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WE must not allow the opportunity to pass without pointing out to our readers that the Special Christmas Number of the *Freemason*, which was published on Monday, the 21st inst., contains a valuable article from the pen of Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D., on the subject of the "Engraved Lists of Lodges." This is a branch of study which our worthy brother has made so peculiarly his own that it is hardly worth while suggesting that the article we are referring to deals most exhaustively and successfully with about everything thus far known or to be gathered from the lists which have been preserved to us, and that those who take an interest in tracing our earlier lodges will derive much valuable assistance in prosecuting their researches from this latest essay of Bro. HUGHAN. In fact, no investigation in this most trying field of labour can be considered complete which does not include a careful study of this important paper.

WE have heard it declared more than once that the "high degrees" (as they are called) are the means of causing large expenditures of money, which, but for them, would be given to the Masonic Charities. According to this idea, a certain sum of money is to be spent annually by each brother, and therefore the more that is devoted to the obtaining and supporting of Masonic degrees, the less there is left for the sacred cause of Charity. *But is it so?* Supposing for example there were no Knight Templar Preceptories and Rose Croix Chapters to join, would our able Secretaries, Bros. HEDGES, BINCKES, and TERRY, have increased funds at their disposal? Would these indefatigable brethren vote for the abolition of "high degrees," in the interest of their Institutions? *Surely not.*

TURNING for a moment to the last "Red Book," published by authority of the Supreme Council, 33°, we find that the charitable donations of that Body to the three Institutions, and special objects such as Famine and Relief Funds, within the last 30 years have amounted to nearly £2500, some of the gifts being continued annually as "prizes," &c. If to this total is added the donations of its numerous members and chapters, it will be seen that thousands of pounds have come into the coffers of the Central Masonic Charities, which would in all probability never have otherwise been donated. At least, such is our opinion, and, though we have not the figures before us, the same might be stated as to the Masonic Knights Templars. Amongst the warmest and most generous subscribers to the Masonic Charities, as well as the most zealous of Freemasons, are to be found the adherents of these "High Degrees."

WHATEVER may be said as to the expediency of promoting Masonic Degrees beyond the Royal Arch, the fact remains that many brethren see in them what they fail to find in the Craft, and consequently their interest in Freemasonry is preserved through their support of these "High Degrees." Of course, brethren should love the Three Degrees solely for their own sakes, and doubtless a great many do so. Besides which, they are the basis of all Masonry, and of universal application and supreme importance, Masonically. Still, granting all this—and we do so emphatically—we are sure that even the universality of Freemasonry to some is not its chief value, and hence in what is known as *Philosophical and Christian* Masonic Degrees they find attractions and teachings additional to, and yet, so to speak, dependant upon, the Master Masons' Degree, which prove a never failing source of pleasure, and retain the membership of many even in the Craft, when practically they have ceased to attend ordinary lodge meetings.

"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," and so Bro. STEPHEN BERRY, of Portland, Maine, does his best Masonically to commemorate the festive season by uniting, at twelve o'clock (Washington time, mid-day), with hundreds of the brotherhood in the "Old" and "New World," in what he appropriately terms the "Christmas Libation." As the clock strikes, brethren pledge each other, as Freemasons, in whatever liquor they fancy, and the ever increasing number of participants, makes it an especially busy season for Bro. BERRY, who is the recognized centre of the movement, and has been of late constantly receiving most pleasant letters of acceptance from the Fraternity, whose delight it is, once a year, thus to join Masonically in completing the "chain of union" from sea to sea, and "pole to

pole." From Shanghai to Portland, covering some 244 degrees (or over sixteen hours of the sun's journey), as the glorious luminary attains the meridian, so the glasses are "ready," and the pledge is given! There are several in England, Scotland, and Ireland who are enrolled in this unique band, and the names of others will be gladly received by Bro. BERRY or Bro. HUGHAN for 1886, so long as they are either Masonic authors or interested in Masonic literature. In this country about five p.m. answers to Washington at 12 noon. Our Australian brethren would be asked to join as representatives, as also those in New Zealand and Japan, and thus complete the circle, but three or four in the morn is rather an awkward hour to think of the "Christmas Libation!" Still some might join and thus unite the whole world, Masonically at least.

WE are glad to note that our able *confrère*, the Editor of the "*Keystone*," has again been re-elected Senior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania. The regular annual period of the election of the Grand Officers appears to have gone off very smoothly and pleasantly, Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. C. MITCHELL, and his excellent staff of officers being all re-elected. This old and vigorous Grand Lodge was never so prosperous as now, and the reports of its various funds prove that its financial condition is in a most satisfactory condition. The attendance at the Grand Lodge was very large and influential, among the brethren present being Bro. JUDGE DONALDSON, of Pottsville, the oldest member of the Grand Lodge.

THE time has once again come round when the agreeable duty devolves on us of wishing all our friends what are appropriately known as "the Compliments of the Season." These compliments are, in fact, the heartiest possible good wishes for their happiness and success, and the duty, though it recurs annually, and is by some few, at all events, regarded as a formality, is one which we take an almost infinite degree of pleasure in fulfilling. There are, of course, deductions to be made from that pleasure. We are not all of us here now who 12 months since were preparing themselves for the enjoyment of our great winter festival. Some have gone from our midst in the course of nature; they had lived their term of life, and have passed away. Others have left us prematurely, many, indeed, in the very prime of their manhood, and with but a portion of the labours they had marked out for themselves completed. In short, the circle of our acquaintances and friendships has been narrowed; but we who remain—subject to this inevitable limitation—are as hearty as ever in our friendly interchange of good wishes. It is right that we should be. We may have various shortcomings during the past year to grieve over; we have lost many friends, whose memory, however, it is still possible to cherish most sacredly. But we are on the eve of entering upon a new year. We shall probably contract new acquaintances, and it may be even some new friendships. We are all looking forward to carry out our duties fully and honourably, and it is undeniable that, in the fulfilment of our task, we shall derive most of our encouragement to face manfully such difficulties as come in our way from that kindly interchange of good wishes which is a characteristic of this festive season of Christmas. There is, too, something about the principles of Masonry which renders the observance of this pleasant custom of the season more genuine in its heartiness, and, as a consequence, proportionately less conventional. Those principles enjoin upon us the duty of promoting, by every means in our power, the kindest and most friendly relations, and this, too, at no particular season, but at all seasons alike amongst ourselves. Thus the compliments of this season fit in admirably with the kind of life which is marked out for us by the teachings of our Craft, and in proportion as we obey those teachings must we enter more carefully into the spirit of Christmas festivity. There may be those among us who do not include the observance of the great Christian festival as part of their religious tenets; but even these will have no difficulty in entering into the general enjoyment. Charity, in its largest sense, as in its narrowest, is a part of every religion, and when we wish one another the usual "Compliments of the Season," we do not necessarily attach a religious sense to the expression. What we do is to make it as clear as we can that our desire is to live on terms of the friendliest intercourse with our neighbours, both those whom we meet but casually and infrequently, and those into whose society we are constantly thrown. It is in this wise, and most sincerely, that we take leave to convey to all our friends, both present and absent, the kindly greetings of this festive season.

WE have much pleasure in laying before our readers in this present number a carefully-compiled summary of the principal events that have occurred during the year, together with a table, chronologically arranged, of the same and other events which have happened during the same period. We are of opinion that the two taken together will be found of great assistance to brethren who, a few years hence, may be desirous of referring to some one or more of the occurrences of 1885.

FREEMASONRY IN 1885.

It is hardly to be expected that we who have taken a more or less active part in the events of the year which is so rapidly drawing to its conclusion shall escape the charge of partiality in the opinions we may feel disposed to pass upon their merits. It is only in human nature that men should take more kindly to those with whom they have been associated, and regard more favourably the occurrences in which they have shared. Yet, when every allowance has been made for this very natural weakness, we are inclined to believe that our verdict on the year 1885 will remain undisturbed by the critics of a later date. We have, at all events, this advantage over all future historians of Freemasonry—we know something of the main life of that Society in which we have played our part. They will be as well able as ourselves to note the effects of what has happened; but they will not have enjoyed the immense advantage of being in a position to understand the causes which produced those effects. We may be found inclining somewhat towards partiality; we may form our estimate of the whole drama only from the scenes in which we have personally shared; yet, in spite of this propensity, we imagine that future writers will agree with us as to the year 1885 having been one of sound, substantial benefit to Freemasons. There have been no unusual successes, but, at the same time, there is little, if anything, to regret or be ashamed of. We have gone on our way quietly, and without ostentation. What we have done appears to have been in the direction of strengthening and confirming, rather than enlarging the position we had already secured. As regards the United Kingdom, there has been nothing calculated to disturb the harmony of our proceedings, and if, as between the Grand Lodges of the Old Country and other jurisdictions, there have been here and there certain diversities of opinion, the subjects of difference have not been, or are not, of so grave a character as to preclude all hope of an early and amicable settlement. We are convinced it needs only a suspicion of able management on one or other side, or on both sides, to secure a consummation so devoutly to be wished. Indeed, in Anglo-Saxon Masonry there are no fundamental differences whatever, those which exist, like the majority of those which have existed in the past, affecting principally the relations among different Grand Lodges. Our position towards the Grand Orient of France remains, and is likely to remain, unaltered; any step towards a reconciliation of the two bodies will have to be taken by France, seeing that it is she who has made a serious innovation in the original system of Freemasonry, while we have religiously preserved it in its integrity. As regards other Grand Orients and Grand Lodges, where friendly relations had been established with them, they remain; where none have existed, no approach, that we are aware of, has been made towards establishing any. In short, we are slightly more numerous at the end than we were at the beginning of the year, while our organisation has been both strengthened and improved. Our Institutions have been made more efficient, and two of them have been enlarged. Some few among our leading members have passed away; but, on the whole, there is little cause for regret, but much for legitimate congratulation; and our hope is that at the close of future years our position may be as generally satisfactory as it is now.

CRAFT MASONRY.

The tree is judged by its fruit, and the justice of our remarks will be shown by the flourishing condition of Craft Masonry, on which all other Masonic organisations are founded. The secession of sundry lodges, consequent upon the establishment of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, is not an absolute loss. The lodges remain, but under a different government. But however this may be regarded, there has been an addition to our roll of no less than 47 lodges, of which five have been placed on the list of Metropolitan lodges, and 15 to the provinces, while the remaining 27 have gone to swell our numbers in the colonies and dependencies of the British Crown. Of the new provincial lodges three have been placed on the Middlesex roll, four are in Surrey, and one in each of the following:—Cambridge, Derbyshire, Durham, Herts, Kent, Lancashire (E.), Lancashire (W.), and Yorkshire (West). Of the 27 lodges abroad, seven have been constituted in South Africa, two in South Africa East, two in South Africa West, two in the Natal district, and one in East Griqualand, which is without a district organisation; three are in Asia, viz., one in North Borneo, where no lodge existed, one in Bombay, and one in the Punjab; and 17 in the Australasian colonies, namely, two in the Otago and Southland district of New Zealand, one in Queensland, one in West Australia, seven in New South Wales, and six in Victoria. It will be seen from these details, that as regards New South Wales and Victoria, the disposition on the part of the regular lodges to remain in allegiance to the Old Country is as prominent as ever. Three of the new London lodges are of a special character. The Empire Lodge, No. 2108, which has been fashioned on the lines of the Empire Club, is intended for brethren resident in this country who have relations with our colonies, and will serve as a kind of Masonic home for colonial brethren when visiting this country; Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, is intended for the convenience of brethren who are members of the dramatic profession or take a special interest in the drama; and the United Northern Counties Lodge, No. 2128, will be recruited from among brethren of the northern counties who are resident in or called by business to the Metropolis. These will be a most welcome addition to our Metropolitan list, and as the brethren to whom they look for support are both numerous and influential, we have good reason to anticipate for them a long and prosperous future. There is one other lodge, which was warranted towards the close of 1884, but remains unconsecrated—the Quatuor Coronati. This, too, is of a special character, being intended for brethren interested in Masonic archaeological research, and as its V.M. designate is Sir Charles Warren—whose recent absence on service in South Africa will explain the delay in consecration—we may expect that this likewise will prove a great accession to our strength.

In the matter of organisation, it must be gratifying to know that Bedfordshire is now governed by a Prov. G. Master in the person of R.W. Bro. Col. William Stuart, a distinguished brother of upwards of 40 years' standing in the Craft, and we venture to believe that no long time will elapse ere the advantage of this step will be generally apparent. The lodges in this county, though they have no doubt conducted their proceedings in strict conformity with our laws and usages, cannot but have felt isolated from the general body of Masons. It must often have occurred to them that, seeing the contiguous counties were all organised in provinces, while they had no

intermediate government of their own, their position in the Craft was not quite on the same footing as that of their neighbours. But now this feeling can exist no longer; our Bedfordshire brethren have a chief of their own, and there are provincial honours to be won by deserving members, so that at no very remote period we may look to becoming as familiar with their proceedings as we have been with those of the provinces which encircle them. Nor is this erection of Bedfordshire into a Masonic province the only change of its kind. North Wales and Salop no longer constitute a single province. Their union under their late respected chief, Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, some three and thirty years since, when there were only four lodges in the district, was a decided benefit. But the province had grown too unwieldy for one brother, however distinguished, to control, and as the four lodges of 1852 had multiplied in the interval to 28, there was good reason for subdividing the district into two provinces, North Wales with 18 lodges being now under the charge of Bro. Lord Harlech as P.G.M., and Shropshire with its ten lodges under Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman. Thus, instead of 41, there are 43 provinces, the only districts which are without a Provincial Grand Lodge being the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Our readers will probably agree with us that these changes are most decidedly improvements, from which we may look to reap a very considerable benefit.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge have been for the most part uneventful. In March the Prince of Wales was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. J. Woodall Woodall was elected Grand Treasurer by a very large majority of votes over his principal competitor. In June, on the motion of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., the sum of £1000 was voted towards the expense of furnishing the new buildings which have been in course of erection at the Boys' School, Wood Green, and in December, on the motion of Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. G. P. Britten, a like sum was voted to the Girls' School towards defraying the cost of purchasing additional land in the vicinity of the Institution, both these grants being made from the Fund of General Purposes. At the June Communication one other matter of importance was considered, namely, the recognition of the independence of the Grand Lodge of South Australia. Bro. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., in submitting his motion, was careful to point out that the brethren in the colony had acted in the most fraternal spirit towards United Grand Lodge, and of their own motion had proposed in their Grand Lodge to respect the desire which might be shown by any lodge or lodges already constituted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England to remain in allegiance to that body. The South Australians had, in fact, spared no pains in manifesting their love and respect for the Grand Lodges which had established them, and under these circumstances, and especially as every one of the English warranted lodges had given their adhesion to the movement for independence, he recommended that the Grand Lodge of South Australia should be recognised as an independent Grand Lodge, and the motion, having been duly seconded by the Rev. Canon Portal, G. Chap., and warmly supported by the Earl of Limerick, Prov. G.M. of Bristol, was carried without a single dissentient voice. Another resolution which was adopted at the March Communication may likewise be referred to. The Board of General Purposes having had under their consideration the question of lodge suspension and its effects on individual members, and it having been pointed out that many brethren were members of several lodges, and might suffer innocently if one of their lodges happened to be suspended, the Board recommended that the suspension of a lodge should be understood to mean the suspension of its warrant, whereby the lodge would be forbidden to hold its stated meetings, and perform its ordinary duties, while, as regards individual brethren, those whose conduct had brought about the suspension should be dealt with individually according to their deserts. The recommendation, which will have the effect of preventing brethren who are members of several lodges from suffering for the sins of others in the event of one of those lodges being suspended, was accepted unanimously. In the present month three candidates were nominated for the Grand Treasurership, in succession to Bro. Woodall, whose term of office will be completed in March next, when it will be the duty of the brethren to consider whether, in their opinion, Bro. R. B. Martin, ex-M.P. for Tewkesbury, and a member of the London banking fraternity, Bro. D. P. Cama, a wealthy Parsee merchant resident in London, or Bro. S. Pope, O.C., is worthier to be entrusted with the functions of Grand Treasurer. It only remains for us to add that the Great Hall, which was almost destroyed by fire in May, 1883, has been restored and redecorated, and that it was occupied for the first time in its completed state on the occasion of the Grand Festival in April, the manner in which the work had been done was the theme of general admiration.

In March occurred an event which was fraught with the deepest interest to Freemasons, namely, the initiation of his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, and heir presumptive to the British Crown. This auspicious event occurred on Tuesday, the 17th of that month, in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Master himself, the working tools being given by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. of England and Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, while the charge was delivered by the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master. There was present a select but very distinguished gathering of members, the room at Willis's Rooms, in which the lodge holds its meetings being a small one, and incapable of accommodating more than a limited number. It was for this reason, and not as was stated at the time, because the Royal Alpha has any absurd—and unconstitutional—bye-law against the admission of visitors that the attendance was limited to the members. The Prince was passed F.C. at Great Yarmouth, and raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, in the month of June, there being on this occasion, at all events, a very large gathering of brethren, both members and visitors, to witness so rare and interesting a ceremony. His Royal Highness has since been advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, and will no doubt seek enrolment in the Royal Arch, and it may be in other branches of Masonry.

The initiation of a member of the Royal Family is not the only event by which the year 1885 will be remembered. Every now and then a new Prov. G. Master is installed in office, but as the number of our provinces is

limited, and the appointments are for life, or at all events during good behaviour, it is clear that such installations cannot be of very frequent occurrence. In 1885, however, there have been no less than seven brethren installed as P.G. Masters, namely, Lord Kensington, P.G.S.W., as P.G.M. South Wales West, *vice* Col. Lloyd Philipps, deceased; R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., as P.G.M. West Yorkshire, *vice* Sir H. Edwards, Bart., C.B., resigned; Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.S.W., as P.G.M. Durham, in succession to the late Marquis of Londonderry, K.P.; Lord Harlech, P.G.M. N.Wales; and Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., P.G.M. Shropshire, in succession to the late R.W. Bro. Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., who was P.G.M. of N. Wales and Shropshire; the Earl of Jersey, P.G.S.W., as P.G.M. Oxfordshire, in succession to the late Duke of Albany, K.G.; and R.W. Bro. Col. Wm. Stuart, P.G.S.W., as P.G.M. of the newly-erected province of Bedfordshire. In the case of Bros. Tew and Sir Hedworth Williamson, they were inducted into office by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., the former at a grand gathering of brethren at Leeds, and the latter at a similarly distinguished assemblage in Durham. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, had the privilege of installing the Earl of Jersey, while in the other three cases the ceremony was performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., who was assisted by Bros. Philbrick, G. Reg., F. Richardson, P.G.D., and other dignitaries of Grand Lodge.

Other events, which are of secondary importance when compared with the foregoing, have occurred during the year, and among them may be mentioned the presentation of addresses to the Prince of Wales, G.M., at Leeds, and still more recently at Birmingham. At Leeds advantage was taken of his Royal Highness's visit in July, for the purpose of opening the new buildings of the Yorkshire College, by the Masters of the several lodges meeting in that town to congratulate his Royal Highness and extend to him that hearty and loyal greeting which always awaits him on such occasions; while at Birmingham a similar address was presented by Lord Leigh on behalf of the brethren of the province of Warwickshire, on the occasion of the Prince's visit to inaugurate the Suburban Hospital founded as an adjunct to the General Hospital by Mr. Jaffray.

Among still less important occurrences must be mentioned the Masonic entertainment given at the Mansion House towards the close of his term of office by the ex-Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., to the members of the University of London Lodge, No. 2033, of which he is the W. Master, the members of Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, of which he is a Past Master, to the Grand Officers of the Province of Wiltshire, of which he is a P.P.G.S.W., and the officers of the Lansdowne Lodge of Unity, No. 626, Chippenham, of which he is a Past Master. Among the numerous recognitions of personal merit we cannot omit referring to the testimonial presented to our old friend and brother, G. Parker Brockbank, G. Std. Br. of England, who, during a Masonic career extending over more than forty years, has rendered most valuable services to the Craft throughout his Province of East Lancashire, but more especially to the lodges in Bolton, where he resides. There have also been many celebrations, of greater or less consequence, the centenary anniversaries of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby, the premier lodge on the roll of Derbyshire, and of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, being the most noteworthy. But these minor events, what are they else but the cumulative evidence of the zeal and activity by which all ranks in English Masonry are animated, and the prosperity which has attended the efforts both of lodges and individual brethren during the past year? Taken separately, they will be found locally or personally interesting; taken together, they bear out the statement we made at the outset of this summary, that the year which is now on the eve of being completed has been one of sound, solid progress. More than this is not greatly to be desired.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

As the Royal Arch goes hand in hand with Craft Masonry, of which it is the complement, it will not engage our attention for long, its fortunes being affected favourably or adversely by the same circumstances and in the same manner as those of the Craft, but to a lesser extent. Thus it has gained in strength during the past year to the extent of 17 new chapters, of which five have been attached to London lodges, nine to provincial lodges (four West Yorkshire, one Hants and Isle of Wight, one Kent, one Leicester, one Northumberland, and one Nottingham), and three to lodges abroad (one British Burmah, one New South Wales, and one Punjab). It is worthy of remark that among the new London chapters is one attached to a lodge high up on the roll of England, namely, the Israel, No. 205, and it must be gratifying to the members of that lodge to know that the Israel Chapter, as it is called, starts under such auspicious circumstances with Comp. C. F. Hogard as its first M.E.Z. As regards the provinces there have been two important changes in the *personnel*, Sir Henry Edwards having been succeeded as Prov. G. Superintendent of West Yorkshire by Comp. T. W. Tew, and the late Duke of Albany, P.G. Superintendent of Oxfordshire, by Comp. the Rev. H. A. Pickard. Both these appointments will be of advantage to the Degree, and it must be very gratifying to the numerous circle of friends and well wishers of Comp. Pickard to find that his merits as a R.A. Mason have been so worthily recognised. The post of Prov. G. Superintendent in Durham, rendered vacant by the death of the Marquis of Londonderry, has not yet been filled, neither have any arrangements been made in respect of the now sub-divided Province of North Wales and Salop, of which the late Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., was Prov. G. Supt. as well as Prov. G. Master. There is this to be said of the new Province of Shropshire, as well as of that of Bedfordshire, that neither as yet can boast of the requisite number of private chapters to justify their erection into R.A. provinces. The work of revising the regulations of the Degree has been completed, and the new code will, no doubt, be accepted by Supreme Grand Chapter at its Convocation in February next. It is also well to state that G. Chapter has resolved on holding its convocations for the future in the Grand Hall, and as a result of this move we may anticipate that greater importance will attach to the meetings of this branch of constitutional Masonry. The step is worthy of commendation.

MARK MASONRY.

There must be many leading members of this branch of Masonry who can recollect clearly enough the comparatively humble position it occupied 30 years since, when there was no supreme authority to regulate and direct the proceedings of the Mark brethren. But, hopeful as they must have been of the future when it was resolved to establish the Mark Grand Lodge, they must be surprised at the amazing success which has attended the establishment of that body, and the immense amount of popularity with which the Mark is everywhere received. The promoters of schemes which have a

reasonable chance of success are notoriously sanguine; but the most sanguine among the Mark brethren of 1855 can hardly have anticipated that within the brief space of 30 years the roll of Mark G. Lodges should number 360, of which all but a few in London that prefer holding directly from Grand Lodge are distributed among 44 provinces, at home and abroad, while the number of brethren who have been registered as Mark Masons falls but very little short of 21,000. Its finances, too, are in a prosperous condition, there being at the close of the half-year to 30th September, 1885, investments, in respect of the General, Benevolent, and Educational Funds, amounting in the aggregate to £7100; while the cash balances in hand or at bank were slightly in excess of £500. We imagine if the picture of Mark Masonry as it is at the close of the year 1885 could have been placed by anticipation before the founders of Grand Lodge some 30 years ago, they would have shaken their heads dubiously, and said, "It is too good to be true." Yet there is no doubt about its truth. During the past 12 months warrants for 15 new lodges, ranging from 346 to 360, both inclusive, have been granted, and the number of brethren advanced during the same period is 1489. The number of Royal Ark Mariner certificates issued is 216, and the number of newly-warranted lodges of that Degree—which is attached to the Mark as the Royal Arch is to the Craft—four. The 17th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was held at the Crystal Palace on 22nd July, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M.M.M. and Prov. G.M.M.M. of Cheshire, supported by a Board of 87 Stewards (including one lady Steward), realised over £1721, or more than double the product of any previous Festival. The Benevolent and Educational Funds are doing good service, and there has this year been established an Annuity Fund both for indigent Mark brethren and the widows of Mark brethren. These are the facts which stand out prominently as illustrating the prosperity of the Mark Degree, and if further evidence in the same direction is needed, we have it in the advancement in Junelast, in the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge, of his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales, and the nomination at the late winter half-yearly communication of Mark Grand Lodge of his father, the Prince of Wales, as Mark Grand Master for the ensuing year, the Prince having expressed his willingness to accept that position if duly elected, as there is no doubt he will be, in June next. We may go so far as to suggest as yet another indication of Mark prosperity that its Grand Lodge has been, and indeed still is, engaged in a battle royal with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, though we believe we are right in stating that for the time, at all events, the difference between the two supreme authorities is in a position of suspended animation. However, we will not press this suggestion too earnestly, or our friends may charge us with being careless and irreverent. Suffice it to say that, great as has been the progress of the Mark Degree during the last two or three years, it has been quite eclipsed by the wonderful successes achieved during the current year. We will also add that the work of extension has been supplemented by a conscientious indulgence in the task of organisation; that is to say, the regulations of the Grand Lodge have been submitted to a most complete revision, and the revised code was accepted at a Special Grand Lodge held on the last day of November. There is nothing else of great importance to record in connection with the past year's proceedings of our Mark brethren than that the usual Moveable Grand Lodge was held during the summer in Liverpool; that the meeting was largely attended, and that everything passed off most satisfactorily. May we be in a position to speak a twelvemonth hence in similarly encomiastic terms of the progress made during the year in this popular branch of Masonry.

CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

The same measure of laudation must be assigned to the proceedings of the several Masonic bodies which may be grouped together under this head. In the case of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, we have nothing further to do in order to satisfy ourselves of this, than to turn over the pages of its register of members, who have been largely increased in number during the year, while, in respect of its financial position, we may judge of its soundness from the Grand Treasurer-General's statement of account on the 1st July, when, after a most careful scrutiny of the various assets and liabilities, there appeared to the credit of the Supreme Council a balance in the shape of capital amounting to £15,885. The Great Priory of the Order of the Temple appears to be in a similarly flourishing position, both as regards membership and financial position, the Auditors' report, dated the 30th April, showing balances on the General and Benevolent Funds, and in hand for petty cash, amounting together to close on £669, and that after the purchase on behalf of the two funds of stock amounting to nearly £359, costing £400. The report of the Council showed that three changes had taken place in the roll of Provincial Priors, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy having been installed Prov. Prior of Devonshire, in place of Sir Knight L. P. Metham, resigned in April last, Sir Knight C. P. Chater being the new Prov. Prior of China, vacant since 1881, and Sir Knight A. Morrell Saunders, Prov. Prior of Madras, *vice* Lieut.-Col. A. W. O. Saunders, resigned. It is also noteworthy that the Province of Staffordshire and Warwickshire has been extended so as to include within its limits the county of Leicester. Still greater progress has been made by the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, which has braced itself up to the promising sphere of work before it. It has already a new code of laws, and with so energetic a Grand Recorder as Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, there is little doubt that this branch of Chivalric Masonry will attain a position worthy of its ancient fame. Nor have the Allied Degrees been otherwise than most prosperous, thanks to the Rev. Canon Portal, M. Ill. Grand Master, and Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M., Grand Secretary, who both work assiduously to promote the success of the body. There are now 20 subordinate councils, including the Time Immemorial—five in number—with every prospect of a further increase in the years to come. In fine, the Chivalric and other Degrees of Masonry have had their share in the general prosperity which has been the lot of our Society in its principal and subsidiary branches during the year 1885.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

Notwithstanding the untoward political and commercial circumstances of the year, our Institutions have fared extremely well. The Festivals were not so productive as in 1883, but if we take into account the supplementary gathering in August, when the memorial stone of the new premises of the Boys' School was laid by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the grand total in respect of Festival receipts slightly exceeds £45,000, which, though £2000 less than was received in 1883, is about £3000 ahead of last year's totals. Or, if we omit from the reckoning the sums subscribed at the Boys' School supplementary Festival, there will appear a difference between 1883 and 1885 of about £3000 in favour of the former, and as between 1884 and

1885 one of close on £2000 in favour of the latter. The anniversary of the Benevolent Institution was held as usual at Freemasons' Tavern in February. R.W. Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Gloucestershire, presided. The Board of Stewards was 352 strong, made up of 164 London and 188 provincial brethren, and the amount subscribed £17,770, or more by £3000 than the handsome total of the previous year. So marvellous an excess over the most productive of all previous Festivals is to be accounted for by the fact that when, early in the year, the Committee of Management of the Institution came to take stock, as it were, of their position as regards the vacancies to be filled at the May election and the candidates for election, it was found there were no vacancies on the Widows' Fund, and about 80 candidates, whose claims to the benefits of the Institution had been most thoroughly sifted and approved. So grievous a state of things was felt to be intolerable, and a special effort was made to enable the Committee to recommend to the general body of subscribers a very appreciable increase in the number of annuitants. The result we have already set forth, so far as the Festival is concerned, while, as regards the election, the general annual meeting of the subscribers unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the Committee, and there are now 173, as against 170, male annuitants, and 202, as against 182, female annuitants in 1884. This, of course, imposes on the Institution a proportionately increased share of responsibility, and in order to fulfil that responsibility the Craft generally must provide henceforth a larger annual contribution to its funds. But this is a matter for future consideration. Let it be sufficient for us to point out here that, in the year now on the eve of closing, the Benevolent Institution prospered even beyond the most sanguine expectations of its well-wishers.

The Girls' School, while its incomings have been larger than in 1884, has likewise had an exceptional drain on its sources, and it will probably be some little time before the normal ratio of receipts and expenditure is restored. Its 97th Anniversary Festival took place in May, as usual, at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex. Bro. Hedges was so fortunate as to secure a very efficient Board of 272 Stewards, 130 of whom represented the London lodges, and the remaining 142 the provinces, and the aggregate result of their labours, including the sum of 1000 guineas (£1050) subscribed by the West Yorkshire brethren as a "Sir Henry Edwards Perpetual Presentation Fund" amounted, in round figures, to £14,188, the Chairman's Province of Sussex being conspicuous by its generous support of their respected chief. Such a total must have gladdened the heart of Bro. Hedges, on whom of necessity devolved the more arduous part of the labour in arranging for the anniversary, and all the more so, seeing that, even without the Sir Henry Edwards Presentation, the receipts were slightly in excess of the 1884 celebration. On the other hand, having regard to the building operations in the immediate vicinity of the School at St. John's Rise, it was deemed advisable by the House Committee that a strip of the vacant land running along one side of the Institution should be purchased, with the two-fold object of improving the frontage and at the same time screening the children from the prying curiosity of the inmates of an inferior class of houses which it was in contemplation to build close up to and overlooking the school. For this piece of land the price demanded was £5700, and in October the Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers wisely, as we think, determined on making the purchase in accordance with the terms of the preliminary arrangement entered into with the land owners by the Committee. That this purchase will have the effect of substantially enhancing the market value of the School property is well known, but, though from a business point of view the investment is undoubtedly to be commended, the drain on the resources of the Institution will be none the less serious to meet, and it will be the duty of all our friends to put their shoulder to the wheel and see what they can accomplish towards securing a "bumper" Festival on the 98th anniversary in May next, Grand Lodge having set them a brilliant example by unanimously voting from the Fund of General Purposes the very appreciable sum of £1000 towards the expenses of this purchase. There are two other matters to be noticed: one, that at the annual distribution of prizes held in connection with the School, the chair was very kindly occupied by the Lady Mayoress, who was loyally supported by Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., and the members of the House Committee, her ladyship expressing herself as delighted with the proficiency and good conduct of the children. The other is that of the 14 children who offered themselves as candidates for the Cambridge Middle-class Examination, all passed with credit, and the majority with honours.

The Boys' School Festival was held at the Crystal Palace in June, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Derbyshire. There were 275 Stewards—119 hailing from London and 156 from the provinces—and the total of their contributions amounted to £12,006, a further sum of £1000 having been previously granted by Grand Lodge towards the cost of furnishing the new Preparatory School. Of this latter amount, however, no account was taken in connection with the Festival. Here it will be seen that there was a very considerable falling off in the contributions as compared with those of the other Institutions; while the decrease as compared with the Festival of 1884 was upwards of £2000. This kind of fluctuation must, of course, be expected every now and then; but, unfortunately, it could not well have happened at a more inopportune time in the case of this particular Institution. Our readers are aware that during the last three or four years a scheme has been in progress for the enlargement of the Institution by establishing a Preparatory School. The new Hall was advanced enough to be used for the distribution of prizes in June, and the new School buildings must be about completed by now and ready for occupation; but the sum subscribed as a Building Fund has not proved sufficient by between £5000 and £6000, principally owing to the expenditure—not in the first instance contemplated—of over £3000 for land and the houses standing thereon. Nor in making this calculation has any account been taken of the extra annual sum required for the additional pupils to be drafted into the School. Thus a larger instead of a smaller sum was needed for the current expenses of the Institution, and unfortunately it was not forthcoming, though Derbyshire backed up its chief most loyally, and the Stewards from London and the other provinces played their part with accustomed energy. Grand Lodge, as we have said, has generously voted £1000 towards furnishing the new premises, and at the subsidiary Festival in August, when the Baroness Burdett-Coutts graciously laid the memorial stone of the Hall, a sum of £1100 was raised, which sum, it is sincerely to be hoped, will be amplified before the year closes. But the total of all these contributions put together falls short of the total sum required, and an extra effort will have to be made in June next in order to restore the equilibrium between income and outlay, which is necessary if the School is to do its work properly. One result of this unfortunate diminution in the

receipts has already appeared, the Committee having found it possible to elect only 15 out of the proposed addition of 50 boys. Perhaps the brethren will lend a helping hand to Bro. Binckes, and assist him generously, as they have done in previous years, so that the Institution may be in a better position to meet the increasing number of applications for admission. As regards the other principal events of the year, it should be mentioned that Lord Mayor Fowler, who was Chairman of the Festival in 1884, was Chairman at the distribution of prizes in June, when the new Hall was used for the first time, and that of the 16 boys who went in for the Cambridge Middle-class Examination in December, 1884, all satisfied the examiners, while the majority were placed in the honour list.

To sum up these results—the three Festivals proper yielded £43,964, as against £42,000 in 1884, and £47,000 in 1883. If we add to this £1100, raised at the supplementary Boys' Festival in August, and the grants of £1000 each to the two Schools, we have a grand total of £47,064 contributed by the Craft and its Grand Lodge towards the current year's maintenance of our three Institutions.

PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE ASSOCIATIONS.

It must not be imagined that the three Institutions we have referred to in the preceding section engross the whole of the charitable work which is done by the Craft. There are several important provincial associations which are doing splendid service, and there are always a number of lodge and other associations which in a more circumscribed way render valuable aid to the cause of beneficence. Among the former the most prominent are undoubtedly the educational associations of Cheshire and the two Lancashires. These have been in existence for some years, are well provided with invested funds, and receive a very generous support from the brethren. The Cheshire Educational Masonic Institution was founded in 1863. It has moneys invested in safe and profitable securities to the amount of about £5000. Its annual receipts in the shape of donations, subscriptions, &c., exceed £300, and it spends about £200 a year in educating and advancing children of poor or deceased Cheshire brethren. The West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, which was founded in 1850, according to the report published early this year, had in securities and cash at bank or in hand, close on £18,500. It paid in 1884 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of 161 children £1525; its receipts in respect of donations, subscriptions, &c., were nearly £1358, and in interest on bonds, mortgages, and the like, upwards of £722, while the expenses of management were only about £57. The East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution is much younger than either of the foregoing, having been founded only in 1875. Yet its receipts for the year 1884 in respect of donations and subscriptions alone amounted to £1590, while its investments, yielding £183 in interest, reach the total of £5303. Its cost of management, only slightly exceeded £56, and its payments for relief of 11 deserving brethren and women, and the education of 28 children, amounted to over £414; the balance in hand, after investing a further £985, being close on £418. There are other similar local organisations, notably in Devonshire, and one recently established in the Province of Hants and the Isle of Wight; and, in addition, there are several associations connected with the provinces and private lodges which are organised for the purpose of offering facilities to brethren to become Governors or subscribers of our central Charities. The amount of good thus done is increasing largely almost every year.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

At a meeting of the Board in January of this year, the President informed the brethren present that in 1884 they had been compelled to draw upon their invested capital to the extent of £3000, and, to judge from appearances, there is reason to fear that during 1885 the inroads on the same capital will turn out to have been nearly, if not quite, as extensive, there being hardly any difference between the aggregate of the grants made in the 12 months. The following figures give the expenditure from December 1884 to Nov. 1885, both inclusive, namely—1884: December, 38 cases relieved with £827; 1885: January, 36 cases, with £750; February, 30 cases, with £710; March, 34 cases, with £755; April, 43 cases, with £983; May, 28 cases, with £620; June, 27 cases, with £703; July, 25 cases, with £770; August, 17 cases, with £415; Sept. 27 cases, with £675; October, 35 cases, with £1185; and November, 38 cases, with £1,075; making a total for the 12 months of 378 cases relieved, in sums ranging from £3 upwards, with £9,468.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

There is not much to say under this head, the chief, or probably almost the only important, addition to the literature of the Craft being Vol. IV. of Bro. Gould's invaluable "History of Freemasonry." As regards the merits of the volume, and the fact that it exhibits all those points of rare excellence by which its three predecessors were characterised, we have already stated most fully our opinion. We have shown that we are not prepared to accept Bro. Gould's decision in respect of the question of Degrees or the Wren tradition; but, though we differ with him, we are not insensible to the scrupulous care with which he has considered each matter in all its points. There has also been published a work, entitled "The Yorkshire Lodges," by Bro. J. Ramsden Riley, author of the "History of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387," in which have been carefully traced all the lodges, both extinct and existing, which have been warranted in Yorkshire. The work has been most carefully compiled, while, from a typographical point of view, it is about one of the handsomest volumes it has been our good fortune to see. Then there have appeared some small lodge and chapter histories and sundry Provincial Calendars, all of which are valuable for the purposes of reference, and "The Freemasons' Pocket Companion," by Bro. W. R. Kelly, a very useful compendium of lodge working in ancient Craft Freemasonry, which we have no hesitation in commending to the notice of our readers. "The History of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," by Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, which appeared originally in the columns of the *Freemason*, has been published as a separate work, but with a number of appendices containing a mass of new matter. We have also in prospect a work by Bro. C. S. Lane, in which will be shown all the lodges which have been warranted by the Grand Lodge of England, where they were, or are, located, and what fate has befallen them. There cannot be any question as to the immense importance of such a work as this, and all interested in the history of Freemasonry must be on the tenterhooks of expectation to learn what manner of work it is. There have also appeared the usual array of pamphlets and tracts of different degrees and kinds of merit, while our periodical literature has been neither more nor less successful than heretofore. For ourselves, we may venture to say that we have striven to make the *Freemason* worthy in every way of the body whose interests it is never weary of upholding, and we trust our efforts have been appreciated. To continue in pursuit of the same policy will be our chief aim in the future.

OBITUARY.

Of course in a summary of this kind it would be impossible to pursue our task without coming in contact with occurrences which must give pain to some one, if not to all, of our readers. Against the events which have given us pleasure there will always be some that will be received with sorrow. However, as regards the losses which have befallen the Craft through death, they strike us as being less numerous and less formidable than they were last year, when death caused sad havoc in our ranks. Among the chief dignitaries who have passed away must be mentioned R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. North Wales and Salop, whose health for some time prior to his decease had been failing. Sir Watkin was the Senior P.G.M., having been appointed and installed in office early in 1852. During the 33 years he had ruled this extensive district, Freemasonry had made very great progress, and though his province has been split in two, the P.G. Masters who rule in his stead will have a hard struggle in order to win for themselves the same love and respect which were experienced for their predecessor. One other Craftsman who had filled a similar position—the late Bro. W. Eliot, P.P.G. Master of Dorsetshire—died some time before Sir Watkin, at the advanced age of 91, having resigned his office as far back as 1846. Bro. Eliot, however, had continued his interest in Craft matters during his retirement from active work, and when it was known that he was dead, the greatest sorrow was exhibited by the brethren throughout the Province of Dorsetshire. Among Grand and Past Grand Officers there have died Bro. Col. Lowry Cole, C.B., who was G.S.W. of Eng., in 1864; Bros. John Whichcord, P.G.A.D.C.; John Messent, P.G.S.B.; William Stephens, G. Purst.; and F. Hockley, P.G. Std. Another prominent brother whose death is greatly deplored is the late Bro. Dr. Hopkins, who in the course of a long career had taken a very active part in our proceedings in Jersey, Warwickshire, and Somersetshire. Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., the great philanthropist, whose decease is still fresh in the public memory, was one of us, and so were the patriarchal Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., who was in his 101st year, and had been initiated in April, 1812; Viscount Ranelagh, 1st W. Master of the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, which was connected with the regiment of South Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, of which his lordship was Col. Commandant; Col. Fred. Burnaby, slain in battle at Abu Klea; Sir W. W. Knighton, Bart.; C. T. Speight, the well-known Tyler of London lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, and the Mark Grand Lodge; Lieut.-Col. Ramsay; C. W. Thompson, City Lands Officer; H. M. Levy, P.M., P.Z.; Alderman Hudson, P.P.G.D. Sussex, of Brighton; W. Moxhay, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks; W. M. Bryce, for many years the Grand Tyler of Scotland; W. M. Ferguson, W.M. elect No. 97; H. Threadingham, P.P. G.S. of Wks. Hants and the Isle of Wight; T. C. Stephens, P.M., P.Z.; Thos. Clarke, P.M. and Treas. No. 254; and several others. All had done good work in their day and all will be remembered with respect by the members of the lodges to which they belonged.

SCOTLAND.

Under the rule of Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.W.G.M., the affairs of the G. Lodge of Scotland have continued to progress, as in the G. Mastership of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, most satisfactorily. Several new lodges have been added to the roll, the majority of them meeting in foreign parts, and the colony of New South Wales being especially eager in its requests for new warrants. Nor is the prosperity we refer to by any means limited to mere numerical additions. The financial position of Grand Lodge is now established on a firm basis, while the fund set apart for purposes of benevolence is rapidly assuming very considerable proportions. These gratifying changes are due to the determined efforts of successive G. Masters to place Scotland once again in a condition worthy of herself, and the chiefs have been supported nobly in their efforts by the subordinate officers, and by none more effectually than by the able and energetic G. Secretary, Bro. D. Murray Lyon, the historian of Scottish Freemasonry. The Royal Arch Degree has shared in the general prosperity, and, thanks to the kindly intervention of Bro. the Earl of Kintore, relations of amity have been set up between the G. Chapter of Scotland and the Mark Grand Lodge of England. One branch of Masonry peculiar to this portion of the United Kingdom—the Royal Order of Scotland, traditionally associated with the immortal Robert Bruce—has shown an exceptional amount of activity. The Grand Mastership of this Order is hereditary in the person of the King of Scotland, but the Deputy G. Master and Governor is an elective officer, and early in April the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G.M. of Scotland, was installed in that high office at Edinburgh with all possible pomp and circumstance, the Earls of Mar and Kellie, Kintore, and Haddington, with many other leading members of the Order in Scotland, being present to do honour to the occasion. Among the minor events of the year, must be mentioned the different visitations of Grand Lodge, as well as the laying of sundry foundation-stones and the opening of sundry halls, all which have the effect of bringing the Craft into more immediate contact with the public, and create amongst the latter a favourable impression in behalf of the Fraternity. In short, while there has been much to advance the interests of our Craft in Scotland, we cannot point to any circumstance which has had the effect of retarding them or been in any way prejudicial to the fair fame of Masonry. Nor do we think there have been any serious losses through death or other causes, one most estimable brother in the person of Bro. Bryce, for many years G. Tyler of Scotland, having, however, passed to his final home. May it be our good fortune to be in a position to pen as bright an account of Scottish Freemasonry when a further period of 12 months has elapsed!

IRELAND.

The unsettled state of affairs in Ireland cannot but have exercised an uncomfortable effect on the proceedings of the Craft, though there is no evidence to show that any appreciable detriment to its interests has been the result. The chief cause for any sorrow on the part of the brethren is the death, a few weeks since, of the Duke of Abercorn, who, from 1875, had held the reins of government as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. His Grace, whenever his health and the calls of political duty permitted, took an active personal interest in its proceedings, while he was at all times most ready to lend his influence in assisting whatever was calculated to have a beneficial effect on the general body. He reigned long enough to establish for himself the character of a just and upright ruler, and to have won a place in the memory of all honourable brethren, who, years hence, when reviving their Masonic recollections of the last 10 years, will always refer with pleasure to the kindly and generous rule of that distinguished brother, James, first Duke of Abercorn. However, every cloud has its silver lining, and in the election of James, second Duke, to be his father's successor as supreme ruler of the Craft in the sister kingdom, there is some slight consolation for the latter's death. We know that under the new, as under the recent, chief the true interests of Masonry will be affectionately,

yet firmly, guarded. Moreover, the new Grand Master will have that greater advantage in carrying out his duties which always accompanies a more intimate cognisance of the interior affairs of a Society. The present duke is of English origin as regards his Freemasonry, having been initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and he is also a Past G. S.W. of our Grand Lodge. But he is likewise, and has been for some few years, Prov. G.M. of Donegal and Londonderry, and is in a position therefore to gauge with greater accuracy what is needed to maintain and advance the interests of the Irish Craft. Thus if the year 1885 closes amid general sorrow, the year 1886 will begin its career amid general rejoicing.

It is perhaps unfortunate that we in England hear so little of the doings of our Irish brethren. We know enough of them, however, to be aware that they pursue the same objects in their endeavours to fulfil the principles of the Craft. They have, for instance, a Fund of Benevolence which dispenses help to necessitous brethren, and they have a scholastic institution, which was founded in Dublin the same year as our Boys' School, and of which they have every reason to be proud. We allude to the Masonic Orphan School, at Ball's Bridge, Dublin, which yearly sends forth into the world a small band of girls and boys, who, by the careful training they have received, are well armed to enter upon the battle of life. The annual distribution of prizes is one of the chief Masonic events of the year in Ireland, and at the gathering in June there was, as usual, a numerous assemblage of brethren and friends present to witness the interesting function. These schools are worthy of the most generous support, especially as the Governors have recently expended a large sum in the erection of new premises, which are both very handsome and most suitable for the purpose of such an Institution, but which have necessitated a very large outlay of money, so that means are now required to keep the schools in a state of efficiency. We trust the support that is needed will be forthcoming.

Concerts and various local celebrations constitute principally the other Masonic events of the year, while, we believe there is the death of only one prominent brother to record—that of the Earl of Huntingdon, Prov. G.M. of the Midland Counties.

THE COLONIES.

The good fortune which has accompanied the Craft during the past 12 months has been pretty generally distributed among our brethren in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Where any difficulties have arisen, they have mostly had their origin from within, from passing outbreaks of indiscretion rather than of unkindly feeling; we do not know of any instance in which outside influences or ill-nature have seriously affected the interior well-being of Freemasonry. This is shown principally by the reports which are forwarded to us periodically from the Prov. and District Grand Lodges and Chapters abroad, and likewise by the large proportion of warrants issued by the M.W.G.M. for new lodges in foreign parts, there having been warranted 27 new lodges abroad, as against 20 in London and the home provinces. Of course, Freemasonry has had its trials in our Colonies, as elsewhere, the unfortunate differences between Quebec and England having been intensified by the edict of non-intercourse with the Anglo-Montreal lodges issued by the Grand Lodge of the former, while there are still the pseudo-Grand Lodges of Victoria and New South Wales, which claim to exercise the right to make themselves ridiculous in the eyes of the legitimate Masonic authorities in the two aforesaid Colonies. However, this is hardly the place to enter into the merits of controversial questions. We think Quebec will do wisely if, instead of seeking to play the part of firebrand, it looks to the security of its own foundations; and although it may please ambitious people in certain of our Australian Colonies to claim the right to disturb every one else, we think it is nearly time they recognised the fact that our English, Irish, and Scotch Masonic brethren not only evince no disposition to hold out to them a helping hand in carrying out their designs, but that they are daily showing themselves more and more desirous of strengthening the ties which bind them with the Grand Lodges of the Old Country. It is vexatious, no doubt, when people steadfastly decline to be reasonable in their conduct, and perhaps the best thing we can do is to follow in the footsteps of the lodges in obedience to the home systems, and take no notice, or as little notice as possible, of the disturbing elements which unfortunately exist in the Australian Colonies we have specified. As regards one other of our Colonies on the same continent—that of South Australia—nothing could have surpassed the honourable and respectful bearing of its lodges towards the Grand Lodges at home which marked the course of their preliminary arrangements for setting up their own Grand Lodge, and this bearing has been similarly met by the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, which have both consented to recognise the Masonic independence of South Australia. May all good fortune await the members of the new jurisdiction!

There is little else to engage our attention. The lodges in India, in South Africa, in New Zealand, in fact in all our colonies and dependencies with a few trifling exceptions, seem to move onward comfortably and prosperously. This is especially the case in Victoria and New South Wales, a new Masonic Hall being in course of erection in Melbourne, the capital of the former, while as regards the latter, the brethren have endowed a scholarship at the University of Sydney for the sons of Freemasons. The various colonial charitable organisations have done well likewise, and even at Suakin, in the Soudan—though neither a colony nor dependency of ours—an opportunity was found during the last campaign of holding a Masonic meeting. We have, in short, good reason to be pleased on the whole with the events of 1885 outside the limits of the United Kingdom, but within those of the British Empire, and whatever the future may have in store for us, we dare say that we in the Old Country shall have no reason to blush at the conduct of our colonial brethren. Probably the establishment in London of the Empire Lodge will have the effect of strengthening the feelings of respect and affection already existing between the Colonies and the Mother Country, while the grief exhibited at the death in England of our gallant Bro. Col. Kennedy, commandant of the Canadian Nile contingent, and Past G. Master of Manitoba, will equally impress Colonial Masons with the generosity of the regard in which they are here held.

CONCLUSION.

We should be very glad if the space at our disposal permitted of our describing at length the doings of the Craft in foreign jurisdictions. As it is, however, we can only remark as regards Freemasonry in other English speaking communities than our own, that there is ample evidence to show that its progress almost everywhere has been uniformly satisfactory. Indeed, it strikes us that almost every Masonic jurisdiction in the United States is better circumstanced now than it was twelve months since. Of the Craft elsewhere we have little to say, there having been few, if any, changes worth noticing. However, we think we may credit Foreign Masonry with having achieved a fair measure of success.

And thus ends our chronicle of 1885.

OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1884, TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1885.

DECEMBER, 1884.

- 1.—Annual G. Conclave of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine.
- 2.—Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.
Consecration by the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., of the Grand Stewards' Lodge of M.M.M.—Bro. C. E. Soppet, P.G. Stwd., first W.M.
Bro. F. Adlard, after 25 years' service, resigns Treasurership of the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.
Nomination of candidates for the office of Grand Treasurer. Bro. H. G. Buss, Asst. G. Sec., retires on full pension.
Presentation of testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Pres. Board of General Purposes, in the chair.
Bro. E. Coppée Mitchell elected M.W.G.M., G. Lodge of Pennsylvania.
- 5.—Meeting in Liverpool of the Earl of Lathom Testimonial Portrait Committee.
Funeral at Brightlingsea, Essex, of Bro. S. Coppin, a Mason of over 50 years' standing.
- 6.—Installation of Bro. Nixon as first W.M. Frere Lodge, Alwal North, Cape Colony.
- 8.—Installation by the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., of Bro. A. F. Godson as Prov. G.M.M.M. of Worcestershire.
- 10.—Presentation to Bro. Walter Hutton, of the Dramatic Lodge, No. 1609, Liverpool.
- 11.—Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., installed Prov. Grand Superintendent of Gloucestershire.
Meeting at Derby of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.
- 12.—Half-yearly meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay.
- 15.—New Masonic Rooms, Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, Belvedere, inaugurated.
- 16.—Death of the Marquis of Cholmondeley, initiated in No. 357 in 1819.
- 17.—Bro. Major Shalden Smith installed for second time W.M. Shalden Lodge, No. 2016, Alton, Hants.
Bro. Rob Morris, P.G.M. Kentucky, installed at New York Poet Laureate of Freemasonry.
Amateur dramatic performance at Rochdale in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 20.—Presentation of address to Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., by Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
- 21.—Death of Bro. James Norris, Warden of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, in his 95th year; initiated in 1812.
- 22.—Consecration by Sir Knight Col. Clerke, G. Sub-Prior, of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory, K.T., Sir Knight H. Lovegrove, first E.P.
- 24.—Great fire at the Masonic Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Board of Benevolence; 38 cases relieved with £827.
- 27.—Bro. A. H. Howland, jun., reinstalled M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- 31.—First meeting of the Board of Stewards for Festival 1885 of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

JANUARY.

- 1.—Bro. the Rev. Lord Plunket, G. Chap. of Ireland, installed Archbishop of Dublin.
Bro. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox elected W.M. Union Lodge, No. 38, Chichester.
Inauguration of the Pennsylvania Masonic Home, Philadelphia, U.S.A.
- 6.—First meeting of the Camden R.A. Chapter of Improvement, No. 704.
- 7.—Funeral of Bro. W. Morris, Toxteth Lodge, No. 1356, Liverpool.
New Year's Entertainment to Old Folks at Croydon.
Second annual ball of the North London Masonic Benevolent Association.
- 8.—Prince Albert Victor of Wales attained his majority.
First ball of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567.
- 9.—Presentation of portrait by brethren of West Lancashire to Earl of Lathom, P.G.M.
Consecration at Newcastle-on-Tyne of Tristram Mark Lodge, No. 346; Bro. John Strachan first W.M.
- 10.—Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., installed second time W.M. of King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029.
Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, elected Treasurer Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 12.—Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., and W. Roebuck, P.G. Stwd., elected Trustees Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 13.—Death of Bro. W. Eliot, P.P.G.M. Dorsetshire, aged 91 years.
- 15.—Meeting at Christ Church of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand.
Death of Bro. John Whichcord, P.G.A.D.C.
- 16.—Meeting at Rome of the Grand Orient of Italy; Bro. Adrian Lemmi elected Grand Master.
- 17.—Bro. Col. Burnaby, Royal Horse Guards, slain at Abu Klea.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence; 36 cases relieved with £750.
Death of Bro. Dr. Trap, Vice-Grand Master of Masons, Denmark.
Special meeting to settle new bye-laws of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.
- 22.—Funeral at Dartford of Bro. P. Harvey, P.M. No. 299.
- 23.—Presentation at Shrewsbury to Bro. Sir O. Wakeham, Bart., Deputy P.G.M. North Wales and Salop.
Presentation at York to Bro. Sir James Meek, P.P.G. S.W. North and East Yorkshire.
- 25.—Death of Bro. H. Threadingham, P.P.G.S. of Wks. Hants and Isle of Wight.
—Annual meeting at King's Lynn of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk.
Death at Rome of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Ramsay.
Funeral of Bro. J. Batley, Town Clerk of Huddersfield.
- 27.—Masonic soirée and ball by Elkington Lodge, No. 1016, Birmingham.
- 28.—Masonic ball at Brighton in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

- 29.—Annual ball of the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278.
- 30.—Annual meeting, Ryde, of the Prov. Grand Chapter and special meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Hants and Isle of Wight.
Gallery Lodge ball, Brixton.
- 31.—Consecration by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. R.-r., D.P. G.M. Essex, of the Epping Lodge, No. 247; Bro. E. G. Lewis first W.M.

FEBRUARY.

- 2.—Soirée and ball by Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, Manchester.
- 3.—Masonic Ball at Ormskirk in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.
Testimonial to Bro. F. Adlard on resigning Treasurership of Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication of Supreme Grand Chapter.
Death of Bro. A. Richardson, W.M. No. 1977, P.G.A. D.C. Essex.
Ball by Lodge of Israel, No. 205, in aid of its Benevolent Fund.
Consecration by Bro. Giddy, D.G.M., of Masonic Hall, Diamond Fields, South Africa.
- 5.—First anniversary of the Gulph Lodge of Instruction, No. 1685, Leyton.
Consecration of the Rothley Temple Preceptory, K.T.; Sir Knight W. Kelly first E.P.
- 6.—Death of Bro. James Forbes, P.M. Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.
Masonic ball at Constantinople, under auspices of Oriental and Bulwer Lodges.
- 9.—Brownrigg Lodge of Instruction, No. 1638, Kingston-on-Thames, inaugurated.
New Masonic Hall at South Shields opened.
Ball at Torquay, under auspices of Lodges Nos. 328 and 1240.
- 10.—Consecration by Bro. Major W. Smyth, P.G.M., of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2073, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire; Bro. the Rev. Walter Insall first W.M.
- 13.—Sixth annual ball by the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641.
- 16.—Consecration of the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2881, Leicester.
Consecration by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2061, Portsmouth; Bro. Captain Thos. Ward, R.A., first W.M.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence; 20 cases relieved with £710.
- 19.—Presentation to Comp. T. S. Carter, P.Z., Scribe E., by Gladsmuir Chapter, No. 1385.
Death of Bro. John Armstrong, Mariners Lodge No. 168, Guernsey; aged 95 years.
- 23.—Annual meeting at Norwich of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Norfolk.
- 25.—Anniversary Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Chairman. Result, £17,770.
- 26.—Lecture at Plymouth by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., on "Old Devonshire Lodges."
- 28.—First annual supper of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 1012.

MARCH.

- 2.—Stamford Lodge, No. 1045, Altrincham, celebrated its majority.
- 3.—Masonic Ball by Lodge of Israel, No. 1502, Liverpool.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication of United G. Lodge. Bro. J. W. Woodall elected G. Treas.
Meeting at Bisbaine of the D.G. Lodge of Queensland.
- 5.—Banquet and Ball of La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538.
Meeting of the G. Conclave of the Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine.
- 6.—Court of Governors of the W. Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.
- 10.—Consecration at Belvedere, Kent, of the Saye and Sele Chapter, No. 1973; Comp. Rev. H. Cummings, first M.E.Z.
- 12.—Jubilee Presentation at Preston to Bro. J. J. Greaves, P.P.G. Org., E. Lancashire.
- 13.—Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., of the Montague Guest Chapter, No. 1900; Comp. Montague Guest, M.P., first M.E.Z.
Death of Bro. Sir W. W. Knighton, Bart., aged 74 years.
- 16.—First meeting Board of Stewards for Festival R.M.I. for Girls.
Meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Gibraltar. Bro. J. Cunningham installed D.P.G.M.
- 17.—Initiation of Prince Albert Victor of Wales by his father, M.W.G.M., in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16.
Removal of Portal Mark Lodge, No. 127, from Dewsbury to Barnsley.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence; 34 cases relieved with £755.
Masonic Conversation at the new Masonic Hall, South Shields.
- 21.—Consecration of the Mozart Chapter, No. 1929, Kingston-on-Thames. Comp. Professor E. M. Lott, G. Org., first M.E.Z.
Entertainment by Bro. E. Bowyer, P.G. Std. Br., to pupils of R.M.I. for Girls.
- 22.—Death of Bro. T. H. Holleyman, R.A., P.M. No. 1536.
- 23.—Presentation of lodge relics to Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead, by Bro. R. B. Reed, P.M.
Official visit by Prov. G. Lodge of Renfrewshire to Greenock St. John's Lodge, No. 175, Greenock, N.B.
- 24.—Ladies Festival of the Waldeck Lodge, No. 1969.
- 25.—Entertainment at Wood Green to pupils of the R.M.I. for Boys.
- 26.—Annual meeting of the Prov. G. Chapters of East Lancashire and Hertfordshire.
Masonic concert at Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, by Lodge No. 470, I.C.
Corner stone of a new Masonic Hall, Melbourne, laid by R.W. Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., Prov. G.M. for England, Scotland, and Ireland, of Victoria.
- 28.—Masonic Hall at Chertsey opened by Gen. Brownrigg, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey.
- 29.—Annual sermon by Bro. Rev. J. R. Leslie, W.M. to the Cluny Lodge, Aberdeen.
- 6.—Annual meeting at Plymouth of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

APRIL.

- Installation at Edinburgh of the Earl of Rosslyn as D.G.M. and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland.
- 8.—Masonic ball at Hastings, by Derwent Lodge, No. 40, in aid of R.M.I. for Girls.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Hammersmith Lodge, No. 2090. Bro. H. H. Room, first W.M.
Centenary celebration of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby.
- 10.—Consecration at Ripon of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge, No. 352. Bro. Rev. W. C. Lukis first W.M.
- 11.—Quarterly Court R.M.I. for Girls. Election of children.
- 13.—Consecration of the St. Anne's Mark Lodge, No. 351, East Looe, Cornwall.
Quarterly Court R.M.I. for Boys. Election of children.
Annual meeting of the Prov. G. Chapter of Cornwall.
- 17.—Annual meeting at Carlisle of the Prov. G. Chapter, and half-yearly meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 18.—Funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral of Bro. Lord Mayor Nottage.
- 20.—Funeral of Bro. Ashley, P.M. No. 1715.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence; 43 cases, relieved with £983.
Half-yearly meeting at Valetta, Malta, of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of the Mediterranean.
Installation at Leeds by the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M. England, of R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., as P.G.M., West Yorkshire.
- 25.—Presentation to Prince of Wales, at Derry, of address by P.G. Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal, and P.G. Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh.
- 28.—Consecration of the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Portsmouth. Bro. Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., first W.M.
- 29.—Grand Festival. Appointment of G. Officers for the year. Redecoration and refurnishing of Grand Hall completed.

MAY.

- 1.—Annual dinner of the Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction, No. 25.
- 4.—First meeting of the Board of Stewards for Festival R.M.I. for Boys.
- 6.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
Appointment of G. Officers for the year.
- 7.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M., of the Electric Lodge, No. 2087, Hampton Court; Bro. E. B. Bright, first W.M.
Visitation of Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, by G. Lodge of Scotland.
- 8.—Prince Albert Victor of Wales passed F.C. in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth.
- 9.—Distribution of prizes R.M.I. for Girls, the Lady Mayoress (Miss Fowler) presiding.
Masonic meeting at Suakin, in the Soudan, Major O. G. Cavenagh, I.P.M. No. 1991, President.
- 11.—Annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Northants, and Derbyshire.
- 12.—Half-yearly meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite.
- 13.—The 97th Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex, Chairman; receipts, £14,187.
Annual meeting at Todmorden of the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire.
Death of Bro. W. Moxhay, P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks.
- 14.—Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., installed W.M. University of London Lodge, No. 2033.
- 15.—Funeral of R.W. Bro. Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart., M.P., P.P.G.M. N. Wales and Salop.
Annual meeting of the R.M.B.I. Election of candidates.
- 16.—Consecration by R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire, of the Castlebergh Lodge, No. 2091, Settle; Bro. John Throup first W.M.
- 20.—Death of the Earl of Huntingdon, P.G.M. Midland Counties, Ireland.
Board of Benevolence; 28 cases relieved with £620.
Death of Bro. W. Chubb, P.M. St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231.
- 22.—Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E. of the St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891; Comp. F. E. Pocock, M.D., first M.E.Z.
- 23.—Consecration by Bro. Gen. Brownrigg, P.G.M. Surrey, of the Caterham Lodge, No. 2095; Bro. Hugh Sandeman, Past D.G.M. Bengal, first W.M.
- 25.—Death of Bro. C. W. Thompson, P.M. 969 and 1601.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey, of the George Price Lodge, No. 2096, Croydon; Bro. J. D. Langton, first W.M.
- 28.—Annual meeting at Tynemouth of the Prov. G. Chapter of Northumberland; consecration by Comp. Col. Addison Potter, P.G. Supt. of the Priory Chapter, No. 1863; Comp. Rev. T. B. Nicols, first M.E.Z.
- 29.—Visitation of Prov. G. Lodge of Forfarshire by the G.M. of Scotland.
Funeral of Bro. T. Gibson, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 30.—Death of Bro. Dr. Hopkins, P.M., P.Z. No. 41.
Annual meeting at Chertsey of the Prov. G. Chapter of Surrey.

JUNE.

- 1.—Annual meeting of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.
- 2.—Half-yearly Communication of Mark G. Lodge, appointment of G. Officers.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.
Recognition of Grand Lodge of South Australia.
Grant of £1000 to Preparatory School, R.M.I. for Boys.
- 5.—Annual meeting at Woodbridge of the Prov. G. Chapter of Suffolk.
Consecration by Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey, of the Bramston Beach Lodge, No. 2101, Godalming, Bro. Payne first W. Master.
- 6.—Annual meeting at Uxbridge of the Prov. G. Lodge of Middlesex.
Special meeting at Bishopstoke of the Prov. G. Lodge Hants and Isle of Wight to confirm rules of the new Provincial Charitable Association.
Annual Festival and distribution of prizes Masonic Female Orphan Schools, Dublin.

- 8.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Harlesden Lodge, No. 2093, Bro. the Rev. Canon Cooper first W.M.
Prince Albert Victor of Wales raised M.M. in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 857, Cambridge.
- 9.—Pupils of the R.M.I. for Girls entertained at Buckhurst-hill, by Bro. Alderman Savory.
- 11.—Vote of sympathy passed by the Maybury Lodge, No. 960, with the family of the late Bro. C. W. Thompson, P.M.
- Annual meeting at Northampton of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northants and Hunts.
- 15.—Constitution at Maryport by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec. of the W.M. Sewell Council, No. 12, of the Allied Degrees.
- 16.—Funeral of Bro. Charles Allen, Yarrowburgh Lodge, No. 554.
- 17.—Board of Benevolence—27 cases relieved with £703.
- Annual meeting at Middlesborough of the Prov. G. Chapter of N. and E. Yorkshire.
- 18.—Prince Albert Victor of Wales advanced to the Mark Degree in the Isaac Newton University Mark Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge.
- 20.—Distribution of prizes in the New Hall to the pupils of the R.M.I. for Boys, Bro. the Lord Mayor, M.P., P.G.W., in the chair.
- Annual meeting at Surbiton of the Prov. G. Lodge of Surrey.
- 24.—The 57th Anniversary Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, the Marquis of Hartington, P.G.M. Derbyshire, Chairman: result £12,106.
- Banquet at Brighton by Lieut.-General Randolph to the Grand Officers of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Sussex.
- 25.—Meeting at Yarmouth of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Norfolk.
- Annual meeting at Southampton of the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge, Hants and Isle of Wight.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, of the Chiswick Mark Lodge, No. 357.
- JULY.
- 1.—Annual meeting at Gravesend of the Prov. G. Lodge of Kent.
- Annual summer banquet of the Lodge of St. John, No. 1306.
- 2.—Foundation-stone of new Masonic Hall, Falmouth, laid by Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., D.P.G.M. Cornwall.
- 4.—Annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, of London and Metropolitan Counties.
- 6.—Death at New York of Bro. Lieut.-Comm. H. H. Goringe, U.S. Navy.
- 7.—Opening of new Masonic Rooms, Sackville Lodge, No. 1619, East Grinstead.
- 8.—Annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada.
- Foundation-stone of a new Hospital, Narrandera, N.S. Wales, laid Masonically.
- 9.—Annual meeting at Newport of the Prov. G. Lodge of Monmouthshire.
- 10.—Summer excursion of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 460, Spalding.
- 11.—Quarterly Court of the R.M.I. for Girls.
- Consecration by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex, of the Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094.
- Consecration by Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.W., G. Sec., of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge, No. 355, Bro. James Willing first W.M.
- 13.—Quarterly Court of the R.M.I. for Boys.
- Annual meeting at Lowestoft of the Prov. G. Lodge of Suffolk.
- 15.—Annual meeting at Whitehaven of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland.
- Presentation of address to Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M., by the Leeds lodges on his visiting that town to inaugurate new buildings Yorkshire College.
- 16.—Excursion of the Sunderland Masonic Club.
- Picnic of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., of the Rose and Lily Mark Lodge, No. 354, Waltham Cross, Bro. Major G. J. Gardner first W.M.
- Picnic of the Honour Oak Lodge, No. 1086.
- 20.—Lecture at Broxham, by W. Bro. W. J. Hughtan, P.G.D., in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.
- 21.—Meeting of the Levanter Memorial Committee.
- Annual meeting at Weymouth of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Dorsetshire.
- Summer banquet of the Henley Lodge, No. 1472.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence—22 cases relieved with £770.
- The 17th Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, Lord Egerton of Tatton, D.G.M., in the chair: result, £1722.
- Annual picnic of the Lodge of Affability, No. 317, Manchester.
- 23.—Annual meeting at Yeovil of the Prov. G. Chapter of Somersetshire.
- Annual meeting at Bridgend of the Prov. G. Lodge of South Wales, East Div.
- 24.—Annual meeting at Barnet of the Prov. G. Lodge of Hertfordshire.
- Annual meeting at Cheltenham of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Gloucestershire; R.W. Bro. J. Walker installed P.G. Mark Master.
- Presentation to Bro. R. Mugeridge, on retiring from Preceptorship of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, No. 217.
- Dinner and presentation to Bro. G. Parker Brockbank, G. Std. Br.
- 25.—Funeral of Bro. Wellburn, Lion Lodge, No. 312, Whitby.
- 27.—Summer excursion of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, Bristol.
- 28.—Death of Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, Bart., aged 100 years, initiated March, 1812.
- 29.—Moveable Mark Grand Lodge in Liverpool.
- Annual meeting at Abingdon of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon.
- Summer entertainment to Old Folks at Croydon.
- 31.—Annual meeting at Devonport of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Devonshire.
- AUGUST.
- 1.—N.E. corner-stone of the new National Schools, Castleford, laid by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorkshire.
- Quarterly meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge of Renfrewshire East (S.C.).

- Death at Nashville, Tennessee, of Bro. John McClelland, P.G. Treas. G. Lodge Tennessee.
- 5.—Quarterly Convocation Supreme G. Chapter.
- 6.—Funeral of Bro. James Cutbush, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C. Herts.
- 7.—Communication of G. Lodge of Scotland. Bro. D. R. Chichgur, Hon. S.G.M. of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, introduced and saluted.
- Annual meeting at Exmouth of the Prov. G. Chapter of Devonshire.
- 8.—Death at Lynchburg, Virginia, of the Hon. James Garland, aged 94 years, initiated 1812.
- 11.—Masonic picnic at West Grinstead Park, on invitation of Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P.
- Corner-stone of the New Hall, R.M.I. for Boys, Wood Green, laid by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.
- Masonic bazaar and fancy fair at Coleraine.
- 13.—Annual meeting at Saffron Waldon of the Prov. G. Lodge of Essex.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., M.I.G.S. of the Pentangle Conclave, No. 147, Chatham, Order of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine; Sir Knight H. Penfeld first M.P.S.
- 17.—Presentation of G. Master's jewel to Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, G.M. New York.
- Annual meeting at Newport, Isle of Wight, of the Prov. G. Lodge Hants and Isle of Wight.
- Annual meeting at Newport Pagnall of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of Bucks.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence—17 cases relieved with £415.
- Foundation-stone of St. Saviour's Church, Keston, near Brighton, laid by Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Sussex.
- Annual meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne of the Prov. G. Lodge of Northumberland.
- 20.—Presentation by Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield, to Rev. Bro. P. F. J. Pearce, P.P.G. Chaplain West Yorkshire.
- 21.—Annual meeting at Torquay of the Prov. G. Lodge of Devonshire.
- Installation by the Earl of Lathom at Durham of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., as P.G.M. Durham.
- 23.—Death of Bro. Joseph E. Bowen, P.M., Philadelphia, U.S.A., aged 93 years.
- Funeral at Willesden of Bro. H. M. Levy, P.M., P.Z. No. 188.
- 24.—Installation by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., at Huddersfield, of Comp. T. W. Tew, as P.G. Supt. West Yorkshire.
- Funeral of Bro. W. M. Ridland, W.M. No. 230, Devonport.
- Funeral at Halifax of Bro. W. B. Spencer, P.M. No. 448.
- Summer excursion of the Gravesend Lodges, Nos. 77 and 483.
- 28.—Annual Garden Party of the Southdown Mark Lodge, No. 164, Hayward's Heath.
- 29.—Annual meeting of the Belfast Masonic Club.
- 31.—Meeting at Baltimore, U.S.A., of the Masonic General Relief Association, U.S.A.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1.—Cornerstone of a monument to Commodore Perry, at Newport, R.I., laid by the G. Master of Rhode Island.
- 2.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge.
- 3.—Masonic Bazaar at Chacewater under auspices of Boscawen Lodge, No. 699.
- Summer excursion of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028.
- 4.—Theatrical entertainment in aid of the new Masonic Hall Fund of the Chine Lodge, No. 1884, Shanklin.
- 5.—Presentation to Bro. Rev. C. W. Arnold, P.G.C., on his leaving England to reside permanently in Florida, U.S.A.
- 8.—Annual meeting at Swansea of the Prov. G. Mark Lodge of South Wales.
- 10.—Annual meeting at Scarborough of the Provincial Grand Lodge N. and E. Yorkshire.
- 11.—Annual meeting at Warminster of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Wiltshire.
- 13.—Death of Bro. G. Townsend, P.M. Nos. 820 and 754.
- 14.—Presentation to Bro. John Beresford, P.M., P.P.G. S.D. Cheshire, by St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Stockport.
- 15.—Annual meeting at Frome of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire.
- Address at Hillsborough Castle, Co. Down, presented by Lord A. Hill, M.P., Prov. G.M., and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Down to the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Pro G. Master of England.
- Triennial meeting at Boston, U.S.A., of the Supreme Council, 33°, Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.
- 16.—Annual meeting at Kidderminster of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
- 17.—Inaugural Fête on behalf of the West Lancashire "Alpass" Benevolent Institution.
- 18.—Consecration by Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lancashire, of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 359, Liverpool; Bro. G. Morgan first W.M.
- Foundation-stone of the new Public Hall Buildings, Kirriemuir, laid by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell of Blytheswood, Bart., G.M. Scotland.
- Funeral of Bros. H. Horspool and W. Crane, both P.M.'s of No. 1094, Liverpool.
- 19.—Installation by Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., of the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Past G.M., as Prov. Grand Master of Stirlingshire. Presentation of bust of the Earl subscribed for by Grand Lodge of Scotland to Countess of Mar and Kellie.
- 21.—Final meeting at Denbigh of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales and Salop.
- Annual meeting at Lostwithiel of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence: 27 cases relieved with £675.
- Annual meeting at Birkenhead of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire.
- 28.—Annual meeting at Northwich of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cheshire.
- 30.—Annual meeting at Alnwick of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.
- Death of Bro. Alderman Hudson, P.P.G.S.D. Sussex.
- Annual meeting at Liverpool of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of West Lancashire.
- Masonic re-union at Liverpool in aid of the West

Lancashire Hamer Educational Fund. Presentation by the brethren of a loving cup to the Earl and Countess of Lathom on their silver wedding.

OCTOBER.

- 2.—Annual Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.
- 3.—Foundation-stone of Langside Parish Church, laid by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., G.M. Scotland.
- 4.—Death of Bro. John Messent, P.G.S.B.
- 5.—Consecration of the Aire and Calder Chapter, No. 458, Goole; Comp. E. T. Clark, first M.E.Z.
- 6.—Special Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to consider proposal to purchase strip of land for £5700. Scheme approved.
- Annual meeting at Cockermouth of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmoreland.
- 7.—Meeting at Skipton of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- Death of Bro. J. Couch Stevens, P.P.G.J.W. Cornwall.
- 9.—Funeral of Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., initiated in No. 357, in 1819.
- 10.—Consecration by Bro. Sir H. Williamson of the Whitwell Lodge, No. 2104, Stockton-on-Tees.
- Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Election of Candidates. Purchase of land for £5700 approved.
- 12.—Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Election of candidates.
- 15.—Convocation of Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite.
- 14.—Annual meeting at Halifax of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- 16.—Masonic concert at Belfast in aid of the local Masonic Charities.
- Inauguration of the Royal Savoy Mark Lodge of Instruction, No. 355.
- Annual meeting at Brighton of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.
- Consecration by Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram of the Dunelm Mark Lodge, No. 356, Durham; Bro. W. Logan, first W. Master.
- 19.—Half-yearly meeting at Valetta of the District Grand Lodge of Malta.
- Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Chapter of Concord, No. 37, Bolton.
- Presentation to Bro. S. Munson, Tyler of Lodges Nos. 51 and 697, Colchester, on the occasion of his golden wedding.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 35 cases relieved with £1185.
- Annual meeting at Norwich of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.
- 22.—Installation at Shrewsbury by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of Bro. Sir O. Wakeman, Bart., as P.G.M. Shropshire.
- Annual meeting at Tredegar of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Monmouthshire.
- Special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire for dedication of Eboracum Masonic Hall.
- 23.—Installation by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke at Wrexham of Bro. Lord Harlech, as P.G.M. North Wales.
- Annual meeting at Market Harborough of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec., of the Rose and Lily Council, No. 15, Allied Degrees; Bro. R. Berridge first W.M.
- 27.—Annual meeting at Bishop Auckland of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Durham.
- 28.—Consecration by Comp. G. J. McKay, P.P.G.H., of the Greta Chapter, No. 1073; Comp. Dr. C. G. King, first M.E.Z.
- Installation at Oxford by Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire, of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. Oxon.
- 29.—Installation by Bro. Col. Clerke, G. Sec., at Bedford, of W. Bro. Col. W. Stuart, as P.G.M. Bedfordshire.
- 30.—Annual meeting at Portland of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.
- Annual meeting at Canterbury of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent.
- 31.—Death of the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland.

NOVEMBER.

- 2.—Annual meeting at Malton of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, North and East Yorkshire.
- Centenary celebration of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256.
- 4.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 5.—Masonic banquet by Bro. Lord Mayor Fowler, M.P., at the Mansion House.
- Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Scotland. Sir A. C. Campbell re-elected Grand Master.
- Annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Degrees.
- 7.—Death of Bro. John James, Leopold Lodge, No. 1571.
- 9.—Entertainment to pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in honour of the Prince of Wales's birthday.
- 15.—Death of Bro. J. Johnstone, Lodge No. 158, Dundee.
- 16.—Opening of a new Masonic Hall, Hollywood, Ireland.
- 17.—Death of Bro. C. T. Speight, Grand Tyler Mark Grand Lodge.
- 20.—Special meeting at Manchester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire.
- 21.—Funeral with military honours of Bro. Viscount Ranelagh, K.C.B., P.M. No. 858.
- 23.—Congratulatory address to Bro. T. Hill, P.P.G.J.W. West Yorkshire, on election as Mayor of Bradford.
- Consecration by the Earl of Kintore, G.M.M.M., of the Onslow Mark Lodge, No. 361, Bro. Earl of Onslow first W.M.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108; Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, first W.M.
- Masonic ball by the Zion Lodge, No. 1798, Manchester, in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 27.—Annual meeting of the Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Institutions.
- 30.—Annual meeting and Festival of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, being St. Andrew's Day.
- Special meeting of the Mark Grand Lodge for consideration and approval of New Mark Constitutions.

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Priory Lodge, No. 1000.

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Consecration of the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 860.
Proposed Prov. Grand Lodge for the Isle of Man.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New Zealand Freemason," "Jewish Chronicle," "Freemason's Journal," "New York Dispatch," "Die Bauhütte," "Hull Packet," "The Freemason" (Detroit), "Sunday Times" (London), "Hampshire Independent," "Citizen," "Court Circular," "Freimaurer Zeitung," "Masonic World," "Future Careers," "Keystone," "The Freemason" (Sydney), and "The Freemason" (Toronto).



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 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.]

THE GRAND TREASURER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am pleased to see your remarks as to Grand Treasurership, and trust some arrangements will be made to prevent a repetition of last year's election.

Considering the Indian and Colonial Exhibition is to be held next year at Kensington under the presidency of our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, it would be a graceful compliment to our Indian brethren (many of whom are expected to visit our shores during the coming year) if the worthy English brethren who have been nominated for Grand Treasurer would emulate the example of Bro. Burdett-Coutts, and retire in favour of our much esteemed Indian Brother, Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, who has done so much for Masonry generally, and the Masonic Charities in particular.

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FOREIGN PROVINCIAL ATHOL LODGES.

My recent request for particulars of Old Warrants, &c., of Athol Lodges, has brought me a Warrant from Bro. Joseph Nicholson, P.P.G.S.W. Cumberland, which I have his permission to print, and, deeming it to be of general interest, I subjoin a copy. The lodge referred to in it, as warranted for Walsley, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, was numbered 14 on the Provincial Register, but it does not appear to have been returned to, or recognised by the English Athol Grand Lodge. In the Ahiman Rezon of 1804 and 1807 there are numerous instances of such Provincial Lodges, with distinct provincial and consecutive numbers. Halifax alone had 18 at work in 1807, the last lodge bearing the number 32, showing that many had then lapsed. No. 14 does not appear in the lists given in Ahiman Rezon of 1804 or 1807, and consequently it may fairly be assumed to have lapsed some time previous to 1804. Will other brethren kindly follow Bro. Nicholson's good example? I want any Athol documents prior to 1802.
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J. SNELLING, S.G.W. D. WOOD, junr., J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Province of Nova Scotia, according to the Old Constitutions, granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, in Ample Form assembled, viz: The Right Worshipful John George Pyke, Esq., Grand Master of Masons throughout the Province of Nova Scotia aforesaid; The Right Worshipful William Campbell, Deputy Grand Master; The Right Worshipful Jonathan Snelling, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Daniel Wood, Junior Grand Warden, in virtue of the powers and authorities to us given and granted by the Most Puissant and Noble Lord The Right Honorable and Right Worshipful William Randal Mac Donnell, Earl of Antrim, Lord Viscount Dunline, Knight Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the County of Antrim, and Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging; with the approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Town of Halifax in the Province aforesaid, do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well beloved Brethren, viz: The Worshipful John Fraser one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Carmichael his Senior Warden, and The Worshipful George Brown his Junior Warden to Form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the House of Bro. John Fraser or else where in the Township of Walsley in the said Province upon the

No. 14. First Tuesday in each Calendar month, and on all Seasonable times and Lawful Occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the Most Ancient and Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And We Do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and well beloved Brethren John Fraser, James Carmichael, and George Brown (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to Nominate, Chuse, and Install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c., and such Successors shall, in like manner Nominate, Chuse, and Install their Successors, &c., &c., such Installation to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no force nor Virtue. Given under our hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge at Halifax aforesaid this Seventh day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Five, and in the year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Five.

J. PETERS, Gr. Secy.
Note—This Warrant is Registered in the }
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N.B.—The seal, which is attached to a blue and yellow ribbon, bears the arms of the Athol Grand Lodge, with the motto "Kodes La Adonai," and inscription "Provincial Grand Lodge Nova Scotia, 5784."



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SAINT MARY ABBOTTS LODGE (No. 1974).

—A meeting of emergency was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington. Present: Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; Reuben C. Green, S.W.; Geo. C. Harding, acting J.W.; Rev. C. Darby Reade, Chap.; James Green, Treas.; Geo. C. Harding, Sec.; A. C. Hauke, S.D.; J. Townsend Green, J.D.; Sydney Pitt, D.C.; C. W. Stephens, I.G.; Wm. Beavis, Stwd.; T. Friend, Tyler; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., P.D.G.S. of W. Punjab; A. J. Pritchard, P.M. 162; Capt. Andrews; Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P.; Lewis H. Isaacs, M.P.; A. A. Williamson, G. S. Smyth, R. C. Halse, E. G. Engelbach, H. Rockingham Gill, and E. L. Cleaver. Visitors: Bros. H. E. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex; Dr. W. H. Kempster, P.M. 890, 766, and 1420; J. C. Partidge, 822; C. H. Reid Todd, P.M. 855 and 1694; and Henry Bohn, 255.

The lodge having been opened, the only business on the agenda paper was the presentation of a very beautiful lodge banner, measuring 5 ft. 3 in. by 4 ft. 6 in., and bearing the Royal arms, the names of the founders of the lodge, and certain Masonic emblems, the whole of the work being hand embroidered. Bro. Capt. H. S. Andrews, the generous donor of this magnificent present, addressed the W.M. and brethren in a few well-chosen words, and asked the lodge to accept the gift. Bro. Capt. A. Nicols, P.M., proposed, and Bro. James Green, P.M., seconded, "That the generous present of our esteemed Bro. Capt. Andrews be accepted with best thanks, and the same to be recorded on the minutes." The banner was unveiled with all due ceremony by the Deacons, under the direction of the Director of Ceremonies. It was afterwards conveyed to Bailey's Hotel, and set up at the head of the banquet table, behind the W.M.'s chair.

The banquet was served in the admirable style for which "Bailey's" is so celebrated, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, and the Charity box passed round, the W.M. rose and congratulated the lodge on having on the roll three such members as Bros. Sir Algernon Borthwick, Lewis H. Isaacs, and Capt. Andrews—the two first named being distinguished as members of the new Parliament, and the latter for his well-known Charity.

A very pleasant and social evening was made "merrie" by the singing of cheerful airs by several of the members. The installation of W.M. will take place on Thursday, the 28th January, 1886.

The banner was embroidered under the careful supervision of Bro. George Kenning.

HASTINGS.—Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The brethren of this lodge met for di-patch of business on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Castle Hotel. The W.M., Bro. F. Plowman, presided, supported by Bros. Councillor W. H. Russell, I.P.M.; F. H. Hallett, S.W.; T. W. Markwick, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., Treas.; Capt. E. W. J. Hennah, R.N., P.M., Sec.; Henry Kimm, J.W. S. Chandler, I.D.; Muscatt, Org.; Henry Kimm, J.W. 1184, as I.G. (*Freemason*); Leslie, Tyler; Thomas Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.P.G.S.W., P.M. 1820 and 1842; J. Pearce, P.M.; Hilliard, P.M.; G. Veneso, F. G. Wood, G. Gaze, C. E. Hallett, G. Roddis, W. S. Allen, W. A. Beck, F. C. Edwards, R. Jones, Randall, R. Walmesley, G. Reinmann, R. Dengate, W. Cooper, M. Wildish, and others. Visitors: Bros. B. Meadows, S.W. 1842; C. R. Chandler, P.P.G.P., P.M. 1184; J. R. Sargent, P.M. 1184; T. J. Jordan, I.G. 1184; T. Newton Blair, 815; and John Barnby, P.P.G.R. Derby, P.M. 654.

The minutes of last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wildish was duly raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., Bro. Plowman, who acquitted himself in a thoroughly able manner, and ably concluded the labours, as regards the working of the ceremonies, for his year of office. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, the choice falling unanimously upon Bro. F. H. Hallett, S.W. The election of a Treasurer resulted again in favour of Bro. F. Rossiter, P.M. Bro. W. Leslie was re-elected Tyler. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Bro. Councillor Russell next introduced his motion to confer a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Plowman for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. This was supported by Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.P.G.S.W., and carried unanimously.

Bro. Russell then spoke at some length with reference to the forthcoming Masonic Ball, which he stated would take place the third Wednesday in January, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the Benevolent Institution. We may add that the success of the ball last year was largely due to Bros. Russell and Reed's energy, perseverance, and tact. A candidate having been proposed for initiation, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed in due form.

STOCKPORT.—St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—This lodge, which has recently removed its meeting place from Ashton House to the White Lion Hotel, Great Underbank, celebrated the annual installation festival on Monday, the 14th inst. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Bell, who was supported by his Wardens and other officers and the following Past Masters of the lodge—viz., Bros. J. Beresford, P.P.G.S.D.; H. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Schofield, H. Collier, P.P.G.O.; W. Booth, P.G.D.C.; Major F. Preston, G. Balfie, Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.P.G.S.D.; and G. F. Bowden.

The attendance book showed some fifty brethren as being present, amongst whom were the following visitors: Bros. Rev. E. B. Bagot, P.M. 1357, P.G. Chaplain; R. B. Pilkington, P.M. and Sec. 281; N. D. Fairbrother, W.M. 322; S. Lowe, W.M. 323; W. H. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; Joseph Whiteley, 1077; E. Mercer, I.G. 1077; J. Jackson, W.M. 293; Thomas E. Rigby, W.M. 287; Thomas Axon, W.M. 1957; John Leigh, P.M. 287; E. G. Cummings, P.M. 1459, P.G.S.B. Fast Lanc.; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.G.D.C. Fast Lanc.; Thos. Whalley, S.W. 323; G. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; and K. McLean, P.M. 1030.

The W.M. elect was Bro. Edmund Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C., and he was very ably installed in the chair of the lodge by the retiring W.M., Bro. Bell, who was assisted in the work by several of the Past Masters, Bro. W. Booth, P.G.D.C., officiating as Director of the Ceremonies. As is usual in this lodge, the ceremony was rendered chorally, and passed off with great *clat*, the "working" being such as to elicit high encomiums from the brethren assembled. Bro. H. Collier, P.P.G.O., presided at the organ, and the vocalists included Bros. Mark Stafford, P.M. 361, W. Alcock, G. Gaskill, F. Moore, J. Tutton, G. Balfie, P.M., W. Booth, P.M., and S. J. Hampson.

In the course of the lodge business the Worshipful Master presented the retiring W.M., Bro. Bell, with a gold Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members, in recognition of his faithful services during the year. The installation ceremony having been concluded with prayer by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. E. B. Bagot, of Sale, some routine business was disposed of, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, which was much enjoyed by the brethren, and reflected great credit on the hostess of the White Lion Hotel (Mrs. Robertson). The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, that of the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Johnson, being received with much enthusiasm and "all the honours." Amongst some able and interesting speeches made at the festive board, the palm must be accorded to that of the Rev. Bro. Bagot, P.G.C., who, in responding to the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers, made a most eloquent and forcible address, enlarging on the beauties and excellences of Masonry, and ably refuting the objections raised against the institution by its calumniators, from the Pope downwards.

Altogether the meeting was a very pleasant and edifying one, and will dwell in the recollection of the members of this time-honoured lodge and the assembled guests.

The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Edmund Johnson, P.P.G.A.D.C., W.M.; John Bell, I.P.M.; Joseph Fox, S.W.; William Glewe, J.W.; C. H. Andrew, Treasurer; G. Gaskill, Secretary; T. Davis, S.D.; C. Clarkson, J.D.; W. Booth, P.G.D.C., Director of Ceremonies; H. Collier, P.P.G.O., Organist; James Tutton, I.G.; Jos. D. Kain, S.S.; W. H. Harrison, J.S.; and John Scott, P.M. 322, Tyler.

TOWCESTER.—Fidelity Lodge (No. 445).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Pomfret Arms Hotel. Present: Bros. John Newitt, W.M.; J. W. Spencer, S.W.; R. J. Jenkins, J.W.; Rev. W. A. Howes, Chap.; Geo. Osborn, Treas.; Jas. Tecton, Sec.; Robt. McClure, S.D.; W. M. Crowley, J.D. (pro tem.); Evans, I.G. (pro tem.); F. Snedker, Tyler; W. Whittton, P.M.; W. Simmonds, P.M.; G. Wilcox-Smith, and H. Bulford.

The motion given by Bro. Wilcox-Smith at the last meeting, "That the lodge be held on a Thursday or before the full of the moon, instead of a Friday," was seconded by Bro. Robert McClure, put to the meeting, and carried.

GOOLE.—Aire and Calder Lodge (No. 458).—On Friday, the 11th inst., the above lodge celebrated the festival of St. John, there being present a large muster of brethren, including members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and other brethren. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Clark, 630; H. Green, W.M. 630; S. Slack, P.P.D.C.; Scriven, W.M. 1211; Kingdon, Smith, 1211; Beanland, Baldwin, S.W. 630; and W. L. Rowntree. The W.M. elect, Bro. William Everatt, was installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. William Brook, the ceremony being performed in an able and impressive manner. The W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. William Brook, I.P.M.; E. J. Foster, S.W.; R. Dayson, J.W.; J. A. Bray, P.M., Treas.; George Dixon, Sec.; E. C. B. Tudor, D.C.; W. Porter, Chap.; R. C. Bruce, S.D.; W. H. Fogg, J.D.; C. Grant, I.G.; C. Chappell, Stwd.; T. Rippon, Org.; and H. Handley, Tyler. Bro. H. Wilson, P.M., was, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Brook, I.P.M., elected Charity member, and other business was transacted.

The lodge being duly closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet at the Sydney Hotel, where an excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Kitching, at which the newly-installed W.M. presided. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were warmly received. Letters of excuse for non-attendance were read from Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., P.G.M. West Yorkshire; Bro. H. Smith, D.P.G.M.; and other distinguished brethren.

MAIDSTONE.—Belvidere Lodge (No. 503).—On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the brethren of this lodge assembled in considerable numbers at their hall in Brewster-street, Maidstone, the occasion being the installation of Bro. George E. Wallis, as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. Thornhill. The new Master, on taking the chair, proceeded to invest the following brethren as officers: Bros. G. Baker, S.W.; T. Elmore, J.W.; F. Kite, P.M., Treas.; G. Appleyard, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Baker, S.D.; B. Browne, J.D.; F. Ashdown, I.G.; T. Butler, Dir. of Cers.; and G. Orford, Steward.

On the termination of the installation ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Star Hotel to a banquet, provided by Bro. J. Keeley in his usual admirable manner. The W.M., Bro. Wallis, who presided, was supported by the Provincial Grand Secretary of Kent, Bro. Alfred Spencer, W.M. of several lodges in the province, and about 50 of the P.M.'s and brethren of the lodge.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Tremere, who was assisted by Miss Fuzelle and Miss Thomas, whose united efforts gave general satisfaction.

GLADSTONBURY.—Pilgrims Lodge (No. 772).—At the annual meeting of this lodge Bro. Whitfield Perkins, S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by the V.W. Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Somerset. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Leaker, I.P.M.; W. Hodge, S.W.; H. B. Crouch, J.W.; J. A. Bright, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; A. Vincent, S.D.; W. G. Brown, J.D.; A. Down, P.M., Org.; W. Snook, I.G.; W. McNamara, D.C.; and R. T. Fisher, Tyler.

LEVENSHULME.—Alexandra Lodge (No. 993).—The installation of Bro. C. D. Cheetham, jun., took place on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Midway Hotel. In consequence of extra business, an arrangement was made, with the sanction of the Prov. Grand Secretary, to defer the investiture of officers and the St. John's Festival until the following day, which happy compromise greatly added to the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren.

The following were present: Bros. George Howe, W.M.; C. D. Cheetham, S.W.; W. T. Allitt, Sec.; T. P. Nelson, I.P.M.; J. C. Hind, P.M.; W. H. Peak, P.M.; J. W. Allison, P.M.; R. Knight, P.M.; P. H. Nicholls, P.M., Tyler; Geo. R. Armstrong, Robt. E. Walker, Thos. W. Rice, jun., H. H. Ashcroft, C. Murray, T. Williams, W. H. Bibby, jun., J. Davidson, J. C. Rhodes, C. Bienna, Tom Wood, E. Ashworth, and W. Ashworth. Visitors: Bros. John Bladon, P.M. 317, P.P.G.A.D.C.; Geo. Hollins, J.W. 1045, 1163; Wm. Lawson, P.M. 320; R. Walker, W.M. 1052; Jno. Cliffe, W.M. 204; Robt. Beresford, J.W. 1993; and J. H. Bawden, J.W. 934.

The lodge was opened in due form, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was next proceeded with, and after the W.M. elect, Bro. C. D. Cheetham, had been presented to the Installing Master, Bro. W. H. Peak, he was, with all due rite and ceremony, inducted into the chair of K.S., and subsequently proclaimed to and saluted by the M.M.'s on their re-entrance to the lodge. The Installing Master then addressed the W.M. After the Treasurer's accounts had been presented, and reported upon by the Auditors, they were adopted.

The ballot was then taken for Mr. F. W. Hargreaves, and being announced in his favor, he was forthwith initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry by the W.M.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the Visitors, the lodge was formally closed.

At the meeting on Saturday there were present Bros. T. D. Cheetham, W.M.; George Howe, I.P.M.; W. T. Allitt, Sec.; R. Goddard, J.D.; J. H. Roberts, Treas.; J. C. Hind, P.M.; Geo. A. Yates, P.M.; W. H. Peak, P.M.; W. H. Bibby, P.M., P.G.J.D.; Rich. Timperley, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Thos. Nelson, P.M.; P. H. Nicholls, P.M., Tyler; J. Fallows, J. How, W. A. Carr, R. E. Walker, F. Williams, G. R. Armstrong, F. W. Hargreaves, J. Wood, A. F. Searle, W. H. Bibby, jun., H. H. Ashcroft, J. C. Rhodes, C. Murray, G. Ferguson, C. Lee, E. Ashworth, and W. Ashworth. Visitors: Bros. George Mellor, P.M. 64, 300, V. W. Dep. P.G.M.; J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W.; Geo. Balfie, P.M. 104; W. T. Norton, P.M. 1161; Robt. Dottie, P.M. 1161; S. P. Bidder, P.M. 1161; Wm. Pearson, 163; J. Rome, J.W. 1009; J. Entickeap, S.W. 1009; Jno. Cliffe, W.M. 204; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361; W. H. Maxfield, S.D. 1957; Wm. Parker, 1387; R. Crossland, 1387; Wm. Sturm, P.M. 1161; R. Walker, W.M. 1052; and R. R. Lisenden, W.M. elect 317 (*Freemason*).

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding day's meeting read and confirmed, the officers were invested by Bro. W. H. Peak, P.M. for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Storold, S.W. (by deputy); J. H. Roberts, J.W.; W. T. Allitt, Treas.;

George T. Bowes, Sec.; R. Goddard, S.D.; James Fletcher, J.D.; J. Fallows, I.G.; Tom Wood, Org.; W. H. Peak, P.M., D.C.; P. H. Nicholls, Tyler; Jason Howe, C. Lee, Charles Le Court, G. R. Armstrong, R. E. Walker, and W. H. Bibby, jun., Stwds.

Bro. Peak addressed the Wardens and brethren, and, there being no further business, the lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently celebrated the Festival of St. John with a banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In responding to the toast of "The Prov. G. Officers," the V.W. Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. G. Mellor, said he thought the W.M. had said rather too many flattering things concerning him. He was very pleased to be present with them, and with the cordial reception he had received at their hands. He liked being amongst Masons, for there was scarcely any other society of men to be found where so much brotherly love and unity existed. Discussion of a political or religious character not being permitted, jarring or discord was very seldom heard amongst them. He trusted he might be spared to come amongst them again many times, as his health was much better than it had been. That was the third meeting he had attended during the day, and therefore he thought they would all be of the same opinion as himself, viz., "that there was life in the old dog yet." Bro. Mellor, in conclusion, thanked the brethren for so heartily responding to the toast of his health.

Bro. J. L. Hine, P.P.G.S.W., W. H. Bibby, P.G.J.D., and R. Timperley, P.P.G.D., also responded to the toast.

Bro. J. C. Hind, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he considered this the toast of the evening, and it gave him great pleasure to propose it. He had known Bro. Cheetham from a little boy, and had watched his progress through life with the greatest pleasure and satisfaction; and when one day he expressed a wish to become a Mason, he (Bro. Hind) felt a lively pleasure in proposing him in the Alexandra Lodge, because he felt sure his earnestness and zeal to do every thing as it ought to be done would ensure his promotion and advancement in the lodge. How far his hopes and belief in Bro. Cheetham had been realised the brethren could now judge for themselves, as their confidence and appreciation of his ability was manifested in the position he now occupied. Bro. Hind, continuing, said the W.M. had evinced a natural and praiseworthy ambition to work his way to the front, and had done so step by step until he had achieved the highest position the brethren could place him in, and no brother who had filled the chair of K.S. could fill it with greater power than their present W.M. He called upon the brethren to rise and drink heartily to the health of Bro. Cheetham.

It is needless to say the invitation was cheerfully responded to; after which Bro. W. H. Peak, P.M., sang "Here's to his health in a song," in capital style.

The W.M., in reply, said he was not considered a very nervous man, but after listening to the flattering words of praise from Bro. Hind, and the strains of that stirring song, he felt a trifle shaky. Nevertheless, he assured the brethren that the present moment was the proudest in his Masonic life. His present exalted position was one he had looked forward to from very soon after he became connected with the lodge, 7 years ago. In referring to the remark made by Bro. Hind as to his (the W.M.'s) wish to be made a Mason, Bro. Cheetham said he little thought when making the request he was making it to the father of the Alexandra Lodge, and to a brother who was held in such high esteem. Bro. Cheetham also referred to his first impressions when initiated, and to his having sometimes travelled between 300 and 400 miles to fulfil his duties as Steward; and also spoke of the interest he had always taken in any duty that had devolved upon him, and of his attachment to the lodge. After giving a few hints to his officers, the W.M. concluded by assuring the brethren he should endeavour during his year of office to keep up that high standard of excellence which the Alexandra Lodge had enjoyed for many years past, and would endeavour to hand down to his successor the genuine tenets and principles of Freemasonry pure and unsullied as he had received them.

"The Health of the I.P.M." was proposed in eulogistic terms, and a very handsome P.M.'s 18-carat gold jewel was presented to him, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, for which Bro. George Howe returned thanks in suitable terms.

Later on in the evening "The Health of the P.M.'s" was proposed, including that of Bro. W. H. Peak (Installing Master), and a massive gold medallion charm for the watch-chain presented to him for his services as Director of Ceremonies. The charm, which was about the size of a shilling, was polished bright on both sides—on one side a pair of dead-gold cross wands were placed, and in the centre of the ribbon that held them together a diamond was set. The reverse side of the medallion bore a suitable inscription. The charm was also made by Bro. Kenning.

Several other toasts were proposed, and the brethren spent a very pleasant evening.

THIRSK.—Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 10th inst., in the Masonic Hall. The hospitality and good fellowship of the Thirsk Masons are well known, and as usual there was a good gathering of members and visitors—the latter meeting with a right cordial reception. Since the last meeting of the lodge a very valuable addition has been made to the interior in the shape of a most extensive collection of British birds, which was lately presented to the brethren by Bro. Reginald Bell, P.M., of Thirsk Hall, the collection having been made at great trouble and expense by the late Bro. F. Bell, P.M., the first W.M. of the Falcon Lodge. The collection of the raptors is splendid, containing several unique specimens. The specimens are arranged in cases on the walls of the banqueting room and on the staircase. The lodge was opened by Bro. James Walton, W.M., and Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.P.G.W., then took the chair, the S.W.'s chair being occupied by Bro. J. T. Sellar, P.M. 1611, and the J.W.'s by Bro. A. T. B. Turner, W.M. 1611. There were also present Bros. Canon Camidge, P.M.; Rev. E. L. Marrett, P.M.; C. Waistell, P.M.; J. Fairburn, P.M.; F. Smith, P.M.; H. C. Pickersgill, P.M.; W. Collman, P.M.; J. S. Walton, P.M.; H. Smith, P.M.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; G. Ayre, P.M.; G. Robinson, W.M. 1337; N. Southern, P.M.; and many other members and visitors. The outgoing W.M. presented Bro. Zaccheus Wright, W.M. elect, and the ceremony was completed in full form. Bro. Wright then ap-

pointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Walton, I.P.M.; Dr. H. Longford, S.W.; Dr. Reginald Hartley, J.W.; Rev. Canon Camidge, M.A., Chap.; Dr. J. A. Eberle, S.D.; Rev. E. Richardson, M.A., J.D.; T. J. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Hansell, Sec.; F. R. Hansell, D.C.; W. W. Hall, I.G.; H. Smith, P.M.; and W. Hall, P.M., Stwds.; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler. Bro. George Ayre, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Charity representative. After several votes of thanks, &c., had been passed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been provided by Bro. Long, at which the W.M. presided, supported by most of the brethren named above. Bro. A. Sample, Org. 236, presided at the lodge organ during the ceremonies, and at the piano after the banquet. A most enjoyable evening was passed.

LIVERPOOL.—Prince Arthur Lodge (No. 1570).—This lodge was founded some ten years ago, the late P.G. Secretary, Bro. H. S. Alpass, being the first Master. Notwithstanding the loss which the lodge, though so young, lately sustained in the death of three Past Masters in one year, the meeting held on the 15th inst., at Hope-street, to install the W.M. elect, gave every promise of renewed vitality. The chair was taken by Bro. W. Bennett, W.M., supported by Bros. T. Sennar, S.W.; H. Ellis, J.W.; D. Morris, P.M.; G. Woodward, S.D.; T. Baird, Sec.; J. Stock, I.G.; and others.

Among the visitors were Bros. Amos A. Gass, S.W. 477; C. Roberts, I.G. 605; R. Foote, P.G.T.; J. M. Smythe, P.M. 98, and 2042; Hugh Williams, 1609; P. M. Larsen, P.M. 594; James Clark, S.W. 605; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 249; George Gordon, P.M. 724; E. R. Hoblyn, 724; Thomas C. Thorburn, P.G.S. of Wks. Cheshire; J. P. Bryan, P.P.G.O.; and W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C.

The W.M., after the opening, resigned his chair to Bro. R. Foote, P.G.T., who very efficiently installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Sennar, who was presented by Bros. Bennett, W.M., and J. C. Robinson, P.M. The following officers were afterwards appointed and invested: Bros. W. Bennett, I.P.M.; H. Ellis, S.W.; Thomas Baird, J.W.; J. Wharton, Treas.; G. Woodward, Sec.; Thos. Baird, S.D.; T. May Smith, J.D.; Joshua Swift, I.G.; Thomas Hawksworth, S.S.; J. Casey, J.S.; A. Morrison, P.M., D.C. (by proxy); and D. Morris, P.M., Preceptor. Bro. T. Malcolm was re-elected Tyler.

Bro. Casey, House Steward, afterwards catered very successfully for the brethren at dinner. During the evening a handsomely bound copy of the "Constitutions" was presented to the W.M. by the Installing Master, Bro. R. Foote; and a handsome P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M. by the W.M., on behalf of the lodge.

YORK.—Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—On Monday, the 13th inst., this lodge met in its Hall, St. Saviourgate, for the transaction of business. Bro. A. T. B. Turner, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whythead, P.M.; G. Simpson, P.M.; J. T. Sellar, P.M.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; W. Brown, S.W.; G. Chapman, J.W.; and other officers and brethren. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. T. J. Clough, 660, and for two candidates. Several presentations were made to the lodge, including a pair of handsomely carved oak chairs for the Deacons, which were given by Bros. E. Thackray and S. J. Dalton. These have been made in harmony with the three Principals' chairs, and are upholstered in crimson velvet, and bear the emblems in silver in the back panel. The old furniture of the lodge is now placed in one of the large rooms on the ground floor, and is used for the lodge of instruction now held in connection with the lodge.

After business the brethren assembled as usual in the smoke room, and passed a fraternal couple of hours. Before the close of the lodge a congratulatory telegram was despatched to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, a P.M. of the lodge, who had that day been installed first Master of the United Northern Counties Lodge in London.

INSTRUCTION.

DOMATIC LODGE (No. 177).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Tuesday, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. R. Rowlands, W.M.; Buckridge, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; St. C. Hill, S.D.; C. Pigeon, I.G.; R. Walden, Sec.; J. Hill, Preceptor; G. Lavington, and James Stevens, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. C. Pigeon gave proofs of proficiency in the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. C. Pigeon being the candidate. The traditional history was fully and beautifully rendered. The W.M. then gave the charge to the brother. As some time had been hindered by the Stockwell Lodge occupying the Temple, the time was not sufficient to do any other work. The lodge closed down, and in the First Degree it was proposed and seconded that Bro. Buckridge should be the W.M. for the ensuing week; his evening being the fourth Tuesday of the month, the working is at the choice of the W.M. He declared it to be initiation ceremony, the charge, the explanation of the tracing board, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 21st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. H. Wood, W.M.; C. S. Mote, S.W.; W. J. Mason, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treasurer and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Secretary; O. W. Rattle, S.D.; C. J. Morse, J.D.; P. W. Rogers, I.G.; W. H. Chappell, S.W.; W. H. Chiffont, P.M. 1425; Capt. A. Nicols, P.M. 1974, P.D. G.S. of W. Punjab; G. Davis, P.M. 167; J. C. Conway, D. Stroud, E. Greenham, T. Rossdale, and W. H. Wadham. Visitor: Bro. G. P. Windsor, 1515.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The brethren were instructed in entry drill. Bro. Windsor was elected a member. Bro. Mote was elected W.M. for next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge of instruction was held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent-Garden, W.C., on the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Kedge, W.M.; D. Stroud, S.W.; J. Cumming, J.W.; Willie Jones, S.D.; Frank Gulliford, J.D.; R. J. Harnell, I.G.; J. Skinner, P.M., acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Secretary and Treasurer; W. F. Thorpe, T. (ress, P.M.; T. A. Dickson, G. H. Reynolds, and T. E. Weeks.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second Degree. Bro. G. Reynolds offering himself as a candidate for being

raised to the Third Degree, he was duly questioned, entrusted, and retired. Lodge called off. Lodge resumed. Lodge opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. Bro. T. Cross having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions leading to that Degree were put, well answered, and he retired. Lodge resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third and then the Second Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. Skinner, P.M., proposed that this lodge of instruction be adjourned until Thursday evening, the 31st inst., when Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. of the mother lodge, will take the chair and rehearse the ceremony of installation—seconded by Bro. R. J. Harnell; carried unanimously. Bro. J. Skinner, P.M., proposed that Bro. D. Stroud, S.W., be W.M. on Thursday evening, the 7th January—seconded by the J.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. elect was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. J. Langton, Treas.; T. Burne, Sec.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; De Chapeaurouge, Johns, Holding, J. C. Leaver, F. W. Leaver, Goode, Horsnail, Dicker, Ridpath, Fraser, and Oates. Visitors: Bros. Perry, P.M. 65; Fox Haves, Ransom, E. Hobbs, Jesse, and Gordon-Smith.

Bro. De Chapeaurouge rehearsed the installation ceremony, Bro. Perry acting as the W.M. elect. Bro. G. Anderson, P.G. Stwd. England, was unanimously elected hon. member of the lodge of instruction. After the lodge had been closed, the first meeting of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association was held, the president, Bro. J. Langton, in the chair; H. M. Hobbs, Treas.; W. G. Oates, Sec. Eighty members were enrolled, and sufficient money was collected to draw two ballots of ten guineas each, the successful candidates being Bros. Barnes and Collins.

UBIQUE LODGE (No. 1789).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Crown and Anchor, 79, Ebury-street, S.W. Present: Bros. Hayes, W.M.; Musson, S.W.; Gilbert, J.W.; Boulton, P.M., Preceptor; J. Gibson, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; Luckhurst, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Hume, I.G.; and Folsom.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibson, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibson being the candidate. Bro. Mason, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being the candidate. The lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen for the second time, Bro. Musson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

ALDRSGATE CHAPTER (No. 1657).—The December meeting of the above chapter was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday last. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the First Principal, Comp. the Lord Mayor, the chair was ably occupied by Comp. John Derby Allcroft, P.Z., P. Grand Treasurer, supported by Comps. Rev. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, I.P.Z., P. Grand Chap. Middlesex; H. Fredk. Crookford, J.; E. Y. Jolliffe, S.E.; George Kenning, Treas.; Saml. White, W. H. From, George Rawlinson, and P. F. R. Saillard. The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. There being no other business, the chapter was closed in due form.

The companions dined together, presided over by Comp. J. D. Allcroft. The usual toasts were ably proposed, and received with much heartiness.

INSTRUCTION.

HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 890).—A convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., on Saturday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Comps. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, Grand Registrar, M.E.Z.; C. Hunt, N. 607, H.; W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, J.; H. E. Dehane, 890, 862, S.E.; R. P. J. Laundy, 890, S.N.; T. C. Edmonds, 890, 1507, P.S.; T. C. Pratt, Z. 507, 1st A.S.; G. F. Smyth, 890, 2nd A.S.; H. S. Andrews, 890, 784, Treas.; Capt. A. Nicols, H. 890, P.Z. 782, D.C.; W. Binns, 443, Organist; J. E. Sheffield, Janitor; G. Gregory, P.Z. 1538; J. Carter, P.Z. 1200, H. 704; J. W. Cull, P.Z. 802; F. Swain, H. 1328; Charles Corby, 507; J. Skinner, R. Macfield, 1328; D. Stroud, P.S. 157; B. Kaufman, 1507; J. Sims, 834; W. J. Mason, 1328; G. R. Bolton, 604; C. J. Craig, 3; A. C. Baake, 40; W. Woodruff, 507; W. A. Scarrah, P.S. 749; H. P. Gilbert, 834; and J. Crittenden, 779.

The minutes of the preliminary convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of consecration was then rehearsed by Comp. Philbrick in his usual perfect manner. The history of Moses' Rod was then given by Comp. Edmonds. A cordial vote of thanks to Comp. Philbrick was carried by acclamation, to be recorded on the minutes.

Bro. Philbrick, in returning thanks, said Masonry had been described as progressing by leaps and bounds; the progress had been sound and rapid. He had not noticed so much the desire to perfect themselves as Masons in the secrets which remained, but as darkness until the light was obtained in this Degree, and he desired to say, connected as he was with the R.A. Degree, how delighted he was to hear that a chapter had been attached to the Hornsey Lodge. Adding many R.A. Masons, not merely passing through the Degree, but who wished to work in the highest possible manner, it had brought companions together, giving up time and convenience in order to assist and take part in the working in our Order, and he trusted this chapter of improvement would be a very happy one. He looked upon the chapter of improvement to ensure to them competent and able companions to undertake the work of the chapter. He remembered an incident that happened to him some 22 years ago, when he ventured to remark to a Preceptor, that he thought it was the King of Persia, and not King of Prussia, but the Preceptor said it had been King of Prussia before and during his time, and he was not going to alter it for anybody. But the M.E. was pleased to say amongst R.A. Masons more intelligence was now brought to bear, and a greater desire for knowledge evinced. He was present at the Prov. G. Lodge of East Lancashire when R.A. and other questions were debated, and practical points thoroughly discussed, which was a good thing for R.A. Masons to listen to. He was glad to think this chapter of improvement was founded from a sincere desire to promote Masonry as recognised by Grand Lodge and the Supreme Degree of H.R.A. He concluded by thanking the companions for the attention they had paid to his remarks, and wished the chapter every success, and promised on a near future occasion to attend again.

The following companions were proposed, and the ballot proving unanimous, were elected members: Comps. Baake, Carter, Corby, Craig, Dean, Gregory, Kaufman, Macfield, Masons, Sims, Skinner, Swain, and Woodruff. The chapter of improvement is conv. at 8 p.m. Saturdays, and musters now 74 members, and in 8 p.m. Saturday evenings. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

A convocation was also held on the 19th inst., when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, and the officers elected for the next two meetings. The chapter was then closed until the 2nd prox.

The will of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, K.G., has been proved, the personality sworn at under £28,000.

Mark Masonry.

KENDAL.—Kent Dale Lodge (No. 195).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, 12, Stramongate. Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., P.G.A.D.C. Eng., presided, supported by Bros. R. J. Nelson, P.M. 195, P.P. G.S.D., as S.W., and Bro. Geo. J. McKay, P.M. 195, P.P.G.S.D. Eng., as J.W. On the minutes of the former meeting being read and confirmed, Bro. James H. Hogg, W.M. elect, was then duly installed as Master, and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. R. J. Nelson, I.P.M.; Geo. Taylor, S.W.; J. H. Braithwaite, J.W. and Treas.; F. J. Thornber, M.O. and Sec.; J. Copeland, S.O.; Thos. A. Agles, J.O.; Dr. Sturridge, S.D.; A. Tyson, J.D. and I.G.; and W. Thompson, Tyler. With the other routine business, anent fixing when the regular meetings should be held, and a vote of thanks to the Installing Master, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards spent a very pleasant hour in the banquet hall.

CHORLEY.—Lawrence Lodge (No. 313).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., the following being amongst those present: Bros. James Corbitt, P.P.G.D.C., W.M.; Councillor James Lawrence, P.M., P.P.G.S.W.; James D. Murray, P.G.S.B. England; J. M. Kerr, S.W.; Alderman John Heald (Mayor), J.W.; John Bradshaw, S.O., P.P.G.S.; Thos. Sharples, P.P. G.S., J.O.; Dr. Farmer, Sec.; L. Eccles; J. Willis, I.G.; and J. Jolly, Tyler.

The lodge being opened in the usual form, and the preliminary business disposed of, the ballot was taken for Bro. Leonard Fairclough, of the Ellesmere Lodge, 730. The vote being unanimous in his favour; he was admitted and advanced. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered, and the lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Imperial Hotel, the chair being taken, by request of the W.M., by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. Ald. Heald, J.W.

Obituary.

BRO. ROBERT ALEXANDRA FRASER, P.P.G.S. OF WORKS, MIDDLESEX.

The brethren of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, have to mourn the loss of a good and kindly brother by the sudden and untimely death of Bro. R. A. Fraser. Our deceased brother retired in his usual health on the night of Tuesday, 15th inst., but passed peacefully in his sleep to his eternal rest above. Bro. Fraser had been married less than two years, and leaves a young widow and infant child to mourn his loss. The grief and distress of the wife, who on waking found her husband dead by her side, are sacred, and may be but faintly imagined and still less described. Our brother was made in the Elliot Lodge, and served some offices, but his retiring disposition induced his resigning office, although he continued a subscribing member to his death. He was appointed P.G. Superintendent of Works for Middlesex in 1881. Born at Inverness, Bro. Fraser served his articles with Mr. A. Ross, Architect and Surveyor, of that town. On coming to London he was engaged on much important work. He was the originator of a scheme for placing floating baths in the Thames. He also prepared plans for combined railway and road bridge across the Thames below London-bridge, his design being to carry the London and Brighton Railway into the City on the west side of Billingsgate-market, with direct communication between railway and market, as well as increased accommodation for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. In conjunction with the late Mr. A. Bridgman, he designed and carried out the sliding roof of the Canterbury Music Hall. For several years Bro. Fraser was architect and surveyor to the Gas Light and Coke Company, whose spacious chief offices in Westminster were erected from his designs and built under his superintendence, as well as many other important works. Bro. Fraser was of a studious and artistic nature, an A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., and an hon. member of the London and Invernesshire Association. A large circle of private friends will long regret his being cut off at the early age of 41 years.

BRO. LEWIS DUNN.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., the remains of Bro. Lewis Dunn, draper and clothier, of Bedlington, were interred in the cemetery at that place, in the presence of a large number of sympathising friends and acquaintances. Deceased was much respected and well known throughout the district, and his sudden demise, from an affection of the throat after 14 hours' illness, is much regretted. Bro. Dunn was much interested in Freemasonry, being at the time of his death a Past Master in St. Cuthbert's Lodge, and he also held the office of Prov. Grand Steward in the Provincial Lodge. There was a large attendance of the Craft at the funeral, who preceded the hearse. Deceased was about 40 years of age, and has left a widow and four children.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

CHARD.—On the 18th inst., at Anderton, Cornwall, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Chard, Royal Fusiliers, of a son.

SIMPSON.—On the 2nd ult., at Sydney, New South Wales, the wife of A. H. Simpson, of a son.

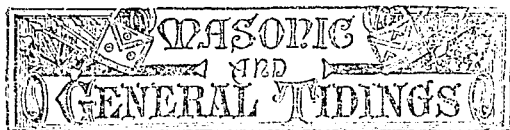
MARRIAGE.

EDWARDS-VERRY.—On the 16th inst., at the Parish Church, Westbury-on-Trym, by the Rev. Edward Durnford, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. David Methven, curate of the parish, Charles Lund Fry Edwards, of the Grove, Wrington, Somerset, J.P., to Kate, second daughter of the late James Verry, of Rhodyate-house, Congresbury.

DEATHS.

EVANS.—On the 20th inst., at Dawson-place, Bayswater, Capt. Sir Frederick J. O. Evans, R.N., K.C.B., F.R.S., in his 71st year.

GANN.—On the 18th inst., at the Elms, Whitstable, George Herbert Gann, in his 35th year.



Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and Lady Maud Wilbraham will spend Christmas at Lathom House, near Ormskirk, Lancashire.

The Prince of Wales was to leave town to-day (Thursday) for Sandringham Hall, where he will join the Princess and spend the Christmas holidays.

Bro. H. De Worms, M.P., was present at a political banquet at Rosherville, on Monday evening, and delivered a long speech on public affairs.

Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., presented the prizes to the successful students of the West London School of Art, at Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour-street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst.

Among the Aldermen who presided at the City Wardmotes on Monday were Bros. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, De Keyser, Sir J. W. Ellis, Bt., M.P., Savory, Waterlow, Evans, Whitehead, and Sir H. E. Knight.

On Monday afternoon a fire broke out in a printing room occupied by Bro. J. Bertram, refreshment contractor to the Crystal Palace, belonging to the Palace Company, but no extensive damage was done outside the original limits of the conflagration.

The 40th anniversary dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Schools took place at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, when among the principal guests present were Bros. Sheriff Clarke, F. Goringe, and T. H. Devonshire, P.G.D. The total of the subscriptions and donations exceeded £4000.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middlesex, W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, No. 1949, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, in the Temple, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 8th January next. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock prompt. All P.M.'s. and brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Arrangements are already being made for the visit of the Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied on the occasion by the Princess, on the 20th January prox., for the purpose of opening the Mersey Tunnel. During their stay their Royal Highnesses will be the guests of the Duke of Westminster, at Eaton Hall, and if the weather is favourable, the Prince will have some shooting over the Duke's estate.

The annual installation of W.M. of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, was held at the College, Maidstone, on the 4th inst. The retiring W.M., Bro. George Friend, acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremony in such an impressive manner that the hearty thanks of the lodge were accorded for his services. A set of tracing boards and two handsome banners were presented to the lodge by Major Isherwood, and his kindness was cordially acknowledged.

The Princess of Wales has graciously intimated her intention to become the Patron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham-road, S.W., in succession to the late Duke of Albany; and we believe that it is with the hope that it may be helpful to the hospital in obtaining the means to keep open the twenty extra beds in the "Albert Edward" floor, which for two years have been unoccupied for want of funds. Notwithstanding the existence of a mortgage debt and a heavy balance due to the hospital's bankers, the board have been compelled to open these beds because of the increasing number of women needing and seeking operative treatment.

In order to alleviate to some extent the present distress amongst the poor of Ripley, the brethren of the Okover Lodge, No. 1324, of Free and Accepted Masons of Ripley and district, have decided to open a soup kitchen. For this purpose Mr. James Crossley has placed at the disposal of the committee his premises in Oxford-street, Ripley, and it is proposed to distribute soup on Tuesdays and Fridays each week during the winter months. In aid of this laudable object a special service was held in All Saints' Church, Ripley, on Sunday, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. E. A. Hillyard, M.A., W.M. of the Beaureper Lodge, Belper. There was a large congregation. Upwards of forty Masons in full regalia were present, having walked in procession from the Town Hall previously. The offertory amounted to £17 18s.

The distribution of prizes to the members of the 15th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers (Her Majesty's Customs and Docks) took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, E.C. Among those present were Col. Philip Smith (commanding the Grenadier Guards), Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. A. W. Chambers, Col. and Mrs. Kennard, Sir George H. and Miss Chambers, Dr. and Mrs. Tatham, Dr. and Mrs. Humphrys, Dr. and Mrs. Dickson, Majors Frelove, Fisher, and Carr, Captain and Mrs. Stebbings, Captains Steed, Jeffery, Cahill, Chambers, Pipe, and Adye, Quartermaster White, Lieut. and Mrs. Holloway, Lieutenants Stevens, Macpherson, Hollings, Vernon, Arnaud, Darlow, and Scott (the two last named being in command of a guard of honour), Sergeant-Major Blaxim and Staff, and a numerous attendance of lady and gentlemen friends of the members of the corps. The presentations were made by Mrs. A. W. Chambers, and were both valuable and numerous. After the ceremony, some practical speeches upon military matters as they effect the volunteer movement were made by Colonel Philip Smith (Grenadier Guards), Lieut.-Col. Chambers (commanding), Lieut. Kennard, and Sir G. H. Chambers, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Chambers for her kindness in presenting the prizes. Subsequently a dance was given for the men and their friends, and a large number of the latter availed themselves of the opportunity of evincing their sympathy with the volunteer movement in general and the 15th Middlesex in particular. The regimental band, under the direction of Mr. S. T. Cawse, bandmaster, supplied the music, and Captain Stebbings was M.C., ably assisted by Bro. Captain S. M. Pipe. We were pleased to see so large a number of Craftsmen and their ladies showing by their presence their sympathy with the 15th Middlesex.

The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite have granted a warrant for a New Chapter, named the "Bective," to meet in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

Bro. Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, distributed the prizes to the members of the 3rd City of London Engineers in the Guildhall on Saturday last.

Bro. the Lord Mayor, with the Lady Mayoress, and Bro. Sheriff Clarke, visited the School of the London Society for Teaching the Blind, St. John's Wood, on the 16th inst., and distributed the prizes to the successful pupils.

Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., and Baron H. de Worms, M.P., were among those who witnessed on Saturday last the first performance of "Faust," at the Lyceum Theatre.

The following dinners took place at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending Saturday, the 26th inst. Monday—Grand Masters' Lodge; British Lodge; Asaph Chapter. Tuesday—Commercial Travellers' School.

Among the newly-elected Court of Common Council will be found the names of Bros. A. B. Hudson and Renals, the two Deacons of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1659, who have been returned, the former for Castle Baynard Ward and the latter for the Ward of Aldersgate.

On Friday, the 11th inst., the installation of the Worshipful Master of the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, took place at the Bank-street Hall. There was a numerous gathering of the Craft, other lodges being represented. The new W.M., Bro. J. Brazier Lovett, succeeds Bro. Shaw. A banquet was held at the Saracen's Head in the afternoon.

Of the newly-elected members of the House of Commons, Bros. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., Baron H. De Worms, Agg-Gardner, are members of the Spectacle Makers' Company, while Bros. Sir T. Brassey, K.C.B., Sir E. J. Reed, K.C.B., E. Clarke, Q.C., J. Sutherland, and W. L. Jackson are Shipwrights.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John Jacobs, W.M. 1614, at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, held at the Bedford Hotel, Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, W.C., on Thursday evening, the 31st inst. Bro. G. Reynolds, Sec., asks us to state that all brethren will receive a hearty welcome to the above mentioned rehearsal of installation.

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples has very kindly accepted the post of President of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute, while his predecessor in the Mayoralty, Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has consented to be the Vice-President. The final entertainment of the season was given early last week, when H. B. Marshall, jun., son of Bro. H. B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., presided.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the Grand Organist, Bro. E. M. Lott, has had the degree of Mus. Doc. (Honoris Causa) conferred on him, as Principal of the Musical International College, by the University of Toronto, and that the College will also award, annually, a gold medal (value 10 guineas) to the best senior practical candidate. We congratulate our worthy brother on his well-earned distinction in which, we are sure, his many friends in the Craft will heartily join us.

We understand the Crichton Lodge, No. 1641, intend holding their seventh annual ball at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 7th prox., in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the lodge, which we hope will be as successful as last season. A dispensation from the M.W. G.M. has been obtained to wear Craft clothing and jewels, and as the ball will be much earlier this season, in fact, in the midst of the season's festivities we have no doubt it will be largely patronized by the members of the Craft and friends. Full particulars may be obtained of Bro. H. A. Stunt, Secretary, 12, Akerman-road, Brixton.

Bro. C. H. Cromwell Marsh, last month retired from the post of Head Master of Holy Trinity School, Dover, after holding the appointment over 18 years. On the day of leaving, the teachers and pupils presented him with a massive mahogany pedestal library table with brass handles, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Mr. Chas. H. Cromwell Marsh by the teachers and past and present pupils of Holy Trinity School, Dover, in recognition of their esteem for him during the 18 years two months he held the Head Mastership. 27th November, 1885." Bro. Cromwell Marsh now gives his attention to the watch-making and jewellery business he has established in Dover, with branches at Tunbridge Wells and Sheerness, in which places he is well known and deservedly respected.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—For weeks past many a wistful eye has been cast at the heretofore hospitable doors of the London Cottage Mission in Salmon-lane, Limehouse, and many a poor little empty belly has wondered what had become of the "stew," which has now become an institution at the East End. Yesterday all their fears were dispelled, the savoury smell of Irish stew once more floated round the building, and when the doors opened, shortly before noon, the rush was a sight to see, indeed, had there been room inside for twice the number the Hall will contain, Mr. Austin might have filled it in a twinkling. But this was not to be, for it has only been with the utmost difficulty that this first dinner of the season has been given, and a good deal of that, Mr. Austin assures us, on credit. The loss of their one dinner a week would prove a terrible one to the poor children of the East End, and for that matter, to many older folks too. To avert this calamity, and to keep these weekly Irish stew dinners going throughout the winter, surely no one will refuse any help they can give, but forward their donations forthwith to Mr. Walter Austin, Managing Director of the London Cottage Mission, 44, Finsbury-pavement, London, E.C., who will gladly receive and acknowledge them.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—These admirable Pills cannot be too highly appreciated for the who esome power they exert over all disorders of the stomach, liver, bowels, and kidneys. They instantaneously remove impurities and steadily work out a thorough cure, and in its course dispel headache, biliousness, flatulence, and depression of spirits. It is wonderful to watch the daily improvement of the complexion as Holloway's Pills purify the blood and restore plumpness to the face, which had lost both flesh and colour. These Pills combine every excellence desirable in a domestic remedy. The most certain and beneficial results flow from the occasional use of this medicine; even persons in health, or when following sedentary occupations, will find it an invaluable aperient.—[Adv't.]

Bro. Lord Mayor Staples has presented a donation of 10 guineas to the London Society for Teaching the Blind.

Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Carnarvon left the Viceregal Lodge, Dublin, on Sunday for England, where they will spend Christmas.

The Princess of Wales has expressed her readiness to become the patron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, Fulham-road, in place of the late Bro. the Duke of Albany.

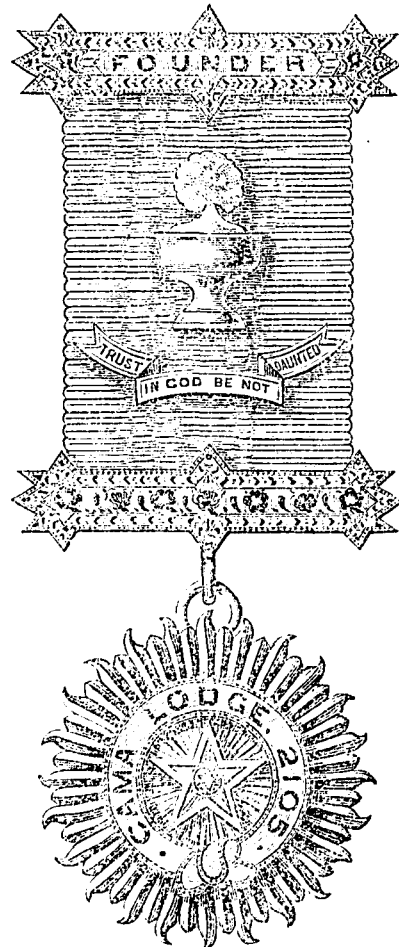
Bro. Augustus Harris will preside at the annual dinner to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, of the Royal General Theatrical Fund.

Monday being St. Thomas's Day, the Wardmotes in the different Wards in the City of London were held, and a new court of Common Council elected. The majority of the late court were re-elected almost as a matter of course, among them being Bros. A. J. Altman and J. W. Goodinge for the Ward of Aldersgate, in which Bro. Lord Mayor Staples presided in person. Bro. E. Dresser-Rogers, for Aldgate; Bro. F. P. Alleston, for Bread-street; and others. In some cases a poll was demanded.

We regret to learn, at the moment of going to press, of the sudden death of the City Marshall, Bro. Major Campbell. He had been in indifferent health for some time, and had been medically treated for disease of the heart. The gallant major was appointed to the office in 1873, previous to which, he had been a Staff Officer in the Madras army of the East India Company, and had seen much service during the Mutiny.

We congratulate our Bro. Baldwin, W.M. of the Brixton Lodge, 1949, &c., on his recent re-election as captain of the Commercial Travellers' Cricket Club for the coming season of 1886. This will make the fifth year of Bro. Baldwin's captaincy of the club. In their annual grand matches played at Lord's and Catford-bridge (kindly lent for those occasions) he has been successful in leading to victory the London teams on five successive occasions. The club has handed over to the Commercial Travellers' Schools and benevolent institutions the handsome sum of 1000 guineas. The annual dinner took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday, the 12th inst., when upwards of 90 commercial gentlemen and their friends dined together. Bro. G. S. Graham taking a prominent part in the musical portion of the programme.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the freedom and livery of the Worshipful Company of Turners, of London, was publicly presented in the Old Council Chamber of the Guildhall, to Bro. the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Prime Minister of Canada, and representative there of the Grand Lodge of England. The Master of the Company, Bro. S. G. Bake, presided, supported by Bros. Edgar Sydney and Robt. J. Pigott, the Upper and the Renter Wardens of the Company. There were many ladies and gentlemen present, among the latter being Bros. Loveland Loveland, William Bristow, Dr. J. E. Cox, and others. Bro. Brackstone Baker, as the mover of the resolution, introduced Bro. Sir J. A. Macdonald, and reviewed the eminent services he had rendered to Canada, especially in aiding the confederation of the British possessions in North America, as the Dominion of Canada, and in promoting the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a line of 2900 miles, connecting the Atlantic with the Pacific Ocean. Bro. Sir Charles Hutton Gregory seconded the resolution in an able speech. Sir John returned thanks.



CAMA LODGE.—FOUNDERS' JEWEL.

The jewel for the founders of the Cama Lodge, No. 2105, Hampton Court, of the consecration of which we have given in a recent number, is after the style of the Star of India, the name and number of the lodge enamelled in sky blue on a garter, in which is enclosed a five-pointed star with a brilliant in the centre, the bars suspending the jewel are enamelled in correct colours; on the ribbon is a representation of the vessel used in India for burning incense, with the motto as above.