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Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland.*

## *The Province of Leicestershire and Rutland.*

SITUATED right in the centre of England, the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland is neither one of the largest nor one of the oldest of the Masonic provinces, and yet there are some features of its history, past and present, which are of abiding interest, not only for its own members, but for Masons far and wide.



BRO. SIR F. G. FOWKE, BART.,  
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, 1851 TO 1856.

Although the office of Provincial Grand Master was instituted by the Grand Lodge of England as early as 1726, it was not until the year 1774 that a "deputation" was granted by Lord Petre, Grand Master, to Colonel Sir Thomas Fowke, equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland, brother of George III., appointing him to preside over the Craft in Leicestershire. He was succeeded in 1793 by Thomas Boothby Parkyns, Esq., M.P., afterwards first Lord Ranccliffe, who held the office till his death in 1800. After ten years interregnum, George, second Lord Ranccliffe, was appointed to succeed his father, but being a politician first and foremost, his Masonic duties were sadly neglected, and although he nominally ruled the province for a period of nearly forty years, the actual work of the office for the latter portion of the time was ably carried out by the Deputy, Sir Frederick G. Fowke, Bart., who succeeded him as Provincial Grand Master in 1851. Sir Frederick died in 1856, being followed by Earl Howe, who worthily occupied the high position until his death in 1869. The next Provincial Grand Master was Bro. William Kelly, beloved by all who knew him, who resigned after three years of service, and was succeeded in 1873 by the present esteemed Provincial Grand Master, Earl Ferrers, who is now one of the oldest on the roll of provincial rulers. The county of Rutland was added to the province in 1869, at the time of the consecration of the first and only lodge to be held at Oakham. It is a curious fact, however, that although there were no lodges held in the county of Rutland before that date, no less than four distinguished brethren held the office of Provincial Grand Master of Rutland between the years 1776 and 1813, viz., the Hon. R. B. Walsingham, 1776; T. B. Parkyns (Lord Ranccliffe), 1789; Richard Barker, 1798; and H. J. Da Costa, 1813.

The united province has but fifteen lodges, and the oldest at present on the roll—St. John's, No. 279, Leicester—dates only from the year 1790, the youngest being the East

Goscote, No. 2865, consecrated in the year 1901, and meeting at the village of Syston.

It was in the year 1739, twenty-two years subsequent to the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, that the first lodge of Freemasons was established in Leicester. The warrant was dated December 7th, 1739, and its number on the register of Grand Lodge was 179. In common with most lodges of that period, it had no distinctive name, and held its meetings at the "Wheat Sheaf" Inn, Humberstone Gate. Unfortunately no books, documents, or relics of any description belonging to this lodge have been preserved. From 1739 to 1752, it was regularly included in the Grand Lodge list as an active lodge, although it appears to have been erased in 1744. The probability is that the lodge, like so many of the pioneer lodges, failed from some cause or other to attract new members, and consequently became unable to continue the annual payments to Grand Lodge, the warrant therefore being withdrawn and the lodge erased.

Having lost their 1739 warrant, the Leicester brethren very soon petitioned the Grand Lodge for another. The petition was granted, and a lodge—warrant No. 250, dated August 21st, 1754—was constituted to meet at the "Pelican" Inn, Gallowtree Gate. As in the case of Lodge No. 179, no records whatever of No. 250 remain; its number was altered to No. 187 in the year 1755, and it appeared in the lists as an active lodge until 1769, although there is little doubt that it ceased to work several years prior to that date.

The next Leicester lodge was a military one, and was established by the "Antients" or "Atholl" Grand Lodge. It was attached to the Leicester Militia, from which body alone it received candidates. Its number was 87, and its warrant was dated May 29th, 1761. This lodge is supposed to have lapsed about 1764.



BRO. WILLIAM KELLY, F.S.A., F.R.H.S.,  
PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER & GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

In the same year in which the military lodge was established, the "Antients" Grand Lodge constituted another lodge in Leicester, No. 91, of September 26th, 1761, and of this lodge, which had a chequered career of nearly sixty years, many very interesting relics remain. These consist chiefly of certificates, brass seals, and jewels. Among the certificates is the earliest "Antients" Grand Lodge certificate known to be in existence. This document is wholly written

on parchment, the first six lines being in Latin and the remainder in English; it was issued in September, 1764, to Bro. William Licquorich, of Leicester, a member of Lodge No. 91, and is in the handwriting and bears the peculiarly



BRO. S. S. PARTRIDGE, P.A.G.D.C.,  
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

characteristic signature of the celebrated Laurence Dermott, for many years an indefatigable officer of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge. During the year 1790, from some cause not now known, a number of the brethren, including the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, seceded from the lodge, and applied to the "Moderns" Grand Lodge for a warrant under that organization. Their petition was granted, and towards the end of the year they established St. John's Lodge, No. 562—now No. 279—the four principal officers of Lodge No. 91 becoming the Master, Wardens, and Secretary of the new lodge. From this date the fate of No. 91 was practically sealed, its membership declined, and although at the Union in 1813 it was placed on the roll as No. 114, with a list of sixteen members, the lodge was really moribund, and was erased by the Grand Lodge in 1821. Its history was written by Bro. J. T. Thorp, F.R.H.S., in 1898.

The St. John's Lodge, to which reference has already been made, was warranted in 1790, and received its centenary warrant in 1890. Its career has not been free from difficulties, but the members have been able to surmount them all, and at the present time it is the largest as well as the oldest lodge in the province. Full particulars of its career may be found in the Centenary Celebration Volume of 1892, with Bro. Maurice Williams' history of the lodge.

Up to the year 1803, no lodge had been constituted except in the county town of Leicester, but in that year an "Antients" warrant—No. 47, of January 30th, 1764—was transferred from Macclesfield to the small town of Hinckley, where it has worked ever since, receiving its centenary warrant early in the present year. As was the case with most "Antients" lodges, the Degrees of Royal Arch, Mark, and Knights Templar, were worked under the Craft warrant until the Union in 1813. It is gratifying to report that the lodge possesses the original warrant of 1764 and the lodge records for the past hundred years. The lodge is in a prosperous condition and its continued success seems assured. Its "Early History," by Bro. J. T. Thorp, was issued in 1899, and published, as usual, at the historian's expense.

In the second decade of the nineteenth century a large number of French prisoners were "on parole" in England, and among the towns where the officers were located, was Ashby-de-la-Zouch in Leicestershire. Some of these French

officers were Masons, and established lodges among themselves. Certificates issued by two of these lodges established in Ashby—"Vrais Amis de l'Ordre" and "Justice et Union"—are still in existence, and are of great interest to collectors and students of these documents. These French prisoners' lodges are said to have been founded by the special permission of Earl Moira of Donington Park, Leicestershire, the Acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV. The history of these French prisoners' lodges, which were established in various towns in England and Scotland, is full of interest, and a book on the subject has been written by Bro. J. T. Thorp, F.R.H.S., and dedicated to his friend, Bro. W. J. Hughan, who is connected with the province as hon. member of several lodges. It is a curious and valuable work.

The next lodge to be constituted in the county was the Rancliffe Lodge, No. 608, Loughborough, consecrated in March, 1835, followed in May, 1836, by the Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 631, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Neither of these lodges prospered, the latter lapsing in 1841 and the former in 1848.

For thirty-three years after the Union, the St. John's was the only lodge working in Leicester, but in 1846 a second lodge, the John of Gaunt, No. 766—now No. 523—was established, which has enjoyed continued prosperity to the present time. It celebrated its Jubilee in 1896, and its career throughout has been marked by its strict adherence to Masonic principles and the excellence of its Masonic work.

The roll of lodges in the province has been gradually increased by the addition of the following, viz., Ferrers and Ivanhoe, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in 1859; Howe and Charnwood, No. 1007, Loughborough, in 1864; Rutland, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray, in 1866; Vale of Catmos, No. 1265, Oakham, in 1869; St. Peter's, No. 1330, Market Harborough, in 1870; Commercial, No. 1391, Leicester, in 1872; Albert Edward, No. 1560, Leicester, in 1875; Granite, No. 2028, Narborough, in 1884; Golden Fleece, No. 2081, Leicester, in 1885; Grace Dieu, No. 2428, Coalville, in 1892; the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester, in 1892; and East Goscote, No. 2865, Syston, in 1901, all of which have succeeded in establishing themselves on the firm basis of brotherly love and helpfulness.



BRO. EDWARD HOLMES, PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

A few words may be added here with reference to the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, Leicester. This lodge is exclusively a literary lodge; it admits members by "joining" only, and like its world-renowned prototype, the Quatuor



FREEMASONS' HALL, LEICESTER.

Coronati, No. 2076, London, devotes its meetings to the reading and discussion of papers on Masonic subjects, the exhibition of Masonic curios, and kindred matters. The transactions of the lodge are published annually, ten volumes having already been issued; and so great has been the demand that several are now out of print. In addition to the regular membership there is a correspondence circle of

brethren, who, for a nominal subscription, receive all the publications of the lodge. This circle already includes a large number of Masons in all quarters of the globe, who have asked to have their names enrolled as members, and whom the lodge gladly welcomes as such. The province is justly proud of the Lodge of Research, which, next to the Quatuor Coronati, is by far the most successful literary lodge

in the country. Excepting the year when he was the first Muster and principal founder, Bro. Thorp has been the indefatigable Secretary ever since, as well as its mainspring, ably editing its transactions, and trusted and beloved by all its members, who warmly appreciate his devotion to their interests and welfare.

As another feature of the Masonic life of Leicestershire, mention should be made of the Union Lodge of Instruction, which meets in Leicester under the joint sanction of the Leicester lodges. This lodge, whose present membership is nearly 400, was established in 1847, and with a short break in the early sixties has continued to work down to the present time, thus being one of the oldest existing lodges of instruction in the provinces. During the whole of that time the lodge has devoted itself to the training of Masons in all the details of Masonic ritual and ceremony, and there is not a Mason who has risen to eminence in the town of Leicester but is under some obligation to this important organization. As a guarantee of the continuity of the ritual and working of the lodge, it is interesting to know that one of the Preceptors—of whom there are five—has held the office continuously for nearly twenty-five years.

In addition to the Craft lodges, Leicestershire has five Royal Arch chapters, the senior being the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, Leicester, founded in 1796 and receiving a centenary warrant in 1896; its history has been graphically described by Bro. Thorp, "Annals, 1796-1896," published in 1897. The others are: St. Augustine's, No. 779, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; Charnwood, No. 1007, Loughborough; De Mowbray, No. 1130, Leicester; and St. George's, No. 1560, Leicester, all of which are highly prosperous.

There are also five Mark lodges: Fowke, No. 19, Leicester; Howe, No. 21, Loughborough; Knights of Malta, No. 30, Hinckley; Simon de Montfort, No. 194, Leicester; and Fidelity, No. 491, Coalville; also William Kelly Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, meeting at Leicester. Of the higher Degrees, there is the St. Margaret's Chapter of Rose Croix, the Rothley Temple Preceptory of Knights Templar, and the Byzantine Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, all of which meet in the county town.

Leicester being the only large town in the county, it is naturally the centre of the Masonic life of the district. The whole of the town lodges, &c., meet in the Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, which is one of the oldest Masonic Halls in the provinces, having been built in 1858 and occupied continuously for Masonic purposes from 1859 to the present time. It is centrally situated, and contains one of the most extensive Masonic libraries in the country, in addition to a valuable collection of Masonic curios, including about 300 Masonic certificates, amongst which are many rare and curious specimens.

From the foregoing account of Freemasonry in Leicestershire, it will be gathered that the Craft is enjoying the greatest measure of prosperity, and its present satisfactory condition is due, to a large extent, to three brethren, who at different times have ruled over the province, viz., Sir Frederick G. Fowke, William Kelly, and the present Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, without a few words concerning each of whom this article would be incomplete.

Sir Frederick Gustavus Fowke, Bart., son of Sir Thomas Fowke, the first Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire, was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge—now No. 259, London—in the year 1813. He subsequently became acting Master of that lodge, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England in 1821. In 1833 he became Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire, and for eighteen years performed the whole of the duties of the Provincial Grand Master with the greatest zeal and efficiency. In 1851, to the great joy of the whole province, Sir Frederick was appointed to succeed Lord Raneliffe, and presided over the province as Provincial Grand Master till his lamented death in 1856. It was Sir Frederick Fowke who established the Provincial Grand Lodge on a firm and lasting basis, and Freemasonry in Leicestershire owes more to him than to any of his predecessors in the Craft.

Bro. William Kelly, the Masonic veteran of Leicestershire, was the most indefatigable worker in the Masonic vineyard the province ever had. He was initiated in 1838 in St. John's Lodge, Leicester, became Deputy Provincial Grand Master under Sir Fredk. Fowke in 1852, retaining that post until 1870, when he was appointed to succeed Earl Howe as Provincial Grand Master. His history of the Provincial Grand Lodge, published in 1870, is a most important work and highly valued. He presided over the province for three years, retiring on account of ill-health, but continuing, as Past Provincial Grand Master, to take an active interest in all branches of Freemasonry in the province. His assistance and counsel were frequently sought and readily given, and his death in 1894 was a sad personal bereavement for many of his brethren in Leicestershire. The "William Kelly" Charity Fund has been established in the province to perpetuate his memory.

Bro. S. S. Partridge, the present esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, has been for a number of years past the virtual head of the province, the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Ferrers, generally residing abroad. Bro. Partridge was initiated in the John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, Leicester, in 1866, and in 1872 became Provincial Grand Secretary; this office he held for twelve years, establishing and editing the Provincial Masonic Calendar during the same period, which is still published annually and much appreciated. He was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master in 1884, and from that time to the present his energies have been freely and ungrudgingly devoted to the welfare and advancement of Freemasonry in Leicestershire. The prosperity of which Sir Frederick Fowke laid the foundations, and which Bro. William Kelly strengthened, Bro. Partridge has still further developed and extended. He has endeared himself to every Mason in the province, and all unite in the fervent hope that he may long be spared to preside over them.

In conclusion, the province of Leicestershire and Rutland may fairly claim recognition for the excellence of its Masonic work, for the complete and constitutional manner in which the Provincial Grand Lodge is conducted, for its zeal in the cause of charity, for having early recognised the necessity of a lodge of instruction and a permanent home for the lodges, and duly arranged for both, and lastly for its devotion to the historical and archaeological study of Freemasonry as evidenced by the foundation of the Lodge of Research.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

In our December issue we gave a reproduction of the most recent Portrait of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, in the Masonic Regalia of the M.W. Grand Master. The original is a Photogravure from a Photograph taken by Messrs. Downey, to whom His Royal Highness gave a special sitting a few weeks before his departure for India, and is one of the most successful of the many portraits of the Royal Family emanating from this celebrated studio. The Portrait has been taken in two positions, one as our reproduction,  $\frac{3}{4}$ -face, size, framed in Dark Wainscot Oak,  $21\frac{1}{2}$  by  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches; and the other Full-face, seated, size, framed as above, 35 by  $27\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and may be obtained from the Publishers, Messrs. Spencer & Co., at the Office of the "Masonic Illustrated," 15, Great Queen Street, London, W.C. No handsomer or more suitable Presentation could be made to a Lodge.

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## *The New Grand Officers.*

### SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Right Hon. Earl Bathurst is a D.L. and C.C. for Gloucestershire, and Lieut.-Colonel Commanding the 4th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment. He became a member of the Masonic Order in 1896, having been initiated in the



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. EARL BATHURST.

Cotteswold Lodge, No. 592. In 1902 he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden for Gloucestershire. He has served a Stewardship for the Boys' School and is a Life Governor of the three Institutions.

### JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Right Hon. Viscount Cranley is the eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., Past Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. He is in the Diplomatic Service, and has been attached to the Embassy at Madrid, but has recently been transferred to Algiers. He was initiated in the Weyside Lodge, No. 1395, Woking, in 1896, and became Worshipful Master in 1900. He is also a member of the Weyside Chapter, having been exalted in 1899.

### GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. Daniel Webb Horlock, M.A., was initiated in the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, so long ago as 1859, and joined successively the Bowyer Lodge, No. 1036, in 1867; the Dunheved Lodge, No. 789, in 1871; St. Thomas Lodge, in 1887; and the Wychwood Lodge, No. 2414, in 1892. He enjoys the distinction of having been elected to the Master's chair of the Bowyer Lodge on four occasions, namely, in 1869, 1889, 1896, and 1898. He is also a Past Master of Lodges No. 1873 and 1695, as well as one of the founders of the Kamploops Lodge in British Columbia. In the Provinces of Oxford and Cornwall he has filled the office of Senior Grand Warden. Bro. Horlock was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, in 1873, and afterwards joined the Dunheved Chapter, Launceston, of which he is a Past First Principal.

### GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Bro. the Rev. Henry Mahony Davey, M.A., F.S.A., Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral, was initiated in the Lodge of Union, No. 38, Chichester, in 1874, and was elected Master in 1879. He is also a Provincial Grand Chaplain of Sussex. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Cyrus Chapter, attached to the Union Lodge, and filled the First Principal's chair in 1881, besides that of J. in Provincial Grand Chapter in the years 1884 and 1889. Bro. Davey is a Life Governor of each of the three Charitable Institutions.

### GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. W. S. Penley is the successor in his high office of more than one distinguished member of the Dramatic profession, each of whom, like himself, has been elected without opposition, viz., Bro. Edward Terry, in 1889, and Sir Augustus Harris, then Sheriff of London, in 1890, each also being distinguished for his munificent contributions to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Penley was initiated in the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, in 1883, and became Worshipful Master in 1892. He subsequently joined the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190; the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488; the Yorick



BRO. W. S. PENLEY.

Lodge, No. 2771; the Willing Lodge, No. 2893; and the Pen and Brush Lodge, No. 2909. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1887 in the Asaph Chapter, and filled the chair of First Principal in 1898. Bro. Penley has served numerous Stewardships, and is a Patron of all three Institutions.

### DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. William Pickford, K.C., was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and afterwards joined the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1900.

### SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. James Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., was initiated in 1889, in the Royal Hampton Court Lodge, No. 2183, and afterwards joined Somerset House and Inverness Lodge,

No. 4. In 1897 he took a prominent part in founding the Sancta Maria Lodge, No. 2190, and in 1902 the Seaford Lodge, No. 2907. He was elected to the Master's chair of the Royal Hampton Court Lodge in 1894, and of the Sancta



BRO. J. E. LANE.

Maria Lodge in 1899. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Quadratic Chapter, No. 1691. Bro. Lane has served as a Steward for all three Charities and is a Life Governor of each.

#### SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. William Lascelles Southwell was initiated in the Castle Lodge, No. 1621, Bridgnorth, in 1887, afterwards joining the Salopian Lodge, No. 262. He has twice occupied the Master's chair in the Castle Lodge, viz., in 1884 and 1901. In Provincial Grand Lodge he holds the rank of Past Grand Warden, to which office he was appointed in 1895,



BRO. W. LASCELLES SOUTHWELL.

having previously served as Provincial Grand Deacon. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Salopian Chapter,

No. 262, and became First Principal in 1893. Bro. Southwell has served no less than twenty-four Stewardships for the three Institutions, viz., seven for the Boys, seven for the Girls, and ten for the Benevolent.

#### SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Captain Noel A. L. Corry, D.S.O., was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 1629, and in 1896 took part in founding the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614, of which his Majesty the King (then Prince of Wales) was the first Master, Bro. Colonel Eaton, now Lord Cheylesmore, being the Deputy Master, Bro. Corry succeeding to the chair of Deputy Master in the following year. He also filled the office of Worshipful Master of the United Lodge in 1897. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the United Chapter in 1895, becoming First Principal in 1899.

#### JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Edwin Ernest Cooper was initiated in the Felix Lodge, No. 1494, meeting at Hampton Court, in 1878; joined the British Lodge, No. 8, in 1885, and took part in founding the Cathedral Lodge, No. 2741, in 1889. He has filled the Master's chair of both the Felix Lodge and the British Lodge, the former in 1883, and the latter in 1892. He was appointed Grand Steward in 1890. Bro. Cooper was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in 1880, and filled the chair of M.E.Z. in 1891. He



BRO. E. E. COOPER.

subsequently joined the Chiltern Chapter, No. 1470, Luton, and the British Chapter, No. 8, in each of which he has also occupied the chair of First Principal. He has served as Steward for each of the Charities.

#### JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. John Archibald Brown has for some years occupied the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, having first been appointed to that office in 1888. Since the lamented death of Lord Henniker he has been in charge of the province, and his promotion to Grand rank is to some extent a recognition of the performance of the duties of that office. He was initiated in a lodge under the Irish Constitution in 1861, soon after his 21st year, and afterwards joined the Athole Lodge, No. 1004, Douglas. He was also

one of the founders of the Tynwald Lodge in 1869, as well as the St. Trinians, Ellan Vannen, and Spencer Walpole Lodges, all in Douglas, Isle of Man. He has four times occupied the Master's chair, viz., in 1871, 1873, 1885, and 1891. Bro. Brown was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Athole Chapter, No. 1004, in 1879, and has twice filled the chair of First Principal.

#### JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

The Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, is responsible for the introduction of the Rev. Charles E. L. Wright, M.A., into Masonry, and like so many of her sons he has fully justified the choice by proving himself an enthusiastic Craftsman. His initiation took place in 1887, and he joined successively Lodges York, No. 236; Albert Victor, No. 2328 (of which he was also a founder); Westminster and Keystone, No. 10; Military, No. 2621 (founder); Grafton, No. 2347; and Chère Reine, No. 2853. He has twice filled the chair of Master, viz., in the Albert Victor Lodge in 1892, and the Military Lodge in 1902. In 1895 he was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain



BRO. THE REV. C. E. L. WRIGHT.

of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. Wright has been no less active in the Royal Arch Degree since his installation in the Zetland Chapter, No. 236, in 1889, having filled the chair of First Principal of both the Zetland Chapter and the Military Chapter. He is also a member of the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, and Past Provincial Grand J. of the Province of North and East Yorkshire. Bro. Wright has served several Stewardships for the three Institutions, and is a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of both the Girls' School and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

#### DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Major R. L. Stowell Badham, who had the honour of nominating H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught this year for the office of Grand Master, was initiated in the Emulation Lodge, No. 21, in 1888, and in the following year took part in founding the London Irish Rilles Lodge, No. 2312, and subsequently the Erin Lodge, No. 2895. He became Master of the Emulation Lodge in 1901. In 1900-1, he represented the lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1898, having been exalted in the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194. Bro. Badham is a Life Governor of each of the three Institutions.



BRO. MAJOR R. L. S. BADHAM.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Henry Watson was initiated in the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln, and in 1871 took part in founding the St. Hugh Lodge, No. 1386, in the same city. He was the first Treasurer of the lodge, and continued in that office until 1901. In 1890 he joined the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351. Bro. Watson filled the Master's chair in his mother lodge in 1874, and in the following year received the appointment of Provincial Grand Registrar, an office he continued to hold until 1901.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. William Barlow Morgan has been a member of the Craft for twenty-five years, having been initiated in the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, in 1878. He joined All Souls' Lodge, No. 170, in 1876, of which lodge he became Worshipful Master in 1881, and in the following year was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works of



BRO. W. BARLOW MORGAN.



Dorset. Bro. Morgan was exalted in All Souls' Chapter, and has three times filled the chair of First Principal. He is also a Past Grand Sword Bearer and Past Assistant Grand Sojourner in Provincial Grand Chapter, and for several years has been Provincial Grand Scribe E.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. George S. Elliott, L.C.C., was initiated in the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, in 1868, and afterwards became a joining member of the Star Lodge, No. 1275; the Era Lodge, No. 1423; and the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, besides taking part in the founding of the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623; the Clissold Lodge, No. 2551; the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603; the Asylums Board Lodge, No. 2842; and the Borough of Islington Lodge, No. 2861, in each of which he has filled the chair of Worshipful Master, a record of Masonic activity in which he can have but few rivals. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex he received the appointment of Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1888, and that of Grand Sword Bearer of the Province of Hertfordshire in 1897. In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Elliott was exalted in the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, in 1870, afterwards joining the West Smithfield Chapter, No. 1623; the Era Chapter, No. 1423; and the Star Chapter, No. 1275, and, as in the Craft, filling the Principal's chair in each. His attachment to



BRO. G. S. ELLIOTT.

the lodges and chapters he has joined is shown by his retaining his membership of all, with one exception. In the Province of Middlesex he is also a Past Assistant Grand Sojourner. Bro. Elliott has served as Steward for the three Institutions and is a Life Governor of each.

#### GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Lieut.-Col. Francis W. Frigout was initiated in Lodge Amity, No. 171, in 1882, and his appointment to Grand office appropriately celebrates his majority as a Mason. He was elected to the Master's chair in 1890, and is now Treasurer. He took part in founding the West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041, in 1884, and was Worshipful Master in 1889. He is also a Past Master of Columbia Lodge, No. 2397. In the Province of Kent he was appointed to the office of Senior Grand Deacon in 1901. Bro. Frigout's connection with Royal Arch Masonry commenced in 1887, in which year he was exalted in the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, and

became M.E.Z. in 1894, and in 1895 he filled the same office in the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191. He is a Life Governor of each of the Institutions.

#### DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major Woolmer Williams, whose Masonic career has covered a period of thirty years, was initiated in the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, and is now its senior Past Master, to which office he was elected in 1878. He



BRO. MAJOR WOOLMER WILLIAMS.

has also acted as Secretary for the past twenty-two years. In Royal Arch Masonry his experience has been more varied. He was exalted in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, and in 1881 took part in founding the Star Chapter, No. 1275, and was elected its first Treasurer. He subsequently joined the Fitzroy Chapter, No. 569; the Old Concord Chapter, No. 172; the Bayard Chapter No. 1615 (of which he is Treasurer); and the St. Martin's-le-Grand Chapter, No. 1538, in all of which, except the last named, he has occupied the chair of First Principal. Bro. Williams has served as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and is a Life Governor of each.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. Goulburn was initiated in St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton, in 1882, and joined the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, in 1897, and the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64, in 1902. He filled the Master's chair of the first named lodge in 1891. In 1895 he received the appointment of Provincial Grand Deacon of East Lancashire, and last year that of Junior Grand Warden. His introduction into Royal Arch Masonry took place in St. John's Chapter, No. 221, of which he became First Principal in 1895. Bro. Goulburn is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served two Stewardships for each.

#### GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. John R. Reep is a Mason of thirty-seven years standing, having been initiated in the Grove Lodge, No. 410, Ewell, in 1866. He joined the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, in 1887, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1895, and

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### *The Lodge Chaplain.*

THE Chaplain is one of the permissive officers, referred to in Article 129 of the Book of Constitutions. That is to say, that the lodge can, as far as legal requirements are concerned, get along, and perform all its work, without a brother being specially appointed to the office.

In Grand Lodge, the case is different, inasmuch as Article 18 says that the Grand Master, on the occasion of his installation, "shall" appoint certain officers, according to a prescribed list, which includes Chaplains.

In Provincial Grand Lodge, the phrase is, "is empowered to appoint." In each case the Chaplain ranks immediately after the Wardens, and above all the other executive officers, from which is to be inferred the high esteem in which the office is held.

It must not be supposed because the appointment of a Chaplain is not actually prescribed by the Constitutions, that the absence of those functions usually connected with that office, is contemplated. On the contrary, the offering up of prayer to T.G.A.O.T.U. is an essential part of every Masonic ceremony, from opening a lodge to consecrating a new one.

As to the Chaplain's duties. Beyond the obvious one of offering up prayer, as set forth in Article 28, there is nothing laid down, and the Chaplain has the responsibility of making his own. Antient usage requires him to deliver an oration on the nature and principles of the Order on such state occasions as the consecration of a new lodge, and in many lodges those portions of the ceremonies which refer to the moral responsibilities of candidates are generally left to the Chaplain. This, however, is all prescribed work, and it is in other ways, as to which no directions exist, that the Chaplain can do much to elevate the character and standing of the lodge.

If the Chaplain be a clerical brother, he usually has the time and the taste for literary pursuits which less happily placed brethren do not possess, and he thus has opportunities for Masonic study and for Masonic reading that most brethren have not. Moreover, he probably has a library and works of reference within easy reach, and in this respect has the advantage over many brethren. All this points to the most important of the Chaplain's self imposed duties. The lodge may not unreasonably look to its Chaplain for a good deal of guidance in those matters which require a knowledge of history, both current and archaeological. True, it is within the power of any brother to study Masonic history and lore, but to read profitably is an art by itself, and demands a special training, such as the Chaplain has probably undergone. A man who is engaged in business and its attendant worries all day long, cannot all at once secure that detachment of mind and power of concentration, which serious reading necessarily demands. On the other hand the clergyman spends a good deal of his working time in that very frame of mind, and, therefore, the Master ought to find in him his most useful assistant.

The Master can rule the lodge in the East, with the assistance of the Wardens in their respective spheres; and between them they can admit candidates into the Order, and look after the financial well-being of the lodge, but it ought not to be supposed that Masonry begins and ends with all this routine. The brethren have a right to be instructed, and it is an obligation of which the Master is reminded at every lodge meeting. If he has not the power or ability himself, if he does not possess the mental and lingual gift, at all events there is brother Chaplain, who is professionally a speaker and reader, and with suitable encouragement he may find a limitless sphere of usefulness, and evenings otherwise "blank," may be amongst the most enjoyable and profitable spent.

Brother Chaplain is generally relied upon when an "oration" is called for, and he has a great opportunity. On these occasions he is listened to with respectful attention by a larger number of brethren than usual, and the attendant circumstances invest his remarks with weight. But the very fact that what he says cannot be replied to there and then, is a restraint upon him. He cannot refer to debateable questions, nor can he venture upon personal opinions, however well qualified he be to give them. Thus the oration sometimes becomes but a series of platitudes or truisms; emasculate in fact.

We might sum up these few remarks by saying that the Chaplain's duty is to keep ever in the front the most exalted aspect of the Craft. It is, first and last, a great religious institution. It is not a benefit society, it is not a social recreation, it is not a mutual improvement class, but its objects are to make those who belong to it more extensively useful to their fellow men, and to impress upon their hearts in indelible characters its sacred principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and whilst the Master, and the officers who assist him, may be the visible machinery which keeps the lodge moving, we venture to think the brother to whom is confided the religious offices, may succeed in establishing an influence not inferior to any of them.



The Annual Festival of Grand Lodge on April 29th was as usual an imposing and successful function. The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, presided, and was supported by Bro. Hamon le Strange, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, as Deputy Grand Master, Lord Methuen, the Earl of Donoughmore, and many other distinguished Craftsmen. Almost the sole business was the appointment and investment of the Grand Officers of the year, and it was evident from the applause which greeted the advance to the pedestal of each of the brethren who had been selected for preferment, that the choice of the M.W. Grand Master had received the hearty approval of the brethren present.

The appointments were as follows :—

Bro. Earl Bathurst, C.M.G.	...	...	S.G. Warden.
„ Viscount Cranley	...	...	J.G. Warden.
„ Rev. D. H. W. Horlock, M.A.	...	...	G. Chaplains.
„ Rev. H. M. Davey, M.A., F.S.A.	...	...	
„ W. S. Penley	...	...	G. Treasurer.
„ John Strachan, K.C.	...	...	G. Registrar.
„ William Pickford, K.C.	...	...	Dep. G. Registrar.
„ Richard Loveland-Loveland, K.C.	...	...	Pres. B. Gen. Purp.
„ Sir Edward Letchworth	...	...	G. Secretary.
„ James Henry Matthews	...	...	Pres. B. Ben.
„ J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S.	...	...	S.G. Deacons.
„ W. Lascelles Southwell, J.P.	...	...	
„ Capt. N. A. Lowry Corry, D.S.O.	...	...	J.G. Deacons.
„ E. Ernest Cooper	...	...	
„ John A. Brown	...	...	G. Supt. of Wks.
„ Rev. C. E. Wright, M.A.	...	...	
„ Henry L. Florence (re-appointed)	...	...	G.D.C.
„ Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (Garter)	...	...	
„ Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Reg.	...	...	Acting G.D.C.
„ Major R. L. Stowell Badham	...	...	Dep. G.D.C.
„ Henry Watson	...	...	Asst. G.D.Cs.
„ W. Barlow Morgan	...	...	
„ George S. Elliott, L.C.C., Mayor of Islington	...	...	G.S.B.
„ Col. F. W. Frigout	...	...	
„ Major C. L. Woolmer Williams	...	...	Dep. G.S.B.
„ J. B. Goulburn	...	...	G. Std. Brs.
„ J. Robertson Reep	...	...	
„ Henry Davon Wetton, Mus. Bac.	...	...	G. Organist.
„ William Lake	...	...	Asst. G. Secretary.
„ Gotthelf Greiner	...	...	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
„ F. Arnold	...	...	G. Purst.
„ J. Berry	...	...	Asst. G. Purst.
„ Henry Sadler	...	...	G. Tyler.

Bro. Justice Bucknill has been appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to be the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Surrey. Bro. Sir Thomas Bucknill is a Past Grand Warden, Past Provincial Grand Warden of Surrey, and one of the founders of Ebbisham Lodge, No. 2422, Epsom, of which he was the first Worshipful Master. The announcement has been received with the warmest approval by the brethren of Surrey, and it is safe to say that the appointment is one of the most popular in the history of the province.

The Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, installed on the 15th April, his son, the Marquis of Hamilton, M.P., as Grand Master of the Province of Londonderry and Donegal, in succession to Bro. W. E. Scott, D.L., resigned. The

ceremony took place in the Guildhall, Londonderry, in the presence of a representative gathering of the Freemasons of Ireland. It is notable that the present Grand Master of Ireland was in turn installed Provincial Grand Master by his father, the late Duke of Abercorn, formerly Grand Master of Ireland.

At the last meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge, held in the saloon of the theatre, Bro. Harry Nicholls was the recipient of a substantial proof of the respect and esteem in which he is held by the members of the lodge, of which he is Secretary. The opportunity was afforded by the occurrence on the 13th April of the anniversary of Bro. Nicholls' silver wedding. It consisted of a silver tea and coffee service with centrepiece, and was handed to Bro. Nicholls with the cheers and good wishes of all present. The presentation was made by Bro. Albert Neville, W.M., who remarked, that looking at Mrs. Nicholls who was present with her daughters, he could hardly believe that the time had come to present her husband with a memento of his silver wedding. He thought it should be made ten years later.

Bro. Nicholls who was evidently affected by the expressions of the kind feeling reaching him from all sides, made an exceedingly happy reply. It was one of the most delightful moments of a man's life, he said, to learn that his actions and intentions had been approved by those best qualified to judge them. His domestic life had been one of the purest happiness; it had been crowned with the utmost affection. On an occasion like this, he said, there was sometimes a feeling of coyness at accepting such a gift, accompanied by a declaration that it had not been deserved. He was not going to say anything of the kind. He did not mean to say it was merited, and he certainly did not mean to say that it was unmerited, so the subscribers need not be afraid that it would be returned to them. Coming to Freemasonry, Bro. Nicholls said the first persons he saw in a lodge room were the late Sir Augustus Harris, his (Bro. Nicholls's) brother-in-law, Henry Pettitt, and the only man who had ever issued a county court summons against him. Fortunately, the amount had been paid by him into court, and perhaps there were faults on both sides. He wished to acknowledge the happiness and friendship extended him in the Drury Lane Lodge; the tender affection of his children, not one of whom had ever given him a moment's uneasiness; and, above all, the love and devotion of his dear wife. In conclusion, after again thanking the brethren, Bro. Nicholls said that praise was of little value written on stone, for "a man's good name is the best monument."

Bro. Johan Rynholdt Gerhardus Klerck, whose portrait we give, was initiated in 1875, in Lodge De Goede Hoop, No. 72 (N.C.), the senior lodge in South Africa, dating from 1772. Leaving shortly after for the Orange Free State, he joined the Lodge Unie (N.C.), at Bloemfontein, and was its Treasurer for many years. While in that part of South Africa our brother took the Rose Croix Degree in Chapter Peace and Harmony, Beaconsfield, under the N.C., in 1877, afterwards joining the Rising Star Chapter, No. 66 (E.C.). In 1878 he took the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees in the Peace and Harmony Chapter, Beaconsfield, No. 173 (S.C.). On removing to Worcester, Cape Colony, he joined the Worcester Lodge, No. 1603 (E.C.), and on returning to Cape Town he rejoined his mother Lodge De Goede Hoop, and also the Rose Croix Chapter De Goede Hoop, of which latter he became Most Wise Sovereign.

In those days the Netherlands Constitution did not give the Installed Master's Degree to its candidates for the chair, consequently the Deputy could act in every way as Worshipful Master. At this time he joined the British Royal Arch Chapter, No. 334, and the British Mark Lodge, No. 345. His wanderings were not, however, over, for he removed to Klerksdorp, Transvaal, and established, with others, the

Lodge Unie, No. 73 (N.C.), and became its first Worshipful Master, holding that office for two consecutive years, during which time he laid the foundation stone of its new temple on June 19th, 1890, and also assisted at the laying of the foundation stone of Golden Light Lodge, No. 766 (S.C.), at Potchefstroom, and at the laying of the foundation stone of the new English church at Klerksdorp. He also, while Worshipful Master of Lodge Unie, held a memorial lodge in memory of the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England.



BRO. JOHAN RYNHOLDT GERHARDUS KLERCK.

Our brother was also one of the founders of the Hartley Royal Arch Chapter (S.C.), at Klerksdorp, Transvaal, and filled the chairs of H. and J. He joined the Woodstock Lodge, No. 2379 (E.C.), and was thrice elected Treasurer, and is now its Junior Warden. He also assisted in recuscitating the Orange Lodge, No. 89 (N.C.), at the Paarl in 1896, and was its Worshipful Master for two years, the second of which lasted while martial law was proclaimed in the colony. During this troublous time permission was never refused by the military to call the lodge together, and no difficulty was ever placed in the way of the brethren assembling. Permits were also granted without difficulty for Bro. Klerck to travel by rail to the Paarl, while a ticket had to be issued signed by the Secretary and countersigned by the Worshipful Master, and given to such brother attending, to enable him to pass the guards.

This privilege was continued during the whole time that martial law existed, and proved conclusively that the Craftsmen were loyal and dutiful citizens. During his year as Master he had the honour and privilege of consecrating, on the 23rd February, 1902, a temple exclusively for the use of the lodge, a beautiful building well adapted for its purpose, the lodge room in itself being over 60 feet in length and 25 feet broad, very lofty, and standing in its own grounds.

Bro. Klerck holds the position of Grand Almoner in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Our brother is in possession of numerous jewels and several addresses presented by the different Masonic bodies he has worked for, as tokens of respect and esteem.

The installation meeting of the Nil Sine Labore Lodge, No. 2736, which is connected with the Army Service Corps, postponed from Good Friday, April 10th, was held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Thursday, April 16th,

the company numbering nearly 100. Bro. Sir E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, installed Bro. Major R. Ford, D.S.O., as Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. Col. F. T. Clayton, C.B., P.M., who appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Colonel F. W. B. Landon, S.W.; Major E. E. Carter, C.M.G., M.V.O., J.W.; Capt. W. Lyons, P.M., Treasurer; Lieut. and Quarter-Master J. Grapes, P.M., Secretary; Staff Quarter-Master-Sergeant J. R. Boxall, S.D.; Warrant Quarter-Master-Sergeant J. Jones, P.M., J.D.; Staff Sergeant-Major G. White, I.G.; Regimental Quarter-Master-Sergeant G. Bryce, P.M., D.C.; Staff Quarter-Master-Sergeant G. Morgan, Organist; Capt. P. C. Scott, Capt. F. S. Atkinson, Lieut. G. Harlow, and Staff Sergeant-Major T. G. Spain, Stewards; and Regimental Sergeant-Major W. H. Atkins, Tyler.

The ceremony and addresses were given in Bro. Letchworth's usual impressive manner. In thanking him for once more performing the ceremony, the W.M. presented him with a founder's jewel, and expressed a hope that he would come for many years on similar occasions. Bro. Letchworth, in returning thanks, said he would like to be with them more often, but he had other ties and duties. A very pleasant surprise was the presentation of a case of cutlery to the Secretary, Bro. J. Grapes, as a mark of gratitude and esteem for the way he had worked for the lodge.

With military punctuality the brethren sat down to the banquet. It being necessary for most of the brethren to leave early the speeches were few and short, the Worshipful Master contenting himself by giving the toasts without a speech. Bro. the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, P.G.C., replied for "The Grand Officers." In the absence of Bro. Colonel Parkin, through illness, Bro. Letchworth proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said in addressing the members of the Army Service Corps it was not necessary for him to mention his many virtues. From the way he discharged the duties of Worshipful Master in the Army and Navy Lodge he predicted a successful year, as he was a well-known worker.

The Worshipful Master heartily thanked them all for the way they had received him. He should endeavour to do all he could during his year. The motto of the Corps, "Nil Sine Labore," was very apt, for they truly never were without work, and he hoped would not be during his year. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings closed at 10 o'clock.

The Logic Club held a smoking concert on Friday evening, April 24th, at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the Presidency of Bro. Robert Manuel, the members taking advantage of the opportunity to present a testimonial to Bro. Harry Nicholls on the occasion of his silver wedding. The chairman, in presenting him with a handsome silver inkstand, inscribed, "Presented by the Boys of the Logic Club to Bro. and Mrs. Harry Nicholls as a souvenir of the occasion of their silver wedding, 13th April, 1903," said, they all knew the definition of music to be the production of mixed sounds in perfect harmony. Life was or ought to be also in harmony. They were delighted that one of their oldest members had just celebrated his silver wedding. He had won deservedly an honoured position, not only in his profession, but in the Craft. He had known Bro. Nicholls for nearly twenty-five years, and to him the most interesting feature in his life was the domestic one, for to his knowledge his home life had been full of harmony and love, for he had a loving and devoted wife. He asked him to accept at their hands a slight souvenir as a token of friendship and esteem. The toast of his health was drunk with musical honours and hearty cheers.

Bro. Nicholls, in reply, said he had had but short notice so had not prepared a set speech, but the time had been sufficiently long to cause him great anxiety, for he could

not quite make out if it was presented to him as a Mason or for his great success as a married man. He noticed on the tray an extinguisher, but that would not be used to extinguish their friendship. They had not yet applied for the "Dunmow Flitch of Bacon," that would come later on. When they got married he knew his wife was not a saint, and she knew he was a sinner. When he was taken into the lodge to be made a Mason, the first man his eye fell on was the only man who had ever succeeded in serving him with a county court summons, and from that time they were the best of friends. In conclusion, he assured them that nothing could give him greater satisfaction than the knowledge that the souvenir was a token of their friendship.



During the evening Signor Mascheroni played Chopin's "Polonaise in F sharp minor" in a most artistic manner, which was greatly appreciated. The musical arrangements were in the care of Bro. Carl Steiner.



The annual meeting of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, Rawson Square, Bradford, on Saturday, April 4th, Bro. W. Blackburn, Chairman, presiding. Last year the sum of £3255 7s. had been subscribed to the three London Masonic Charities, exclusive of the amount contributed towards the West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund, which was also in a satisfactory position. It having been arranged for Bro. Lord Allerton, the Provincial Grand Master, to preside at the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in London on the 13th May, a special effort has been made by the brethren of the province to support him with subscriptions towards that Institution. As a result of that effort it was announced that over 6000 guineas had already been contributed. Several candidates were accepted for election for the three Masonic Institutions. Bro. H. S. Childe, of Wakefield, was elected Chairman; and Bro. W. P. Raynor, of Huddersfield, Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

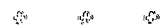


A matter of special interest to Staffordshire came before the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 18th April. Bro. Thomas Taylor, P.G.D., P.P.G.W. of Staffordshire, moved: "That this Court accept the sum of 1550 guineas from the Province of Staffordshire for the purchase of a perpetual presentation of one properly qualified girl to the School, subject, nevertheless, to an agreement between the province and the Institution to be agreed, the right of such presentation to be vested in the Provincial Grand Master for the time being, and if there should happen to be a vacancy in the office of Provincial Grand Master, that for the time being it be then vested in the President of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association." He pointed out how much the province for which he spoke had done for the three Masonic Institutions in the course of the last few years, and how desirous it was to secure, like certain other of the greater provinces, a close and perpetual association with the Girls' School, the requisite money for which had already been subscribed. The motion was seconded by Bro. William Russell, P.G.T. of Kent, who owned himself to have been an opponent of the creation of perpetual presentations when they could be secured for £1000, but who held it to be "good business" when they realised 1550 guineas, especially at the present price of trust securities. The motion was then promptly carried unanimously; and when all the other preliminaries have been settled, including the name of the "presentation," Staffordshire will be entitled for all time to a pupil in the Masonic Girls' School.



An appeal has been made to the public in London and to Masonic lodges by the Lord Mayor of London on behalf of the London Hospital, another wing of which the King and Queen are to open. The Queen has already endowed the

wing, and has taken the greatest interest in this hospital, which is situated in the East of London where the poor mostly live.



Bro. Macnab, P.M. of the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, writes as follows:—"On page 115 of the March number of the MASONIC ILLUSTRATED you publish an interesting account of the recent meeting of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, in which it is stated that his Excellency the Viscount Hayashi, who was initiated that evening, was 'the first native of Japan to be introduced into Freemasonry in England.' While in no way wishing to deprive the Empire Lodge of what no doubt its members deemed to be their privilege, I must in justice ask you to give equal publicity to the fact that on the 12th July, 1898, Mr. Chiyo Honda, Professor of Navigation, &c., of the Nautical College, Tokyo, a pure-bred Japanese gentleman, was duly initiated into Masonry in the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, at Liverpool, as the books of Grand Lodge will show. Consequently, unless a prior claim be proved, the distinction of having initiated the first Japanese gentleman into Masonry belongs to the Merchants' Lodge, No. 241, Liverpool, the proposer being myself. Bro. Honda expressed his intention of trying to introduce the Craft, which he much admired, to his fellow countrymen, and now that so exalted a brother as the Viscount Hayashi has joined we may hope to soon see the art flourish in the land of the chrysanthemum."



The occurrence this year of the centenary of the birth of Douglas Jerrold recalls the appearance in the earlier pages of *Punch* of those humorous sketches, "Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures." During the half-century and more of the existence of our brilliant contemporary nothing has equalled or approached the interest with which the weekly instalments were received by the public. All classes of Her Majesty's subjects eagerly looked out for them, and when completed, their separate publication attained an enormous sale.



Mrs. Caudle is always amusing, whether railing at her husband—that long-suffering, silent man—because of his (supposed) neglect of her, or because she has taken cold, or because she has "a great desire to see France." Perhaps she is most Caudle-like when her husband has been made a Mason.



"Now, Mr. Caudle—Mr. Caudle, I say; oh, you can't be asleep already, I know—now, what I mean to say is this: there's no use, none at all, in our having any disturbance about the matter; but at last my mind's made up, Mr. Caudle; I shall leave you. Either I know all you've been doing to-night, or to-morrow morning I quit the house. No, no, there's an end of the marriage-state, I think—an end of all confidence between man and wife—if a husband's to have secrets and keep 'em all to himself. Pretty secrets they must be, when his own wife can't know 'em! Not fit for any decent person to know, I'm sure, if that's the case. Now, Caudle, don't let us quarrel; there's a good soul, tell me what it's all about? A pack of nonsense, I dare say; still—not that I care much about it—still, I *should* like to know. There's a dear. Eh? Oh, don't tell me there's nothing in it; I know better. I'm not a fool, Mr. Caudle; I know there's a good deal in it. Now, Caudle; just tell me a little bit of it. I'm sure I'd tell you anything. You know I would. Well? Caudle, you're enough to vex a saint! Now, don't you think you're going to sleep; because you're not. Do you suppose I'd ever suffer you to go and be made a Mason if I didn't suppose I was to know the secret, too? Not that it's anything to know, I daresay; and that's why I'm determined to know it. . . . And I suppose they call you *Brother Caudle*? A pretty brother, indeed! Going and dressing yourself up in an apron like a turnpike man—for, that's what you look like. . . . Now, come, Caudle; don't let's quarrel. Eh! You're not in pain, dear? What's it all about? What are you lying there laughing at? But I'm a fool to trouble my head about you."



was a founder of the Cordwainers' Lodge, No. 2241, and Worshipful Master in 1893. He was exalted in the John Hervey Chapter, No. 1260, in 1887, and filled the chair of First Principal in 1896. In 1901 he was appointed to the office of Grand Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He is also a member of the Board of General Purposes and of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Reep has served as Steward for the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution, and is a Life Governor of each.

#### GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. Henry D. Wetton, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O., was initiated in the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549, Great Stanmore, and in 1898 assisted in founding the Captain Coram Lodge, No. 2737, which meets at the Foundling Hospital, of which Bro. Wetton holds the appointment of Organist. He is also a member of the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, and the Orpheus, No. 1706, and has filled the Master's chair of the Captain Coram Lodge. Bro. Wetton is a Past Provincial Grand Organist of Middlesex. He was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Bard of Avon Chapter, No. 778, and is now J. elect.

#### GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. Frederick Arnold was initiated in 1878 in the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, and afterwards joined the Wilson Hles Lodge, No. 2054; the Piccadilly Lodge, No. 2550; and the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742, in each of which he has filled



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the chair of Worshipful Master. He is also a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Hertfordshire, having been appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works in 1900. Bro.

Arnold's connection with Royal Arch Masonry commenced some ten years after his initiation, when he was exalted in the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, afterwards joining the Lily of Richmond Chapter, No. 820; the Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624; the Cyclist Chapter, No. 2246; and the Eyre Chapter, No. 2742, in each of which he has filled the First Principal's chair. Bro. Arnold has served seven Stewardships, two each for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and three for the Benevolent Institution, and is a Vice-President of all three.

#### ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. James Berry is a comparatively young Mason, but has amply compensated for that defect by the energy and zeal he has thrown into his Masonic work during the eleven years he has been a member of the Craft. His initiation took place in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1817, in 1892, and he subsequently joined the Priory Lodge, No. 1000; the Albert Lucking Lodge, No. 2717; and the West Cliff Lodge, No. 2903, being a founder of the two latter. In 1897 he was elected to the chair of the St. Andrew's Lodge, and in 1902 that of the Albert Lucking Lodge. He is also a Past Provincial Grand Deacon of Essex. In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Berry was exalted in the Priory Chapter, No. 1000, in 1896, and became M.E.Z. in 1901 and 1st Assistant Sojourner in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Essex in the same year. Bro. Berry has served as Steward on several occasions for each of the Charities, and is a Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and is qualifying himself as a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School at the coming Festival of that Institution.

#### GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.—(Re-appointed).



BRO. HENRY L. FLORENCE.

## *An Eighteenth Century Mason and Philosopher.*

JOHN Theophilus Desaguliers was born at La Rochelle on March 13th, 1683. His father was the Protestant pastor at Aitré. On the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, the father fled to England, when it is believed he smuggled his young son on board the refugee

vessel in a barrel. After a brief residence in Guernsey, the father settled in London, and became minister of the French chapel in Swallow Street; he also established a school at Islington. Young Desaguliers, whose early education was directed by his father, assisted in this school until his father's

death, when he went up to Oxford, matriculated at Christ Church, became B.A., and was admitted to deacon's orders in 1710. In the same year he succeeded Dr. Keil as lecturer on experimental philosophy at Hart Hall.

In May, 1712, he proceeded M.A., and the following year settled in Channel Row, Westminster, where he continued to lecture. In 1713 he married a daughter of William Pudsey. Desaguliers was held in high esteem by Sir Isaac Newton, P.R.S., and in July, 1714, was elected a F.R.S., and subsequently became demonstrator and curator of that learned body. In the same year, the Duke of Chandos presented him to the living of Stanmore Parva or Whitchurch, Middlesex.

H. Sadler, regard the statements as to the revival of Masonry in 1717, and the association of Desaguliers with the Lodge of Antiquity, and Sir Christopher Wren, as apocryphal. There is, however, another school of opinion that accords full recognition to those ancient traditions. Desaguliers is said to have then visited and consulted Sir Christopher Wren, and believing that the principles of the Craft were calculated to benefit the community at large, he was instrumental, in 1717, in arranging the famous meeting of the four lodges at the Apple Tree Tavern, which resulted in the founding of the present Grand Lodge of England. In the same year Desaguliers became associated with a lodge—the present



In 1717 he lectured before George I., who rewarded him with a benefice in Norfolk, worth £70 a year, which he afterwards exchanged for a living in Essex, on the presentation of George II., and soon after this became chaplain to Frederick, Prince of Wales.

In March, 1718, he obtained his LL.D. at Oxford. Desaguliers played an important part in the revival of Freemasonry in the early part of the eighteenth century. He was made a Mason at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, the birth place of the Lodge of Antiquity. Such high authorities as our Brothers W. H. Rylands and

Royal Somerset House and Inverness—which met at the Rummer and Grapes, in Channel Row, but was removed to the Horn, Westminster, in 1723. The cause of this removal was the pulling down of all the houses in Channel Row to admit of the rebuilding of Westminster Bridge, when Desaguliers was consulted by the authorities as to the plans of the new structure.

In 1719, Desaguliers was elevated to the throne of Grand Lodge, succeeding George Payne as the third Grand Master since the revival; during his tenure of this high office he did much to elevate the character of the Order, and to secure the

attendance and support of many of the older and more eminent brethren of the day. After his retirement from the Grand Mastership in 1720, he was three times appointed Deputy Grand Master; first in 1723 by the Duke of Wharton, next in 1724 by the Earl of Dalkeith, and finally in 1725 by Lord Paisley. When in Edinburgh, in 1721, Desaguliers became an affiliated member of the Scottish fraternity, the ceremony of his admission taking place "att Mariès Chapell."

On visiting Holland, in 1731, his lectures attracted the attention of men like Huyghens and Boerhaave, while at the Hague he specially initiated the Duke of Lorraine, afterwards Grand Duke of Tuscany and Emperor of Germany. On his return to England, he also conferred the three Degrees on Frederick, Prince of Wales, and he continued to attend Grand Lodge till March, 1741. Desaguliers was zealous in collecting and investigating the old records of the Order, and largely assisted Dr. Anderson in the compilation of the first edition of "The Constitutions," the preface to which he wrote. In the frontispiece to that work, Desaguliers is shown on the extreme right of the spectator, acting as Deputy Grand Master to the Duke of Wharton. In personal appearance Desaguliers was unattractive, being short, thick set, with irregular features, having an ill-shaped figure and being very near sighted. On his removal from Channel Row he took up fresh quarters at the Bedford Coffee House, over the Grand Piazza, in Covent Garden, and towards the close of his career, which was somewhat clouded with sorrow, he is said to have rather given way to the pleasures of the table.

In February, 1742, he received the Copley gold medal from the Royal Society, and some time prior to this he became a member of the Gentlemen's Society at Spalding.

His lectures on scientific subjects were the first ever given to the general public, and attracted the most learned men of his day. He invented a machine to determine the distances of the heavenly bodies, and even attempted to solve the problem of fixing a satisfactory ventilator for the then House of Commons. He was also a voluminous contributor to the scientific journals of his day.

The following incident is typical of his powers of resentment: invited to a social gathering of distinction, he was so annoyed by a gallant soldier "full of strange oaths," who repeatedly craved his pardon, that after submitting for a while he at last wrapped out: "Sir, you have taken some pains to render me ridiculous by your pointed apologies; now, sir, I am to tell you, that if God Almighty does not hear you, I assure you I will never tell him."

As a Mason his efforts, energy, and enthusiasm, materially assisted the revival of 1717, while his learning and social position gave a standing to the Order, drew men of influence to it, and paved the way for the subsequent world-wide expansion of the Craft. Desaguliers laid the foundation of the present Fund and Board of Benevolence. He introduced Masonic orations, and it is said invented after dinner speeches.

He died on the 29th February, 1744, and was buried in the Savoy six days afterwards. He left three sons, of whom the most distinguished was Thomas Desaguliers, who fought at Fontenoy, and became Lieut.-General and Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery, and for thirty-two years, till his death in 1780, was "chief fire-master" at Woolwich. He was the first scientific maker of cannon and was mainly instrumental in perfecting that great arm of the Service of which "gunners" are so proud.

ROBERT MANUEL.

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## *Installation Meeting of the Willing Lodge, No. 2893.*

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THE first installation meeting after the consecration of the above lodge was held at the Tivoli Restaurant, Strand, on Thursday, April 2nd. Before the installation ceremony, the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Willing, jun., initiated two gentlemen into Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Thomas Vansittart Bowater, C.C., was installed by the outgoing Master in a manner highly appreciated by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Wallis H. Wilson, S.W.; A. E. Gilmer, J.W.; the Rev. R. W. J. Smart, Chaplain; J. Speller, P.G.S.B., Treasurer; R. H. McLeod, Secretary; A. H. Maddocks, S.D.; H. Shirreff, J.D.; H. Willing, I.G.; J. A. Hare, D.C.; C. J. Taylor, Organist; J. R. Hill and J. O. Schuler, Stewards; and J. W. Harding, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master presented the I.P.M. with the first Past Master's jewel, and Bro. Jas. Willing, jun., briefly returned thanks. The Worshipful Master also presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Chapman, the acting I.P.M., and expressed the thanks of the lodge for the courteous way he had carried out his duties. Bro. Chapman expressed his appreciation of that mark of their favour.

At the banquet which followed, the speeches were unusually brief, the Worshipful Master stating that they had a long musical programme which would be more enjoyable than speech making.

The usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. Colville Smith, in replying for "The Grand Officers," said the Craft, as a rule, recognised in them real workers. He heartily congratulated the young lodge on its success.

Bro. James Stephens said the lodge would join with him in congratulating Bro. Colville Smith on the record he had made at the last Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution

Festival. He was very sorry to see Bro. Willing "out of work again." He heartily wished success to the lodge, and commended them on their good balance sheet at the end of the first year.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said if his tongue had wagged as Bro. Stephens had said it had, it had wagged to a good Masonic purpose. He had particular pleasure in proposing the toast, as his father and he had worked up in Masonry together. He looked forward to the time when he would be Lord Mayor of our great city, of which he was a zealous citizen. He assured him that all who were present would attend the banquet if he would ask them.

In reply, the Worshipful Master thanked all for their kind wishes. He felt he would have a difficult task to perform in following Bro. Willing. Although his civic duties took much of his time, he would do all he could to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and he hoped to the satisfaction of the brethren.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the Worshipful Master said the ceremony had been splendidly rendered, and personally he could not detect a single flaw; but perhaps that was because it was the first time he had been present at the ceremony.

The I.P.M., in reply, said he had done the best he could for the lodge and the happiness of the brethren. The jewel presented to him was greatly appreciated. He hoped to see four generations of his family in the lodge, three already being present, his father and son. He looked forward to a good year.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," and "The Officers of the Lodge," followed by the Tyler's toast, closed the proceedings.

An Ancient Certificate.

SIR John Frederick, fifth Baronet, of Burwood Park, Surrey (a descendant of Sir John, M.P. for London and Lord Mayor, 1661-2), was born in 1749, and died in 1825. He was for many years M.P. for Surrey, and was evidently a Freemason, as he was made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Brunswick in 1771. The name is slightly misspelt in the certificate.

His son, Sir Richard Frederick, sixth Baronet, born 1780 and died 1873, a Captain in the 9th Regiment and Lieutenant-Colonel in the Surrey Militia, received the three Degrees in Lodge 197 in Jersey, as shown by his certificate; by which

it appears that lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the Province issued certificates equivalent to those now given by the Grand Lodge of England only.

These relics are in the possession of Major-General Astley Terry, G.S.B., who has also a printed satin apron which belonged to one of these two Freemasons, probably the latter, as it is dated 1797. It has a border and strings of rainbow-coloured ribbon, which exhibit signs of considerable wear. General Terry's mother was the grand-daughter of Sir John Frederick. (The other certificate will appear in our next issue.)



To all enlightened Brethren  
And Darkneſs comprehendeth it not

BY Authority of the Right Worſhipful Provincial Grand Maſter of the Iſlands of Jerſey, Guernſey, Sark, and Alderney, and by deputation from the Right Worſhipful Grand Maſter of all regular conſtituted Lodges within the Dominions of his Maſteſty the King of Great Britain, &c. &c.

IN THE RADIANT Eaſt of JERSEY, where reign SILENCE, PEACE, and UNITY.

E the underſigned, MAſTER, WARDENS, OFFICERS and BRETHREN of LODGE No. 197 on the regiltry of England, regularly aſſembled in myſtical num-

*brother Frederick was by us made an Entered Apprentice, paſt yellow croſs, and raised to the degree of Maſter, that by his proper behaviour, good conduct, and ſpecieſly he has juſtly merited the eſtimation and good will & regard of the brethren*

In witneſs whereof we have given him this certificate (which he himſelf has ſigned) that he, with joy and ſatisfaction, may meet with good reception from all enlightened Bretheren, returning the ſame to every Brother who may preſent to him with an equal juſt title.

GIVEN under our Hands and Seal, and Countersigned by our Secretary at our LODGE in St. HELIER's, to have full effect and authenticity, after comparing the ſaid Brother's ſignature, this fourth day of the fifth month, in the year of Light five thouſand eight hundred & three

<i>Wm. Matthews B.M.</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	W.: M.:
<i>J. H. Edwards</i>	<i>G. Mitchell</i>	S.: W.:
<i>Robert Le Jeune</i>	<i>John Hindle</i>	J.: W.:
<i>Christopher Le Jeune</i>	<i>Thomas Christenbury</i>	S.: D.:
	<i>Thomas Christenbury</i>	J.: D.:

TREASURER.

SECRETARY

## *Presentation to the Grand Secretary.*

THE brethren of the Province of Devon were among the first to offer their congratulations to Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth on his marriage last year, but the nature of the gift to accompany their congratulations necessitated some delay in its presentation. It consisted of a mug and

cups of original and graceful design in Royal Doulton ware, bearing on one side the arms of Grand Lodge, and on the other that of Grand Chapter in appropriate colours, the whole being enclosed in a beautifully finished mahogany cabinet.

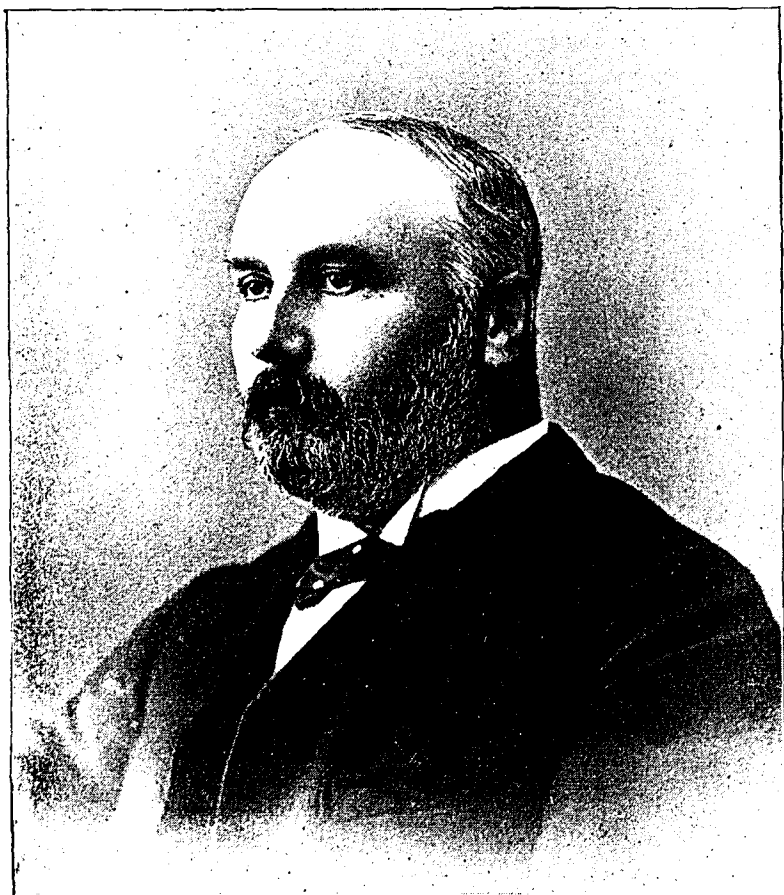


THE MUG AND CUPS PRESENTED TO BRO. SIR EDWARD LETCHWORTH.

Bro. J. R. Wilson, who made the presentation, and who had taken a leading part in organising the local committee of Devonshire brethren, made a special journey to

London, accompanied by Bro. T. B. Westlake, for that purpose. We have much pleasure in presenting a portrait of Bro. Wilson, who is a Freemason of over thirty years' standing, having been initiated in the early seventies in St. Aubyn Lodge, No. 954, Devonport. He has also attached himself to many other Masonic Orders and Degrees, in each of which he has distinguished himself as an active and enthusiastic worker, rendering also valuable services in other ways to the various lodges, chapters, and preceptories of which he is a member; and the estimation in which he is held by the provincial authorities has been shown by his appointment as Provincial Grand Warden. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in St. John's Chapter, No. 70, has filled the chair of First Principal, and is a Past Grand Scribe N. of the province.

Bro. Wilson's activities embrace most of the other Degrees and Orders in Masonry. In the Mark Degree he is a Past Master and Past Grand Warden of Devon, a Knights Templar of many years' standing, having on more than one occasion filled the chair of Eminent Preceptor, as well as the office of Provincial Grand Constable and Provincial Grand Treasurer of that Order, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is a Past Most Wise Sovereign of the Huyshe Chapter and of the St. Aubyn Chapter, Devonport, and about three years since the 31<sup>o</sup> was deservedly conferred upon him. His interest in Freemasonry has not, however, been confined to the various systems to which we have referred. Bro. Wilson is a Vice-President of each of the three great Masonic Charities and has served some twenty Stewardships in their behalf. He is, too, a Patron and Vice-Chairman of the Devon Aged Widows' Fund, Patron of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, Chairman of the Western District Masonic Charities' Association, and Vice-President of the Western District Masonic Association.



BRO. J. R. WILSON.



## *History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256.—(Continued).*

(By Bro. HENRY SADLER, Sub-Librarian to the Grand Lodge of England).

BRO. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., in acknowledging the toast, said :—"Inasmuch as this year is in a sense an exceptional year, it seems to me that it may not be inopportune to review the present position of the lodge, particularly as the result cannot but be agreeable to the well-wishers—and they are many—of this institution. To begin with—we were to have had as our Chairman this evening the Deputy Grand Master of England. For a long series of years these festivals have been presided over by Masons of very exalted rank ; but so far as I know in the history of the lodge this is the first time the position of Chairman has been accepted by the Deputy Grand Master. I should like to take this opportunity of repeating the thanks so eloquently given by our brother Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, to Col. Lockwood for his extreme kindness in coming among us this evening. You may perhaps remember that in the lodge room I stated that the funds of the lodge, after paying

of working to which I have alluded deter you from coming among us ; rather let it be an incentive to attend every one of the weekly meetings. That accuracy will be extremely helpful to you. If you know our system and desire to enter into the work it will give you an ideal to which you can aspire. If on the other hand you prefer simply to listen and to watch, you will learn how the work, not only of the Master, but of every inferior office should be done, exactly how every little detail ought to be carried out. Brethren, when the 21st century shall come round let me express the hope that the brother who stands in my place and responds to the toast of 'The Emulation Lodge of Improvement,' so ably proposed from the chair, so cordially received by this grand assembly, will be able to speak of as satisfactory a condition of things as I have put before you to-night."

1901. January 4th, being the day appointed for the election of executive officers, the Treasurer and Secretary were re-appointed to their respective posts for another year. Bros. W. G. Kentish and F. T. Rushton retired from the Committee of Management, Bros. Charles Lewis, P.M. No. 2508, P.P.G. Deacon of Essex, and R. E. F. Lander, P.M. No. 2086, being chosen to fill the vacancies. A vote of thanks to the retiring members for their past services was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. On the 25th of January an expression of sorrow and regret, on the part of the brethren, at the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, was recorded on the minutes.

At the weekly meeting on the 8th February "Bro. P.M. R. E. F. Lander referred to the great calamity which had befallen the Lodge and Masonry generally by the sudden decease of Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., and moved that our deepest sense of sorrow and sympathy be inscribed on the minutes of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. J. Collett Smith, W.M., and on its being carried, the Secretary was desired so to record it." Bro. Fenn's last attendance at the Lodge was at the Annual Festival in 1900. His death on the 2nd of February, 1901, was most tragic in its suddenness, as on that day he was a spectator, from a window of his club, of the funeral procession of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and a few hours later was himself summoned from our midst.

The Annual Festival on the 1st of March was very numerously attended, about 500 brethren being present in the Grand Hall, doubtless influenced to some extent by a desire to support the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master of England, who had kindly consented to preside at the festive board.

The lodge offices were filled as follows : Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., W.M. ; Chas. Lewis, I.P.M. ; Geo. Rankin, S.W. ; D. D. West, J.W. ; J. H. Jenks, S.D. ; T. W. Allsop, J.D. ; and J. Collett Smith, I.G.

The work was the First Lecture, performed in the following order : 1st Section by Bros. G. R. H. Clark ; 2nd, by J. F. Roberts ; 3rd, by M. V. Cassal ; 4th, by J. H. Jenks ; 5th, by T. W. Allsop ; 6th, by J. Collett Smith ; and 7th, by W. R. Bennett.

At the close of the work, the Earl of Warwick bore testimony to the grace and skill with which it had been accomplished, and remarked that Lodge 1965 should be proud of the distinction that it could contribute no fewer than three of its brethren (Bros. G. R. H. Clark, W.M., J. Collett Smith, and W. R. Bennett, P.M.) to assist in the grand intellectual treat they had listened to ; and he proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the whole of the workers for providing them with that magnificent entertainment. Bro.



LT.-GEN. JOHN WIMBURN LAURIE, C.B., M.P., P.G.W.,  
PROV. GRAND MASTER SOUTH WALES, W.D.,  
*Chairman of the Festival in 1897.*

the working expenses, were given to the three Masonic Charities. By the courtesy of the Secretaries of those Institutions, I am able to tell you that from the founding of the lodge in 1823 we have paid over to the Old People, to the Girls, and to the Boys a total sum of £1634—which gives an average of over 20 guineas for every year that the lodge has been in existence. It is also interesting to note that for the first 55 years, that is to say, from 1823 to 1878, our average annual contribution was £13 ; for the 21 years from 1878 to 1899, our average annual contribution has reached £43. I cannot but think that those figures must be eminently satisfactory, as they indicate that we get stronger as we grow older. . . . I would like to say just one word to the brethren who have passed in their names to-night as joining members. Don't let the accuracy

Judge Philbrick, K.C., P.G.W., seconded the vote in unqualified terms of approbation.

Before the Lodge was closed, a list of 102 names of proposed joining members, headed by that of the noble Chairman, was handed in to the Secretary.

That the proceedings in the banquet hall, under the able guidance of the genial and popular Dep. G. Master, were of the most enthusiastic character, goes without saying.

The V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., in proposing the toast of "The President of the Evening," said at that time last year they were looking forward to the pleasure of being presided over by their Chairman, the Prov. Grand Master of Essex. Circumstances beyond his control,



WILLIAM GEORGE KENTISH, P.G. STD. BEARER,  
*Secretary from 1888 to 1895.*

unfortunately, prevented his being with them; but he was sure they would all remember how good a substitute they found in Bro. Col. Mark Lockwood, their Deputy Grand Master's personal friend. He felt sure that he was only expressing the feelings of all present when he tendered to Lord Warwick their warmest thanks for the great honour he had done them in presiding there that evening. As had already been stated, it was the first occasion on which the Deputy Grand Master of England had presided over one of their festivals; but he trusted it would not be the last, and he invited them to join with him in drinking health and long life to his lordship.

The toast was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the noble Chairman having briefly but warmly responded for himself personally, concluded his remarks by referring to Masonic matters in the Province of Essex: "I have the good fortune to preside over a province which I have seen increasing in numbers and in importance by leaps and bounds. On my left is one who, in my early days of office, was to me as a real right hand. I refer to Bro. Philbrick; and what success I have achieved in Masonry in Essex I attribute entirely to the sound judgment and able manner in which he performed his duties and educated me in the path which it has been my privilege to follow ever since. Masonry has vastly increased its sway since the beginning of the period of which I speak, not only in Essex, but throughout the kingdom, so that at the present moment we have something like 200,000 Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, and every year, I am told, we have no fewer than 50 new lodges springing into existence. (Applause.) That must be regarded as a very satisfactory state of things, for it shows that Freemasonry is not on the downward path, but very much on the upward incline."

The toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement" was responded to by Bro. Sudlow, who, in referring to the continued prosperity of the Lodge, said: "I think that it is generally understood and recognised why the Emulation Lodge of Improvement occupies such a strong position. It is simply because there is a very genuine need for an institution of this kind, and that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement exactly and fully meets that need. It is quite true that the number of Lodges of Instruction increases year by year, and we rejoice that it is so, because there is less excuse for any brother accepting office without knowing his duties. Yet, excellent though these Lodges of Instruction are, and worthy of the warmest support that can be accorded to them, there is undoubtedly a tendency, as years go by, and as Preceptor succeeds Preceptor, towards differences and variations in points of detail. If there were no recognised standard of ritual, these variations might in time develop into a very grave matter. It is in this particular connection that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement demonstrates its value. It not only provides a system which absolutely never varies, but a system that has the stamp of authority so that it may be taken as the standard with which other systems may be compared, and by which, if thought necessary, those systems may be corrected. If, therefore, the Emulation Lodge of Improvement occupies this unique position, it is essential that the brethren who are members of the Past Masters' Committee should be men who may be implicitly relied upon to be faithful to the sacred trust committed to them. And, inasmuch as some important changes have been made quite recently in the *personnel* of the Committee, I hope you will allow me, very briefly, to refer to those changes. We have, unfortunately, lost the services of Bro. Kentish and Bro. Rushton—in the one case from pressure of other duties, and in the other from very serious indisposition. For a great number of years Bros. Kentish and Rushton have afforded the most valuable assistance in the conduct of this Lodge, and it was with the very greatest regret that the Committee received the resignation of these two brethren. But I will pass on to speak a word or two with regard to the two brethren who have been elected to fill their places, Bro. Charles Lewis and Bro. Lander. They are old students of the Emulation system, and I am able to testify that they have completely mastered that system, so that they are deserving of the utmost confidence at the hands of every brother who attends our regular meetings. They know the unalterable nature of our system; and they know that upon one particular member of the Committee rests the responsibility for the teaching of our system. You have heard from our departed Bro. Fenn that four brethren have, since the foundation of the Lodge in 1823, accepted this supreme responsibility. You know, brethren, their names—Bro. Peter Gilkes, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, Bro. Thomas Fenn, and myself. If this Festival had only been held on the 1st of February, instead of the 1st of March, I should have been able to say, as I had hoped to do to-night, that two of those four brethren are present with you. Instead of welcoming Bro. Fenn, as we have been accustomed to do at these Festivals, we are to-day called upon to mourn his loss; and I venture to say that it is impossible to exaggerate the greatness of that loss to Masonry. You know that for the greater part of his Masonic career he was intimately connected with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. For thirty-eight years he was an active officer in this Lodge—first as Secretary, then as principal member of the Past Masters' Committee, and, lastly, as Treasurer. I think, brethren, it will interest you to know that only a week or two before our brother's call to the Grand Lodge above, we were speaking together about the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he expressed his satisfaction at the renewal of the promise I made to him that, so long as health and memory are preserved to me, I would retain my post in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, where he himself placed me in 1883."

(To be Continued).