constitutional, Private Rooms, Red Lion, Leytonstone.
 " 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Fidelity, Alfred Hot., Roman-rd., Barnsbury, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate-st., 8.
 United Mariners, Lugard Hot., Lugard-rd., Peckham.
 Mt. Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark-bridge-road, 8.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hot., Greenwich, at 8.
 Industry, Railway Hot., West Hampstead.
 Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-st., 7 till 9.
 United Strength, Hope Tav., Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.

- La Tolerance, Morland Hot., Dean-st., W., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham, 7.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tav., Burdett-rd., Limehouse, 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.
 Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park, at 8.
 Temperance in the East, Geo. the Fourth, Ida-st., E., at 7.30.
 Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Charterhouse-st., at 7.
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury, at 8.30.
 Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford, at 8.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hot., 516, Old Kent-rd., at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Ryl. Edwd. Hot., Mare-st., Hackney, 8.
 Wanderers, Adam and Eve T., Palmer-st., Westminster, 7.30.
 Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-st., Mayfair, at 8.
 Eleanor, Trocadero Hot., Liverpool-st., E.C.
 Creaton, Prince Albert Tav., Portobello-ter., Notting-hill, 8.
 Earl of Lathom, Station Hot., Camberwell New-rd., at 8.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

- Lodge 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.
 " 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 263, Bank of England, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 657, Canonbury, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.
 " 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hot., London Brdg.
 " 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 1457, Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-st., Buckhurst-hl.
 " 1471, Islington, Cock Tav., Highbury, N.
 " 1598, Ley Spring, Red Lion Tav., Leytonstone.
 " 1599, Skelmersdale, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha., Notting-hl.
 " 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, E. Finchley.
 " 1987, Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly.
 Chap. 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge Ho. Hot., London B.
 " 140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich.
 " 619, Beadon, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C.
 " 813, New Concord, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 " 907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tav., Abchurch-lane.
 " 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Ha., Notting-hl.
 " 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Fairfield-rd., Bow.
 Mark 331, Davison, M.H., 8A, Red Lion-sq., W.C.
 Rose Croix 42, St. George, 33, Golden-sq., W.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich.
 Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 7.30.
 Vitruvian, White Hart, Belvedere-rd., Lambeth, at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-st., Deptford, 8 to 10.
 St. Michael's, Moorgate Tav., Finsbury Pavement, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st., at 8.
 Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305, High Holborn, at 7.
 Belgrave, Clarence Hot., Aldersgate-st., 6.30.
 High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham, at 8.
 Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.
 City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hot., Abchurch-lane, at 7.30.
 Southern Star, The Pheasant, Stangate, S.W., at 8.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Bricklayers' Arms, Narrow-st., Limehouse, at 7.
 Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.
 Stockwell, Cock Tav., Kennington-rd., at 7.30.
 Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank, at 8.
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hot. (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
 Highgate, Boston Hot., Junction-rd., N., at 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, 6.30.
 Leopold, Old White Hart, Borough High-st., at 7.30.
 Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hot., Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., 8.
 Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.
 Guelph, Blackbirds Inn, High-st., Leyton.
 Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Tottenham-ct.-road, at 8.
 Victoria Park, Yorkshire Grey, High-st., Stratford, at 8.
 Burdett Coutts, Swan Tav., New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tav., Clifton-rd., Maida-vale, 7.30.
 North London Chapter, Alwyne Castle Tav., St. Paul's-rd., Canonbury, at 8.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

- Lodge 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.
 " 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1536, United Military, Lord Raglan, Plumstead.
 " 1702, Sub-Urban, Abercorn Hot., Great Stanmore.
 " 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Hot., Aldersgate-st.
 Chap. 33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.
 K.T. Precept. D, Mount Calvary, 8A, Red Lion-sq.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Robert Burns, North Pole, 387, Oxford-st., W., at 8.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich, at 8.
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea, 7.30.
 St. John's, Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W., at 8.
 Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford, at 8.
 Stability, M.H., Masons' Avenue, at 6.
 Unions Emulation (for M.Ms.), F.M.H., at 7.
 Chigwell, Loughton Public Hall, at 7.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd., 7.30.
 Westbourne, Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E., at 8.
 Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tav., George-st., Baker-st., W.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-st., Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Doric, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.
 St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.
 Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-rd., Hackney, 8.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, at 8.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Ubique, 79, Ebury-st., Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30.
 Selwyn, East Dulwich Hot., East Dulwich, at 8.
 Henry Muggieridge, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, 6 till 9.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st., 2nd and 4th, at 6.45.
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
 Panmure Chapter, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.30.
 Old Kent Mark, Champion Hot., Aldersgate-st., 7 to 9.
 Kintore Mark, Stirling Castle, Church-st., Camberwell, 9.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.

- Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.
 Lodge 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
 " 1426, The Great City, Cannon-st. Hot.
 " 1686, Paxton, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.
 " 1743, Perseverance, Imperial Hot., Holborn Viaduct.
 " 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
 Chap. 1293, Burdett, Mitre Hot., Hampton Court.
 Mark 211, Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st. W., Hammersmith.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 8.
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N., at 8.
 Star, Five Bells, New Cross-rd., S.E., at 7.
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
 Alexandra Palace, Station Ho., Camberwell New-rd., at 7.30.
 Eccleston, Crown and Anchor 79, Ebury-street, Pimlico, at 7.
 Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King-st. W., Hammersmith, at 7.30.

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