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The Grand Festival.

THE Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge for the installation of Grand Master and the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers was held on Wednesday, the 24th April, at Freemasons' Hall, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, presiding. There has seldom been so large an attendance at any meeting of Grand Lodge, and not only the body of the hall but the gallery were crowded. This was due in some measure to the belief on the part of many brethren that His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught would be present, but it must on reflection have been apparent to every one that the capacity of Freemasons' Hall would have been quite inadequate to accommodate a tithe of those qualified to attend such an important function. The announcement by the Pro Grand Master at the banquet sets at rest all doubts as to the time and place of meeting for the installation of His Royal Highness, which will take place at the Albert Hall on a day of the week ending the 20th July next.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the Grand Secretary read the minutes of the March Quarterly Communication in so far as they related to the election of the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer. Bro. Frank Richardson, Acting Grand Directors of Ceremonies, then proclaimed His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught Most Worshipful Grand Master for the year ensuing. This was followed by the announcement that the Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint the Right Hon. Earl Amherst Pro Grand Master, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick Deputy Grand Master, and these distinguished brethren were respectively proclaimed and saluted accordingly.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. The Viscount Templetown	... S.G. Warden.
(reappointed) ...	...
„ F. S. W. Cornwallis ...	... J.G. Warden.
„ Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart.	... Grand Chaplains.
„ Rev. W. C. R. Bedford ...	...
„ Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A. ...	... Grand Treasurer.
„ John Strachan, K.C. ...	... Grand Registrar.
„ John V. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C. ...	... Dep. G. Registrar.
„ Edward Letchworth ...	... Grand Secretary.
„ Edmund Pontifex ...	...
„ F. Woodhouse Braine ...	... Senior G. Deacons.
„ Charles Robert Lyne ...	...
„ C. D. Cheetham ...	...
„ T. Taylor ...	... Junior G. Deacons.
„ P. Scratchley, M.A. ...	...
„ Henry L. Florence ...	... G. Supt. Works.
„ Sir Albert W. Woods ...	... G. Dir. of Cers.
„ Frank Richardson ...	... A.G.D. of Cers.
„ E. Roehrich ...	... Dep. G.D. of Cers.
„ W. A. Hart ...	...
„ J. Stocker ...	... Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.
„ W. A. Dawson ...	...
„ Col. C. M. Malony, C.B. ...	... Grand Swd. Br.
„ Lieut.-Col. G. W. Dixon ...	... Dep. Grand Swd. Br.
„ James Whittaker Burgess ...	... Grand Std. Brs.
„ Charles Pulman ...	...
„ H. Walmsley Little, <i>Mus. Doc.</i> ...	... Grand Organist.
„ William Lake ...	... Asst. Grand Sec.
„ C. Kupferschmidt ...	... A.G.S. German Cor.
„ G. Felton Lancaster ...	... Grand Pursuivant.
„ William Kipps ...	... Asst. Grand Purst.
„ Henry Sadler ...	... Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary read the following list of brethren proposed by their respective lodges as Grand Stewards for the ensuing year:—

Bros. Benn Wolfe Levy, F.S.A., 1; Herbert Francis Manisty, K.C., LL.B., 2; Chatham Ellis, 4; Lieut.-Col. Chas.

D. Leyden, 5; Philip Hubert Martineau, 6; Edwin Easton, 8; Richard Donne Hancock, M.A., 14; Major Richard L. S. Badham, 21; Jocelyn Brandon, 23; William Hastings Beaumont, 26; Arnold Muir Wilson, 29; Charles Cockburn, 46; William Horace Charles Crump, 58; Herbert William Freshwater, 60; Alfred James Thomas, 91; Gerald Duckworth, 99; Frederick Neild, 197; Lionel Edward Marmaduke Darell, 259.

Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where, under the presidency of Earl Amherst, they partook of a choice banquet liberally provided by the Grand Stewards. The usual toasts followed. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Temple, where many of the lady guests had already assembled, and a more than usually excellent concert was given under the able direction of the Grand Organist of the year, Bro. W. H. Thomas, of the Royal Academy of Music and the Guildhall School of Music.

The New Grand Officers.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Right Hon. Viscount Templetown enjoys the distinction of having occupied the office concurrently in the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland last year, and the equally unique honour of filling the chair of Grand Warden of England for two successive years. He was initiated in Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, No. 459, Simla, in 1878, and



BRO. VISCOUNT TEMPLETOWN.

(Photo Chancellor, Dublin).

has since joined Lodges Castleblany, No. 352, and No. 10 Belfast, under the Irish Constitution, afterwards becoming a member of the Lodge of the Nine Muses, No. 235, London, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1892. He has served as Steward for the Girls' and Boys' Schools. Viscount Templetown was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Armagh in 1896.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Brother Fiennes Stanley Wykeham Cornwallis, was initiated in the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, Maidstone, and afterwards joined the Crane Lodge, No. 2660, and the Cranbrook Lodge, No. 1897, filling the office of W.M. in the



BRO. F. S. W. CORNWALLIS.—(Photo Bassano, Old Bond St.)

“Douglas” in 1894 and the “Crane” in 1897. In 1895 he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Kent. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Montreal Chapter, No. 2046, in 1895.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. Sir Borrodaile Savory, Bart., was initiated in the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, in October, 1895, and has therefore a somewhat brief Masonic record behind him, but he has



BRO. REV. SIR BORRODAILE SAVORY, BARR. (Photo Passingham, Brighton).

filled the space very creditably by joining and becoming an active member of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and the Methuen Lodge, 631, occupying the Worshipful Master's chair

of the latter in 1899, while he has filled the office of Prov. Grand Chaplain of Bucks for three successive years from 1898. In the Royal Arch he is a member of the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591. Bro. Savory is Rector of St. Bartholomew the Great.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. W. Campbell Riland Bedford was initiated in the Warden Lodge, No. 794, and became its Worshipful Master in 1881. He joined the Trinity Lodge, No. 254, Coventry, in 1881, and afterwards the Old Westminsters'



BRO. REV. W. CAMPBELL RILAND BEDFORD.

Lodge, No. 2233, London. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and served as a Steward in 1895. Bro. Bedford is the son of the Rev. W. K. Riland Bedford, who was appointed Grand Chaplain so long ago as 1861, and still takes an active interest in Freemasonry.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, who has been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, was initiated in the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, in the year 1886, afterwards joining the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, and becoming a founder of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, and the St. Bride's Lodge, No. 2817. He has filled the chair of Master both in the Royal Hanover Lodge and the Streatham Lodge, and is a Past Grand Warden of the Province of Middlesex. He was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in 1892 in the Royal Hanover Chapter, and joined the Farringdon Without Chapter in 1900. Bro. Marshall has served as Steward at every Festival of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution since his initiation, and is a Patron of all three. A portrait of Bro. Marshall appeared in our last issue.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. J. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C., whose selection to nominate the Grand Master for election at the December meeting of Grand Lodge, and at the subsequent meeting at the Queen's Hall, was taken as an indication of early perferment, has received the collar of Deputy Grand Registrar, and will undoubtedly add strength to the already strong legal element in the governing body of Grand Lodge. He was initiated in the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, in 1889, and

became W.M. in 1896; he was also a founder and first Master of the Midland and Oxford Bar Lodge. Bro. Fitzgerald's connection with Warwickshire was recognised by the Provincial Grand Master by his appointment in 1896 as Senior Grand Warden. In Royal Arch Masonry he was

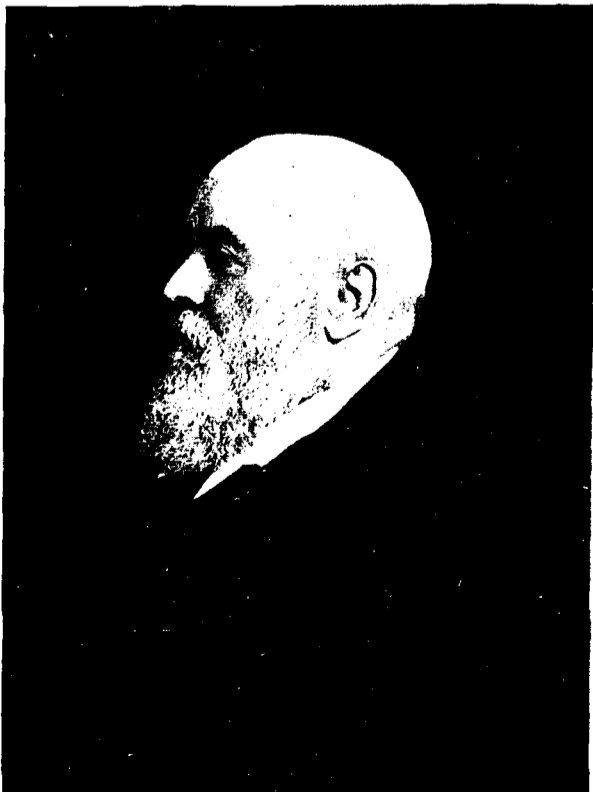


BRO. J. VESEY FITZGERALD.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

exalted in the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 502, and has twice filled the chair of First Principal. Bro. Fitzgerald was a member of the Board of General Purposes for the year 1899-1900, and has served as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Edmund Pontifex is a Masonic veteran of the "sixties," his initiation having taken place in the Middlesex



BRO. EDMUND PONTIFEX.

Lodge, then No. 163, and in 1867, he filled the Master's chair. He joined the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, in 1873, becoming W.M. in 1881, in which year he was chosen to represent the lodge as Grand Steward. Bro. Pontifex was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 26, and in 1869, filled the chair of First Principal. He is a Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and has served as Steward for all three.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Francis Woodhouse Braine, F.R.C.S., was initiated in the St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, No. 5, in 1874, and became W.M. in 1882. In the following year he



BRO. FRANCIS WOODHOUSE BRAINE.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

assisted in founding the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, in which he was associated with several brethren who, like himself, belonged to the medical profession, and in 1884 he filled the chair of W.M. Bro. Braine was exalted in the Royal Arch in 1877, and was installed as First Principal in 1884 and again 1896. At present he is the Z. elect of the Cavendish Chapter, No. 2656, of which he was also a founder. He was appointed Grand Steward in 1882, and has served as Steward both for the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. C. R. Lyne was initiated in the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, Newport, Monmouthshire, in 1872, and was installed as W.M. in 1876. He was exalted in the Chapter attached to the lodge in 1873, becoming First Principal in 1885. But it is the work of the province of which Bro. Lyne's father is the respected Grand Master that Bro. Lyne's services have been most conspicuous. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1884, and Deputy Grand Master in 1894, a position he still holds. He is also Grand H. in the Provincial Grand Chapter. Bro. Lyne has served several Stewardships for the Benevolent Institution and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and is a Life Governor of each.



BRO. COL. C. R. LYNE. (Photo Debenham & Co., Weston-super-Mare)

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Charles Darbyshire Cheetham was initiated in 1879 in the Alexandra Lodge, No. 993, Levenshulme, and was installed as Master in 1885. He joined the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 287, Stockport, in 1897. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire he has filled the offices of Junior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Warden, and Senior Grand Warden, and has been since 1897 Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province, as well as the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution. As a Royal Arch Mason he has filled the Chair of Z., and has received Provincial Grand appointments as Grand Scribe E. and Grand



BRO. C. DARBYSHIRE CHEETHAM. (Photo Warwick Bookers, Manchester)

Scribe N. Bro. Cheetham's work in connection with the Charities has been untiring. He has served as Steward for the Girls' School in 1887 and 1898, and for the Boys' School in

1888 and 1898, and is a Life Governor of both, while for the Benevolent he has served no less than 14 Stewardships, and has qualified as a Patron of the Institution.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Thomas Taylor has a long and honourable record as a Mason, and no appointment of the present year will have been more richly deserved than his. From 1865, the year in which Bro. Taylor was initiated into Masonry in the Menturia Lodge, No. 418 Hanley, his career as a Mason has been active and eminently useful. Our space will not admit of recording the many services which Bro. Taylor has rendered to Masonry in the Province of Staffordshire, and it must suffice to say that from the installation of the late Earl of Shrewsbury, in 1871, to the present time, he has been identified with all the events of importance which have occurred in that earnest and zealous centre of Masonic work.



BRO. THOMAS TAYLOR. (Photo Baker, Birmingham)

In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in 1872, and became a First Principal in 1880. In 1884, he was appointed Prov. G.J. Bro. Taylor also took up very early the charitable work of the province, and has identified himself with all the efforts of the brethren in that direction. In the year 1873, he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and was instrumental in forming a second lodge, the Gordon, No. 2149, which has been very successful, especially in the support it has given to the Charities. Bro. Taylor has done yeoman service in connection with the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and is its present President. He has served fourteen Stewardships for the Central Charities, and is a Vice-Patron both of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Philip Scratchley, M.A., was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1876, and subsequently joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, in both of which he became the Worshipful Master. He was appointed Provincial Grand Registrar of Middlesex in 1887. In Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Scratchley was exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, in 1880, and was installed as Z. in 1888. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and has served four Stewardships for the Girls, and one for the Boys.



BRO. PHILIP SCRATCHLEY.—(Photo Villiers & Quirk, Bristol)

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. E. Roehrich was initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, in 1872, and subsequently joined the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127; the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700; the Verity Lodge, No. 2739; the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, and Lodge L'Entente Cordiale, No. 2796. He was installed W.M. of the Verity Lodge in 1899; the Old Masonians Lodge in 1900; and is at present W.M. of Lodge



BRO. E. ROEHRICH.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

L'Entente Cordiale. Bro. Roehrich became a Royal Arch Mason in the United Pilgrims Chapter, No. 507, in 1887, and afterwards joined Prudence Chapter, attached to the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, of which he is the present First Principal. Bro. Roehrich has been a munificent supporter of the Charities, having served several Stewardships, and qualified as a Patron of the Girls', Boys', and Benevolent Institutions.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. William Albert Hart, the well-known and highly esteemed official of the Great Western Railway at Paddington Station, has a record of just a quarter of a century as a Mason, having been initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in 1876. His onerous and responsible duties for many years left little time at his disposal, and this accounts for his comparative quiescence Masonically until the year 1890, when he joined the Dene Lodge, No. 2228,



BRO. WILLIAM ALBERT HART.—(Photo Staucham, Cheapside)

which meets at Cookham Dene, and of which lodge he became W.M. in 1897. In 1899 Bro. Hart was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works for Berks. It was not until 1896 that he associated himself with Royal Arch Masonry, having been exalted in the Herschel Chapter, and in 1898 he became both a Mark Mason and a member of the 30th of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having been perfected in the Albert Victor Rose Croix Chapter in 1890, and joining the Studholme Chapter in 1896.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. John Stocker, during the twenty-nine years he has been a Mason, has rendered excellent service to the Craft in the important Province of Devon. He was initiated in 1872 in St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, and was installed W.M. in 1877. His ability and worth are perhaps better indicated by his election as honorary member of Lodges Nos. 70, 1402, 2655, 2659, and 2806, than if he had become a joining member. Of the value of his services to the province there can be no question, and they have been recognised both by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Northcote, and his predecessor, Lord Elbrington, by his appointment by the latter as Provincial Grand Warden in 1890, and by the former as Provincial Grand Secretary in 1896, an office which he still holds; while the Craft in Devon signified its appreciation by electing him, so long ago as 1881, Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Stocker is a Royal Arch Mason of twenty-eight years' standing, having been exalted in 1873 in St. George's Chapter, No. 112, Exeter, filling the office of First Principal in 1881. He is also Provincial Grand Scribe of Devon, and in 1882 was appointed First Assistant Sojourner in Provincial Grand Chapter. While interesting himself chiefly in local Masonic

Charities, he has not overlooked the great central Institutions, having served as Steward for the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and qualifying as Life Governor as well as Life Subscriber to the Girls' School.



BRO. J. STOCKER.—(Photo Heath & Bradnee, Exeter)

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. W. Alfred Dawson has had a Masonic experience of nearly thirty years, having been initiated in the Lodge of Industry, No. 421, in February, 1872. He afterwards became a founder and first W.M. of the Lodge of Progress, No. 1768, filling the offices successively of Secretary and Treasurer from 1883 to the present time. In 1882 he took an active part in founding the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, and was its first



BRO. W. ALFRED DAWSON.—(Photo Army & Navy, Ave. C.S. Ltd., Westminster)

Secretary. Bro. Dawson's zeal for Royal Arch Masonry is shown by his having been a member of four chapters, viz.: the Burdett Chapter, No. 1293; the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382; the Royal York Chapter, No. 7; and La France

Chapter, No. 2060, in each of which he occupied the position of M.E.Z. He has also taken an active part in the work of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, having been elected on the Committee (Preceptors), previously to which he had often worked the sections at the Festivals. In addition to this he was for several years Preceptor of the Royal Commemoration Lodge of Instruction, No. 1585. Bro. Dawson has also taken his share of the executive and charitable work of the Order, having been a member of the Board of General Purposes from 1885 to 1887, and the Committee of General Purposes of Grand Chapter, 1886 to 1891. He is a Life Governor and has served Stewardships for each of the Charitable Institutions, besides acting as special Steward at more than one of the great functions that have taken place at the Royal Albert Hall.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Molony, C.B., was initiated in St. Mary Abbott's Lodge, No. 1974, in 1890, and in 1897 joined the Elthorn and Middlesex Lodge, No. 2094. He was installed W.M. of the former in 1898, and of the latter



BRO. LIEUT.-COL. C. M. MOLONY.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

in the succeeding year. Col. Molony became a Royal Arch Mason in 1894, having been exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, and he is now Third Principal. He has served as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and is a Life Governor of each.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel George William Dixon has a Masonic record of thirty years, having been initiated in the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, in 1871. He subsequently joined the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865; the Buckingham Lodge, No. 591; the Gostling Murray Lodge, No. 1871; and the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347; and has filled the office of W.M. in the "Buckingham," the "Dalhousie," and the "Gostling Murray." In 1885 he was invested with the collar of Senior Grand Warden of Berks and Bucks by the late Sir Daniel Gooch, who was then Provincial Grand Master of the combined provinces. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Dixon has also been an active worker, having been exalted in the Windsor Castle Chapter, No. 771, in 1878, joining the Buckingham Chapter, No. 591, and the Lorne Chapter,

No. 1347, in each of which he has filled the chair of First Principal. In Provincial Grand Chapter he is a P.G.S.N. of both Berks and Bucks and Surrey. Bro. Dixon has fifty



BRO. LIEUT.-COL. C. W. DIXON.—(Photo Ellis & Co., Sutton)

rounded off the record of his services to Masonry by serving several Stewardships for the Charities and qualifying as a Life Governor of each.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. James Whittaker Burgess is equally well known as a London and Provincial Mason, and has some claim to be considered a Colonial. He was initiated in Concord Lodge, Bombay, in 1868, subsequently joining the Stanley Lodge,



BRO. JAMES WHITTAKER BURGESS. (Photo J. H. Hogg, Kendal)

No. 1325, the Neptune Lodge, No. 1264, and the Sincerity Lodge, No. 292, Liverpool; the Townley Parker Lodge, No. 1032, Lancs.; and the St. Barnabas Lodge, No. 948, Linsdale. He was one of the founders of the Concordia

Lodge, No. 2492, Wendover, and the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700, London. He has twice filled the Masters's chair—in the Stanley Lodge in 1877, and in Concordia Lodge in 1894. Provincial honours have also fallen to Bro. Burgess, he having been appointed Grand Pursuivant of West Lancashire in 1880, and Senior Grand Deacon in 1894; while in Buckinghamshire he has been appointed successively Prov. Grand Steward, Junior Grand Deacon, and Grand Treasurer. He is a present member of the Board of General Purposes, and of the Board of Management of the Boys' School. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Burgess has been equally active, having filled the chair of First Principal in several chapters and taken part in founding two others. He is a Past Prov. Grand Standard Bearer of Bucks, and Past Prov. Grand Registrar of West Lancashire. In 1899 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer of England. Bro. Burgess's activities are spread over the whole field of Masonry, and the Charities have shared the results of his labours. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School, a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and altogether no less than twenty Stewardships stand to his credit.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. Charles Pulman has had a varied Masonic experience, both in London and the Provinces. He was initiated in the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180, London, in 1861; joining successively the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull, in 1865; the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Balham; Earl Spencer Lodge, No. 1420, London, in 1873; the Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, of which he was a founder; and the St. John's Lodge, No. 1712, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He is a Past Master of the Panmure Lodge, having filled the chair in 1875. He was appointed to Provincial Grand Office in 1886 as Junior Grand Deacon of Northumberland. Bro. Pulman was exalted in the Humber Chapter, No. 57, in 1865, and afterwards took



BRO. CHARLES PULMAN.—(Photo J. Cruikshank Taylor & Sons, London)

an active part in Royal Arch Masonry by joining the St. James' Union Chapter, and founding, with others, the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1339, of which he has been Treasurer from the first; the Bedford Chapter, No. 157; the Bisley Chapter, No. 2317, of which two latter he has been First Principal; and the Hiram Chapter, No. 2416; of which he is the Scribe E. His appointment as Principal Sojourner of the Province of Surrey in 1893, and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1898,

completes an excellent Royal Arch record. As a member of the Board of General Purposes, the Committee of Grand Chapter, and other executive offices in connection with the Charitable Institutions, Bro. Pulman has, during a long Masonic career, done excellent service to the Craft.

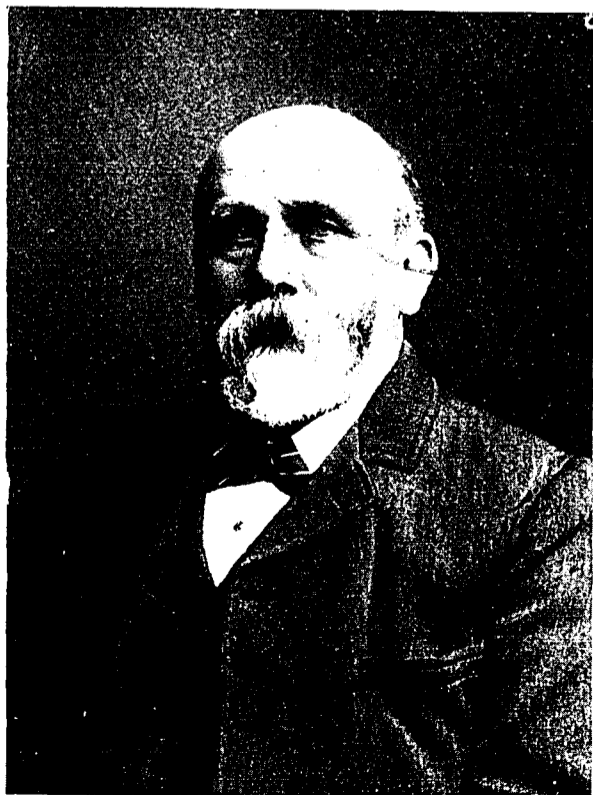
GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. Henry Walmsley Little, Mus. Doc., F.R.A.M., is a worthy successor of the many accomplished musicians who have filled the office of Grand Organist. He was initiated in the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, in 1878, and was installed



BRO. H. WALMSLEY LITTLE. (Photo Leighton, Bristol)

in the chair of Master ten years later. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, which was constituted in 1886. In Royal Arch Masonry, Dr. Little is a member of both the Orpheus and Sterndale Bennett Chapters, and has filled the office of First Principal in each.



BRO. G. FELTON LANCASTER.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. George Felton Lancaster's connection with the Craft dates from 1870, in which year he was initiated in the Gosport Lodge, No. 903, becoming a founder and first Treasurer of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1705, in 1877. In 1878 he joined the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604. Afterwards he assisted in founding the Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, and the Lodge of Hope, No. 2153, and in 1894 he joined the Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528. Twice he has filled the Master's chair—that of Lodge No. 903 in 1875, and Lodge No. 1990 in 1884. In the province he has been appointed successively Provincial Grand Steward, Deacon, Registrar, and in 1890 Prov. A.G. Secretary, an office he continues to fill. In the Royal Arch he is a member of Chapters Nos. 343, 903, and 1428, in each of which he has been First Principal. Provincial Chapter honours have also fallen to him, the principal being that of Provincial Grand J. He has served several Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Life Governor of each.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. William Kipps, whose Masonic career has covered a period of thirty years, was initiated in the Star Lodge, No. 1275, meeting at Greenwich, afterwards joining the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, and the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1513—of which latter he was one of the founders—and subsequently filled the Master's chair in all three. In 1877 he was appointed Provincial Grand Organist of Kent. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and was twice elected First Principal. He has been equally active in the Mark Degree and the Ancient



BRO. WILLIAM KIPPS. (Photo Baudetti & Son, Peckham Rye)

and Accepted Rite, of which latter he is a member of the 30^o. He was for many years Organist and Choir Master of St. Paul's, Greenwich, and has always been ready to place his services as Honorary Organist and Musical Director at the disposal of lodges and chapters, especially at consecration ceremonies. Bro. Kipps is a Life Governor of the three Charities, and has served four Stewardships. Last, but not least, he is a member of the Board of Benevolence, and has devoted much time and attention to the duties of that important body.

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The Grand Festival.

WHATEVER may be said or declared as to the antiquity of certain Masonic Degrees, there cannot be a doubt as to the time-immemorial character of the Annual Banquet, which has so long been a feature of the installation of the new Officers, whether of Lodges or Grand Lodges.

The "Bankatt" was provided for in the Laws of 1599, promulgated by the King's Master Mason for Scotland, and even ELIAS ASHMOLE, one of the great Sages of the 17th

Century, declares in his Diary over 200 years ago, that he and the other members of the Lodge, which assembled under the wing of the Masons' Company, "all dined at the Halfe Moone Tavern in Cheapside, at a Noble dinner prepared at the charge of the New-accepted Masons."

Our own Grand Lodge was not slow to follow such excellent precedents, and so the Annual Festivals have been an integral portion of the Installation function.

Originally a hard and fast line was not observed as to the Day, though we know that for a time the old Lodge at Alnwick fixed their Election Day on the "Feast of St. Michael the Archangel." For many years our Grand Lodge has ordered that "there shall be a Grand Masonic Festival annually, on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day."

As will be seen in our columns, the Festival for 1901 was held on the 24th April, and, as usual, was a marked success, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by the Grand Stewards, to whom the management or regulation of the Banquet, Concert, &c., are entrusted. The distinction of wearing a "Red Apron," and subsequently joining the "Grand Stewards Lodge," rewards for such labours are much prized by those brethren whose status in life, and circumstances generally, warrant their election by the highly favoured eighteen Metropolitan lodges.

It is the first Festival since the election of our new Grand Master, whose Installation will possibly be the great event of the present year; and assuredly if H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., enjoys all the good things, and the best of health desired for him by his English Brethren, his cup of happiness will be "filled to overflowing," and the prosperity of the Craft will continue to increase by leaps and bounds as hitherto.

We have to ask the kind indulgence of our readers for the late appearance this month of "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED," occasioned by the desire on our part to report the proceedings of the Grand Festival on the 24th April.

THE NEW GRAND MASTER'S FIRST INITIATE.—In accordance with our announcement in the last number of "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED," we have the pleasure to state that the Bronze Statuette of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria has been awarded to the W.M. of the Streatham Lodge, No. 2729, who received through the portals of that lodge a candidate for initiation a few minutes after the announcement was made in Grand Lodge of the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The initiate on that occasion will receive an illuminated certificate recording the event.

IN MEMORIAM.

George William Speth.

Obit 19th April, MDCCCXI.

THE saddest tidings are ever the briefest to tell, though the hardest to bear—George William Speth is dead. The most striking personality and the most versatile Craftsman in the literature of Freemasonry during our day has disappeared for ever beyond mere human ken.

The blow is as sudden as severe. Barely forty-eight hours ago our Brother, for whom we now grieve with a bitter grief, was in enjoyment of health, in full vigour of mind, surrounded by his loving family, and strengthened by the knowledge that he possessed the unaffected esteem of the largest circle of Masonic friends and correspondents ever gathered by mortal man. To-day, his family, numbed by the suddenness of their bereavement, can hardly yet realise

that the loving husband, the tender father is no longer by their side. God grant them strength, so that in the hour of trial they fail not!

Born in 1847, Bro. George William Speth was a comparatively young man when the hand of Death stilled his heart. Indeed, he was the youngest of the little knot of enthusiastic Freemasons who founded the famous Lodge of the QUATUOR CORONATI, devoted to the Literature and History of Freemasonry. On the progress and development of that Lodge he spent the indomitable energy of his life, and in its success he found his amplest reward.

Bro. Speth was initiated, when he had just attained his twenty-fifth year, in Lodge of Unity, No. 183, and passed the chair in 1876. He was exalted in Sir Francis Burdett R. A. Chapter, No. 1503, Twickenham, in 1883. With his demise so recent upon us, there is neither opportunity nor occasion to trace minutely the Masonic career of this great Freemason; that will be a care for others when the edge of grief has been dulled by Time. Associated with the Lodge of the QUATUOR CORONATI as its Secretary from its inception, he found in its service world-wide fame and appreciation. He was honoured, in 1896, with the rank of Past Deputy G. D. of Ceremonies.

Our late Brother's qualifications for the post of Secretary of the Lodge of the QUATUOR CORONATI were manifold, and such as are rarely possessed by any one man. He was an accomplished linguist, speaking and writing the principal European languages with fluency and accuracy. His gift of languages was exceptional, for he showed equal proficiency in languages of the Teutonic stock, and of the Latin stock. As is often the case with these Polyglot Masters of speech; his English style, charraining in its directness and simplicity, was set off by quaint turns of expression that showed the traces of some foreign tongue. His reading was wide in more languages than one. His perception was acute, and no keener logician was ever trained in the Schools of the Medieval Doctors of Subtleties. His artistic gifts were of a high order. Well versed in music; he was a draughtsman of no mean skill. The elaborate and tasteful designs for the St. John's cards that graced the early volumes of the ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM were all the products of his fertile imagination and facile fingers. So, too, are the tail pieces that adorn the later volumes of the same series. He had an adroit turn for the lighter kinds of versification, and his intimate friends can recall many a rattling string of rhymes that would be no discredit to an Aytoun or a Barham. Nor did Bro. Speth confine himself, in his more serious studies, to the subjects that serve exclusively as Handmaids of Freemasonry. He was a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and an active member of several

local Archaeological and kindred societies in Kent and the surrounding counties.

Bro. Speth's contributions to the literature of Freemasonry were numerous and of the highest value. His "Royal Freemasons" has gone through several editions on both sides of the Atlantic, and his "Builders' Rites" earned him the commendation of leading Anthropologists. Quite recently, his pamphlet entitled "A Masonic Curriculum," which had been long out of print, has been recast and republished in the United States in an edition of which the copies are to be reckoned by thousands. His linguistic powers gave him particular aptitude for philological researches, and some of the most valuable productions of his pen deal with our corruption of technical phrases. But the great bulk of his compositions will be found in the *ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM*, or *Transactions* of the QUATUOR

CORONATI Lodge, which he edited with conspicuous literary ability. His share in editing the *Anti-grapha*, as the reprints of the QUATUOR CORONATI Lodge are quaintly called, reflected no less credit on his skill as an editor and his geniality as a man, for the true secret of the success of the lodge lay in the exquisitely sympathetic humanity of the Secretary. Never in our time, or in the time of our fathers, has there been built up such an edifice round a lodge as the Correspondence Circle of the QUATUOR CORONATI Lodge, numbering to-day close on 3,000 members, and spread over the whole surface of the globe, from New Zealand to Norway, from Shanghai to Galway. Here is, in truth, a long life's work concentrated within a dozen years. Here, too, alas! lie the seeds of the untimely demise that has left us all lamenting—over-anxiety, over-pressure, over-work.

It is not yet in the power of his friends to write of the man, George William Speth, as he showed himself to them.

Their hearts are too full to allow them to set down in words the measure of their grief. The man that is gone was a man among ten thousand. Wherever the English race is found, there is found esteem for the old-fashioned virtues of courage, truth, and fidelity. Wherever the English-speaking Craft is found, there is found anxious desire to further the practice of those virtues by the teaching that underlies our old-fashioned symbolism. True and trusty are the watchwords of the Craft. True and trusty were the watchwords of George William Speth's life. No man ever heard him speak ill of his neighbour; no man ever found in him an evil thought of his neighbour. The shadow of the grave weighs on us who lag behind him in the race that all men run. But for such as he there are no shadows beyond the grave. *Sil anima mea cum animâ illius!*

W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY.

22nd April, 1901.



THE LATE BRO. GEORGE WILLIAM SPETH.
(Photo Goodman & Schmidt, Margate.)



The retirement of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught from the offices of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, in consequence of his election as Most Worshipful Grand Master, cannot fail to bring with it a deep sense of loss on the part of the province and district concerned. It is, however, a matter for congratulation that the best appointments have been made to fill the vacancies thus caused. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of March and Darnley, the new Provincial Grand Master for Sussex is the eldest son of the Duke of Richmond, and is a Past Grand Warden of England. He is in close touch with the province, having represented the Western Parliamentary Division of Sussex from 1869 to 1885, and the South-Western Division from 1885-8. The new District Grand Master for Bombay, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Northcote, C.B., G.C.S.I., was already the Pro District Grand Master, and is the Governor of Bombay. He is also the Provincial Grand Master for Devonshire, thus holding, as did his illustrious predecessor, a dual office.

It will be noted with feelings of pleasure by the Craft that each of the four Envoys who were entrusted with the mission of announcing His Majesty's accession to the Throne at the Courts of Europe is a prominent member of the Order. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., is the Grand Master of Ireland, being the second duke of that name to hold the office, which he has filled since 1886, and he is also a Past Grand Warden of England. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, G.C.V.O., is a Past Deputy Grand Master of England and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, which office he has filled since 1872. The Right Hon. the Earl of Carrington, G.C.M.G., is a Past District Grand Master of New South Wales, and R.W. Bro. Field-Marshal the Right Hon. Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., is a Past Grand Warden of England.

Much sympathy will be felt for R.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Prov. Grand Master for Suffolk and of the Isle of Man, in the loss he has just sustained by the death of his eldest son. It appears that only a short time before his son's death Lord Henniker received a telegram stating that he was better, which made him postpone the visit he was about to pay him. The next message he was to receive, however, was the sad news of his death.

Of the new lodges for which warrants have recently been granted in London, three appear to merit special notice, the first in order of number being the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2840, which has for its object the provision of a lodge for Yorkshiremen in London, for which, judging from the success of the Cornish and the Devonian Lodges, a prosperous future may safely be predicted. The next is the Asylums Board Lodge, No. 2842, which seems to follow naturally in the wake of the London School Board and the London County Council Lodges; and the third is the Middlesex Hospital Lodge, No. 2843, which, as implied by its name, is for the convenience of brethren connected with that institution, and adds another to the list of lodges representing the great London hospitals.

The Grand Lodge of Denmark has always been in cordial relationship with the Grand Lodge of England, its Grand Master, H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, being a Past Grand Master, and its Deputy Grand Master a Past

Grand Warden of England. We note, therefore, with pleasure that the Danish Committee, which at Copenhagen presented an artistic address to Queen Alexandra, had for its President Bro. Count Danneskjold Samsoë, who is the representative of our Grand Lodge. It is of interest to observe that the address, to which the Queen replied in very feeling terms, was signed by about five hundred different institutions from all parts of the country.

Bro. the Rev. F. St. John Corbett, M.A., Rector of Long Marton, in the diocese of Carlisle, holds office in the Vale of Eden Lodge, No. 2493, Appleby. He was ordained to the curacy of Hunslet, Leeds, by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, and



BRO. REV. F. ST. JOHN CORBETT. (Photo Scott & Son, Carlisle)

prior to his preferment to Long Marton was for five years curate of St. Michael's, Chester Square, London. He is the author of a dozen volumes of theological and poetical works, in recognition of which he was, in March last, elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

The recently appointed Commander-in-Chief of our Forces in India, R.W. Bro. Gen. Sir Arthur Power Palmer, K.C.B., is the District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of the Punjab, to which office he was appointed in 1899. Sir Power has a fine physique, and is known amongst his familiars as "Long P." in allusion to his unusual height—6 feet 4. His appointment having been made retrospective, has again given rise to the rumour that R.W. Bro. Lord Kitchener will eventually take up the Indian command.

While playing in *Mrs. Dane's Defence* at Portsmouth recently, Bro. Henry Neville was honoured by a summons to appear before the King at Osborne House. Bro. Neville is one of the best exponents of English melodrama, and in establishing some years since a dramatic school, he has not scrupled to place his talents at the disposal of younger aspirants. His pleasant and popular personality are well known in the Craft. He was initiated in Scotland, joining the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, in 1877, and becoming a founder of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, in both of which lodges he has passed the chair. A Life Governor of all the Institutions, his services to the Order were recognised in 1898 by his appointment to the office of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. J. L. Toole, the memory of whose dramatic successes will not be quickly effaced from the minds of those of our generation who have been privileged to witness them, is, we may remind our readers, a veteran Mason. He joined English Freemasonry in 1870 under the auspices of the Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319, having been previously initiated in Dublin. He afterwards joined the Maybury Lodge, No. 969, and in later years the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, of both of which he is still a member. Continued ill-health, the cause of his long retirement from the stage, must also in later years have necessarily affected his active connection with the Craft. We hope, however, that his 71st birthday, which was celebrated a short time since, may be followed by many more of a cheerier description.

In the April periodicals are to be found two stories illustrative of the benefit of Freemasonry in perilous times, one in the *Hindsor Magazine*, and the other told by T. P. O'Connor in *M.A.P.*, containing, by the way, another moral, which are well worth repetition.

During the present war the tie of the Brotherhood has been recognised both by Boers and Englishmen. A colonel of a Canadian regiment at Modder River, on a Sunday morning stroll, strayed too far from his camp, when he suddenly found himself covered by the rifle of a Boer. By a fortunate impulse he made the customary sign, and cried out, "Don't shoot—". The Boer immediately threw down his gun and hurried to the colonel, informing him that he belonged to "De Broderband in Pretoria," and was a member of General Cronje's staff. He begged him to return at once to his camp, and made him accept a valuable coin as a souvenir of his escape.

The "Fiscal Minister" who was accredited from the state of New Granada—now Colombia—to the Government of Lord Palmerston, was a worthy and eccentric Spanish gentleman named Senor Raphael de Ayala. He came over both to represent his adopted country at the Court of St. James's, and to consolidate the Colombian debt—in fact it is his hurried signature which became the "Racala" familiar to holders of Colombian bonds. In his time he had been a prominent Freemason. "Once a Mason, always a Mason," but, so far as in him lay, he had quite severed his connection with the Craft some little time before leaving New Granada—as it then was—for London, and for the same reasons which prevailed with a former Grand Master of England, Lord Ripon. However, in one of the almost monthly civil wars of the New Granadians—*nouveaux gredins*, De Ayala always called them, for they treated him badly—he fell into the hands of the enemy's troops.

Their commander was an ambitious medical man, who insisted upon a solemn trial and lengthy interrogatories—Latin republics run to that kind of thing—although it was a foregone conclusion from the start. Prisoner and judge were personally unknown to each other, but when the firing party was being ordered to make ready outside the walls of the improvised court-house, poor De Ayala saw reason to forget for the moment his abandonment of Masonry, and to make the long familiar sign, as a last resource, and on the merest chance of success. To his delight, it was returned by the military medico—so implacable a moment before. And the good *converti* lived to hob-nob with Palmerston, and to tell the tale to his son, Mr. Fernan de Ayala, of champagne fame, who told it to me.

In the death of W. Bro. Zillwood Milledge, of Weymouth, the Province of Dorset lost one of her most active and zealous members. In his own particular Lodge, that of All Souls', No. 170, he devoted such energy and zeal that his loss is well nigh irreparable. In the correct workings of the various Degrees, both of lodge and chapter, he was

an enthusiast, and guarded with jealous eye and ear against any attempt to alter in the slightest manner the splendid ritual he was so proud of knowing had been handed down to us. To the fostering care of W. Bro. Zillwood Milledge is due in a great measure the present perfect state in which one now sees the All Souls' Temple with its many valuable belongings.

The Temple was most carefully restored under his personal supervision in 1888, being the second occasion of his occupying the chair. The whole of the furniture are gifts from brethren, many of whom have long since passed away, and very many articles were the actual work of the brethren themselves; conspicuous amongst them are those from the members of our deceased brother's family, for the name of Milledge has been honoured in All Souls' very nearly from its commencement.

Our late brother was initiated into Freemasonry in All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, in 1875, and from that hour till his death he manifested a zeal and fidelity for the cause such as many a young member now might strive to copy. After occupying many of the subordinate offices he filled the chair of his lodge in 1884, and again in 1888, and in 1891 he was appointed P.G.J.W. of Dorset. In the year 1887 he occupied the position of First Principal of his chapter, and in 1895 held the office of Provincial Grand J.

Bro. Milledge also took a special interest in the Knight Templar Degree, and filled the office of Eminent Preceptor in 1893. In 1899 he became Sub-Prior of Dorset. He was also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, having taken the 18^o in 1890, and the 30^o in 1893, becoming M.W.S. of his chapter in 1895. He was also a Mark Mason, filling the Master's chair in 1895, and was afterwards appointed Provincial Grand Warden. He took a special interest in the work of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and was a member of the Correspondence Circle.



THE LATE BRO. ZILLWOOD MILLEDGE.

Bro. Milledge was a loyal supporter of the Masonic Charities, and the Dorset Masonic Charity will lose in him a Vice-Chairman whose place will be difficult to fill. In 1896 our late brother published an interesting history of All Souls' Lodge, which will be a valuable addition to the now numerous records of the past doings of private lodges. There has passed away in Bro. Milledge a more than ordinary Mason, one who put his whole heart and soul into the work of the Order.

All that was mortal of Bro. Colonel Hugh Mackay Gordon, V.D., J.P., was laid to rest in the churchyard of that quaint old village of Eltham, Kent, on Saturday, March 23rd. Colonel Gordon was a much respected member of the Craft, and a liberal supporter of the Institutions connected therewith. A Past Grand Sword Bearer of England, a Past Prov. Grand Deacon of Middlesex, and, until just prior to his death, Treasurer of the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, a position which he vacated in consequence of failing health in favour of W. Bro. W. G. Kentish, and a Past Master and senior surviving founder of the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041, a lodge in which he took especial interest, and which was founded in 1884 in connection with the 2nd V.B. Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, of which the deceased was long a member, having joined it at the commencement of the Volunteer movement in 1859, and having been for many years Captain Commandant of the 3rd (Lee) Kent R.V.C., subsequently attaining field rank, and retiring about twelve years since with the rank of Colonel. We are informed that only recently he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen—an honour which unhappily he did not live long to enjoy.

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Among those who attended to pay a last mark of respect were Bros. W. G. Kentish, P.G. Std. Br.; Surgeon-Major H. W. Roberts, P.P.G.W. Middlesex; Col. Francis Wm. Frigout, P.M. 2041; A. A. Frigout, P.M. 2041, P.P.G. Supt. Works, Kent; Sergt.-Major Parsons, P.M. 2041; Colour-Sergt. Albion G. Collins, P.M. 2041; Sergt. John Ward, I.P.M. 2041; Henry C. Loney, W.M. 2041; Sergt. E. J. Jarratt, S.D. 2041; Wm. H. Gomer, D.C. 2041; S. Fallows, 2041; G. W. Coleman, 2041; and R. White, 2041.

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At a recent meeting of the Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789, Bro. T. B. Tipton, P.M., 2550, whose portrait appeared in our first issue, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. He is a well-known and popular West-end Mason, and we congratulate him upon this new honour which is well deserved, as he took a very prominent part in founding this successful lodge.

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The following letter has been received in reply to an address to His Majesty the King from the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls:—

Sandringham,
Norfolk.

Sir Francis Knollys is commanded by the King to thank the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for their address and kind expressions of sympathy on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria.

His Majesty desires at the same time to convey his sincere appreciation to the Governors and Subscribers for their congratulations on his accession to the Throne.

19th April, 1901.

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Bro. John Hare's retirement from the stage will be genuinely regretted by all classes of playgoers. Bro. Hare retires in the very height of his popularity. He is not really an old man yet—only fifty-seven. That is to say, he is six years younger than Bro. Sir Henry Irving, one year the junior of Bro. Charles Wyndham, and the same age as Bro. Edward Terry. Bro. Hare, however, has never taken very kindly to the business side of the stage, and it is to escape the worries incidental to theatre management that Bro. Hare contemplates retirement.

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It was in Robertson's comedies—*Society, Ours, Castle, &c.*, that Bro. Hare made that impression which raised him at once into the front rank of light comedians. His "nice old gentleman" became the talk of the town, and it was to this type that he almost exclusively devoted himself. His make-up was almost perfect to fastidiousness, but Bro. Hare himself tells how he was once caught tripping by the King

(then the Prince of Wales), who pointed out to him that the decorations he wore in the part of Prince Perovsky in *Ours* were absurd. "The Prince was very quick to detect these things," said Bro. Hare, "and the fact was, in the hurry I had allowed myself to wear a rather mixed lot, among them being a Masonic order!"

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We cannot but admire the energy that Bro. Sheriff Lawrence has displayed in desiring to add Parliamentary honours to the duties of his Shrievalty. His candidature for the Monmouth Boroughs, formerly represented by Dr. Rutherford Harris, whose return was successfully petitioned against, has been adopted by the local Conservative and Unionist Association, and no doubt ere this appears in print the choice of the Constituency will have been made.

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Our brethren at Bellary, Madras, have suffered a serious loss by fire of their Masonic Temple, which was built by subscription about eighteen years ago. The origin of the fire is unknown, but suspicion points to its being the work of an incendiary.

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Freemasonry in the Channel Islands grows apace, and its progress in Guernsey and Alderney is very noticeable since those islands were constituted into a province in 1894, and R.W. Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.M., is to be congratulated upon having such an energetic Provincial Grand Secretary as Bro. J. B. Nickolls, who is the life and spirit of the province. The latest news to hand is of the formation of a Royal Arch Chapter in Alderney, which will be the first consecrated there. The petition is being extensively signed, companions in Guernsey being enthusiastic in their support of the sister island. It is to be named the St. Ann's Chapter.

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Upon the duration of the war in South Africa will depend how long the Province of Sussex will be minus a Provincial Grand Master, as the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, has appointed as his successor the Earl of March, who has sailed with his regiment, the Sussex Militia, for the front.

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The roll of lodges in the Province of Staffordshire will receive an increase upon the consecration of the Victoria Lodge at Wolverhampton by the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Dartmouth, which will take place very shortly. This will bring the total of lodges in the town up to four, the oldest being St. Peter's, No. 419, which was founded in 1834.

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We make the following extract from the *Windsor Magazine* for April, as being the most lucid conception of what Freemasonry really is that we have ever seen in the non-Masonic press:—"In round numbers, Freemasons dispense in charity and benevolence an average of £300 a day in England alone; and when the contributions of Scotland, Ireland, our Colonies, America, and other countries are added, the total must be enormous. This liberality is the more astonishing because, in spite of a common delusion to the contrary, Freemasonry as such is neither a charitable institution nor a benevolent society. No man should be received into its ranks unless there is a reasonable probability that he will never want to draw one penny from its funds, directly or indirectly. So far from this, he is expected to contribute something, according to his ability and means, towards its resources. Freemasonry is a 'system of morality,' but charity, in its best sense, is an outward expression of Masonic tenets, and is intended, primarily, for those of its members who, from unavoidable and unforeseen circumstances of calamity and misfortune, are plunged into poverty and distress; for their widows and orphans or other relatives and dependents. The wants of these first claimants being satisfied, Freemasonry then turns her attention to the sufferers by war, famine, pestilence, flood, earthquake, or shipwreck, and with no niggard hand applies herself to the truly Masonic task of alleviating, as far as may be, human pain and misery."

Consecration of the Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841.

THE eastern suburbs of our great metropolis, already rich in Masonic lodges, had a further acquisition of no small importance on Monday, April 22nd, when the Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841, taking its name from an ancient part of Manor Park, near which it will meet, was consecrated by V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by R.W. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., as S.W.; W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G.Std.B., as J.W.; the Right Rev. and V.W. Bro. the Lord Bishop of Barking, P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; W. Bro. Frank Richardson, A.G.D.C., as D.C.; and W. Bro. James Boulton, P.G.P., as I.G., at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E.C., by special dispensation, there not being sufficient accommodation at the Three Rabbits, Manor Park, the future home of the lodge, for the upwards of 100 Brethren who assembled to witness the ceremony.

V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth performed the ceremony with that dignity and impressiveness for which he is so noted, and which never fails to charm his hearers.

R.W. Bro. Robert Grey replied for "The Grand Officers," and congratulated the members upon having a Grand Officer for a Master who had done so much in the cause of Masonic benevolence.

In reply to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," the Lord Bishop of Barking, in a particularly happy speech, described the starting of a new lodge to the launching of a ship which he had recently witnessed, and the anxious moments of suspense which followed the cutting of the cord, waiting to see how she would take the water, the same may be applied to the lodge launching, but from the long list of joining members, and the propositions of candidates for initiation which they had heard the Secretary read out he had no doubt that the Aldersbrook Lodge would go forward and prosper in the good work which they had set themselves to do. He would like to refer to a quotation from Wordsworth—"Great men have been among us." This was particularly true of Freemasonry; great men and Masons have been among us—have gone before us—who



THE BANQUET.

(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

In an oration of great power and eloquence, V.W. Bro. the Bishop of Barking urged the founders to keep up the high tone which the traditions of Freemasonry in their district had established, and made a happy simile to the name of the lodge. They had taken the Alder tree, which was a type and figure of vigorous growth, may they emulate it in that respect, not in rapid growth only, as pruning may be necessary, but like a tree whose leaf shall not wither, and which shall bring forth its fruit in due season.

After the lodge was duly consecrated, W. Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.A.G.P., was installed as W.M.; Bro. G. M. E. L. Verlyck invested as S.W., and Bro. E. T. Dunn as J.W.

The Consecrating Master and his Officers were unanimously elected hon. members of the lodge, and presented with gold match boxes as souvenirs of the occasion.

V.W. Bro. Letchworth heartily thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon them, and expressed great regret that he and W. Bro. Frank Richardson were obliged to leave them for another urgent Masonic engagement.

The banquet was held in the long tapestried Hall, which is the subject of our illustration. After the usual loyal toasts,

have laid the foundations upon which we are proud to build. Concluding, he would give this advice to all present—

"Do what you can—be what you are,
Shine like a glow-worm, if you cannot like a star;
Work like a pulley, if you cannot like a crane,
And learn to grease a wheel, if you cannot drive the train."

R.W. Bro. Grey, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," spoke of his long and valuable services in the cause of Masonry, and maintained that he had attained his position by realizing what his duties were when quite a young Mason; he had gained not only the Purple, which we all desire, but had grown grey in honourable service to the Craft.

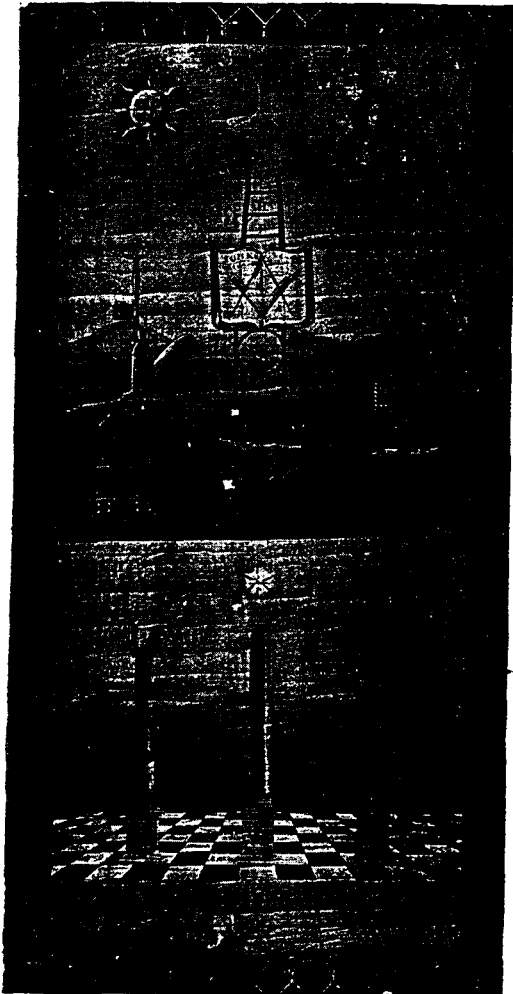
W. Bro. Grimsdale, P.M. 2594, in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," typified the consecration as the forging of another link in the chain which stretches round the civilized world.

Other toasts followed, and an enjoyable and successful evening was spent. Great credit is due to the Secretary, Bro. A. J. Allison, for the excellence of the arrangements, which must have entailed a vast amount of work.

Tracings Boards of Lodge, No. 262,

Held in the 7th Light Dragoons, subsequently No. 331, 7th Hussars.

THE Tracing Boards here depicted may be considered unique in more ways than one. They are painted on strips of canvas, each being of a different size, and were probably designed by one of the members of the lodge, who evidently cut his Tracing Boards "according to his cloth." No. 262 being a travelling lodge, *i.e.*, not fixed in a



No. 1—Original Size, 35 in. by 18 in.

certain town, but accompanying the regiment, it was essential that the paraphernalia should be as compact as possible, the boards therefore had neither frames nor stretchers; when in use they were simply fastened to the floor at each corner, and when not in use they were rolled up in a very small compass.

The whole of the regalia, books, and furniture, both Craft and Royal Arch, including robes, &c., of this lodge, were kept in a box under two feet square.

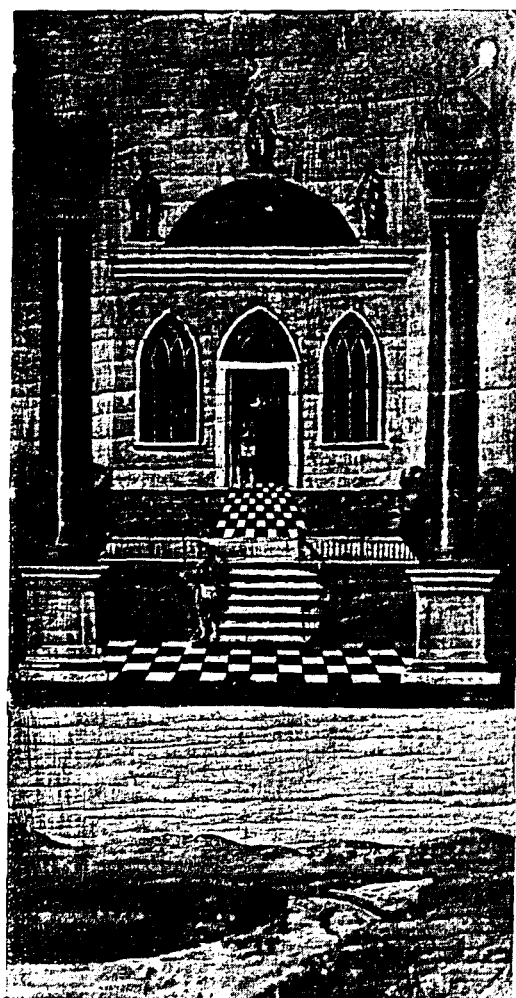
The date on the coffin lid probably indicates the year the boards were painted, thus enhancing their value as relics of the past, for, although there are many old Tracing Boards in existence, we are in most cases left quite in the dark as to their age.

Apart from the peculiarity of their design and construction, the fact of their having been with, or near, the regiment during the battle of Waterloo will doubtless add to their historic interest. It is hardly likely that they were actually on the ground during the great fight, yet it is possible, as no doubt the box was with the baggage of the regiment. Under the circumstances, therefore, we might be almost justified in designating them Waterloo Tracing Boards.

We learn from *Lane's Masonic Records* that in 1807 the Grand Lodge of the Antients in London, in response to a petition from certain brethren in the 7th (or Queen's Own Regiment of) Light Dragoons, re-issued warrant No. 262 (the

lodge to which it had originally been granted having lapsed), for a lodge to be held in that regiment, the warrant bearing date 22nd April, 1807. This lodge, judging from the Grand Lodge records, appears to have been fairly successful from the first, notwithstanding the demands made upon its members by the service in which they were engaged, and they were many and urgent at that period. No sooner had the regiment returned from the Peninsular war and had settled down for a short period of rest and recuperation than Napoleon's escape from Elba and his determination to try conclusions himself with Wellington, necessitated an immediate call to arms and a hurried return to the Continent.

In a letter to the Grand Secretary dated 26th December, 1814, from Brighton Barracks, the Secretary (Sergeant William Edwards) says: "The deranged state of our Lodge, owing to our late return from service, is the only excuse which can be offer'd for the delay which has occur'd in forwarding the enclosed Return, but in future this shall be avoided." In consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges the lodge had now become No. 331. His next letter, dated 2nd April, 1815, states that "This Regiment being under immediate orders for service, the Brethren are extremely desirous of obtaining their respective certificates before they leave this country." At first sight the pressing need of Masonic certificates on the eve of departure for the battle-field appears somewhat peculiar, but I think a probable explanation may be found in the fact that at the period indicated scarcely a regiment in the British Army but had a Freemasons' lodge attached to it, either under the English, Irish, or Scotch Constitution; moreover, in view of the stirring nature of the times and the uncertain incidents of war, the brethren might reasonably have some doubts as to when they would see England again. However, their desires



No. 2—Original Size, 33 in. by 17 in.

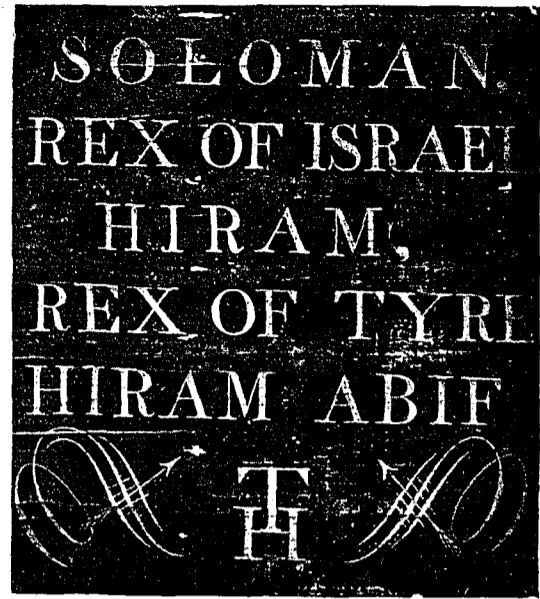
were evidently understood and appreciated at head-quarters, for the certificates were despatched the next day.

We learn nothing more of the affairs of the lodge until December 13th, 1816, when a letter was written to the Grand Secretary by the W.M., Richard Aird, Riding Master, the regiment being then at Cassel under the name of the 7th Hussars, where the writer says they expect to be settled for a few months. Meanwhile Waterloo, in which the light cavalry had played a conspicuous part, had been fought and won, and it might naturally be supposed, considering the character of the campaign, both before and immediately after that great event, that military Masonry had, for the time being, necessarily fallen into abeyance. This, however, appears not to have been at all the case with the lodge under consideration. In a list of 28 members which accompanied the letter last mentioned, Sergeant-Major Joseph Pegler is



No. 3.—Original Size, 25 in. by 13 in.

returned as having been initiated on the 9th June, 1815, and Adam Taite, Private, as having joined the lodge on the 27th of the same month, the one nine days before and the other nine days after Waterloo. In the same list, appended to the name of Japtha Keeling, Private, is the significant note, "Killed in action, Waterloo." In June, 1818, the regiment was still at Cassell, and the lodge appears to have been fairly prosperous while there; but on July 5th, 1820, Bro. Aird, who still presided over the lodge, in a letter to the Grand Secretary, from Hamilton, N.B., apologises for not having



R.A.—Original Size, 16 in. by 11 in.

transmitted a return before, the reason being that they had not had a full meeting of the lodge since December, 1818, owing to the very scattered state of the regiment. He, however, sends a list of twenty-four members and £5 4s. 6d. as Grand Lodge dues. Unhappily for the well-being and stability of the lodge, ten of the members are marked as "Discharged" and eight of this number as "not payed since the last return."

In January, 1822, the regiment was in Dublin, whence a letter was received from the Master asking for twelve certificates and enclosing Grand Lodge fees to the amount of £15 8s. From this period may be dated the decline of the lodge. In August, 1823, the Grand Secretary was notified that the regiment was again at Brighton, and that the loss of members had brought the lodge down to a very low condition. In October, 1824, a letter was received from Hounslow Barracks by the Grand Secretary, in which the writer (Sergeant Edward Cotton) says:—"The few members who have supported the Lodge while in its tottering state have formed a resolution to send the Box and Jewels, with other matters appertaining to it, or belonging to the Lodge, for your disposal, and it is their wish that whatever the articles may bring, to see it given (by receipt) to the Orphan Fund. Those matters shall be sent free of expence, and your better judgement will form their disposal."

Thus ended the career of the first and only lodge in the 7th Hussars, which, during its somewhat brief life-time, was certainly as well conducted as any lodge in the British Army. Its final act as a lodge was highly creditable to the members, evincing as it did a warm regard for that greatest of all Masonic virtues—*Charity*.

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Bro. Edward Andrew Chisholm, the new Scottish Grand Treasurer, who is a native of Edinburgh, is thirty-four years of age, and entered the office of the Grand Lodge over eleven years ago. He joined the Craft about the same time, being initiated in Lodge Trafalgar, No. 223, which meets in Leith, the seaport town of Edinburgh. In that lodge he filled the offices of Standard Bearer and Depute Master, and was elected R.W.M. last St. John's Day. He was appointed interim Treasurer when his predecessor in office was elected Grand Secretary, and was unanimously confirmed in his appointment at the Grand Lodge communication in February last.

Bro. Chisholm is an affiliated member of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, and an honorary member of Lodge Canongate and Leith, No. 5. He was also one of the founders of the youngest lodge in the metropolitan district, Lodge Trinity, No. 885, which young lodge has, curiously enough, been the runner up to the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, on both occasions of the oldest lodge in the world winning the golf trophy presented to it by Sir Lewis McIver, Bart., M.P., to commemorate the tercentenary of its existing consecutive records. Among the higher degrees, Bro. Chisholm is a Knight Templar, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, besides being a member of several side degrees.

Lodge Trafalgar, which was instituted in the "twenties," and after some years of activity became dormant to be revived again in the "fifties," had for many years a direct

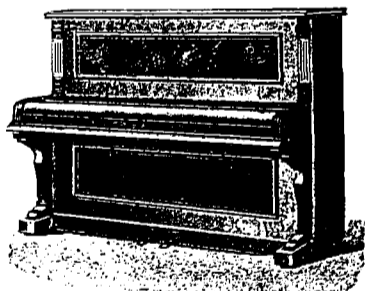


BRO. EDWARD ANDREW CHISHOLM.

link with the naval battle from which it takes its name, its Tyler having fought with Nelson, on board the "Victory." The lodge was at one time of a purely seafaring character, but is not now so restricted in its membership.

Bro. Chisholm is deservedly popular with all who come in contact with him, and it is not too much to say that if any one had had the temerity to oppose him in connection with the Grand Treasurership that he would have polled as sweeping a vote as did the Grand Secretary.

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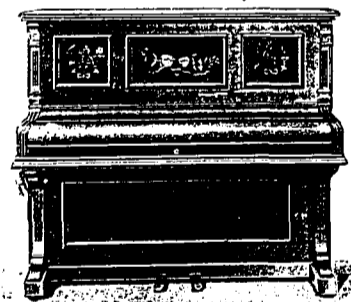


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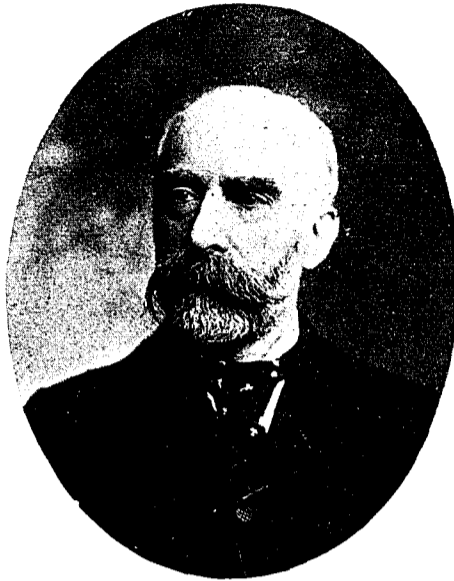
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THE installation meeting of the Empire Lodge, when W. Bro. A. Bassett-Hopkins was raised to the chair, took place on March 26th, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, and proved one of the most unique Masonic functions of the newly dawned twentieth century. The lodge, which already has a reputation for lavish hospitality, excelled itself, and entertained a most distinguished and representative company, its guests coming from the four corners of the globe, and fully emphasising the proud name of "The Empire Lodge." The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London were present, also the Under Sheriffs and the candidates for the next year, so that there was quite a civic assembly, while visitors from Australia and the Transvaal will be able, on their return to their own homes, to tell, as they promised they would, of the great and far reaching fellowship they found in London under the banner of the Craft. We are glad to see how the strength of the Empire

Lodge grows, and how young Masons continually flock towards it, attracted, no doubt, by the *raison d'être* of its existence. From the excellent little booklet given to the brethren at the meeting, we take the following extract:—



BRO. A. BASSETT HOPKINS, W.M.
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"The Empire Lodge was founded in 1885, under the auspices of those already mentioned and others, and of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who expressed the opinion, when becoming a Member of the Lodge, that it was calculated to 'draw Colonists into closer connection and sympathy with Home matters.' Ever since its foundation, every effort has been made to fulfil the objects of its inception."

It certainly looks, with four initiates on the last occasion, that the new Worshipful Master will have as good a year as his immediate and aimable predecessor, W. Bro. J. Sefton Mayors, who was heartily congratulated upon his term of office.



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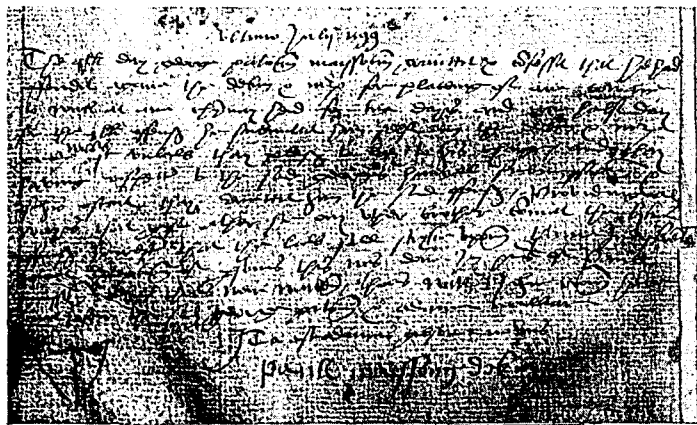


BRO. LIONEL COOKE, SECRETARY,
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Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1.

In our issue for November will be found a Review of Bro. D. Murray Lyon's History of the Oldest Lodge in the World, No. 1, Scotland, and in our February number we gave a portrait of the present R.W.M., Bro. W. W. Robertson, H.M. Surveyor for Scotland, with an illustration of the Lodge Hall, in Hill Street, where the brethren assemble.

Now we present a reproduction of the oldest preserved minute of No. 1, dated "Ultimo, July, 1599." The record is of an interesting character, being a very early instance of the use of the word *Cowan*, as distinct from *Eavesdropper*. George Patoun, a Mason, acknowledged, in a most humble manner, that he had disobeyed the law by employing "a Cowane to work at ane chymnay." The Deacon and Masters of the lodge accepted the apology, as herein stated, and the mark of the Deacon is duly appended. The word *Cowan* does not occur again in the Records until the year 1693, when it was enacted that the penalty of "twelve pound Scots" shall be paid, if "any Master employ a Cowan or Cowans," the money was to be appropriated "to the use of the poor," so that if there were many delinquents, we must hope that the disposal of the penalties in some measure tended to mitigate the offence against the rules of the lodge.



Transcription
 Ultimo Julio 1599
 The 9th day George Patoun, mason, presented to the lodge that he had offended against the law by employing of one Cowane to work at ane chymney, that he had done so for the space of three days and one half day, for the said offence he submitted himself in the lodge and was bound by anlaw that he should pay to his charge, and they having respect to the said George Patoun's submission & of his estate, they remitted him the said offence, providing always that if after he (or any other brother) commit the like offence hereafter that the law shall strike upon him: Witness our hands & seals this 9th day of July 1599. In presence of the said George Patoun & Adam Walker the said George Patoun & Adam Walker
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