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 Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire.*

## The Province of Somerset.—(Concluded.)

THE M.W. Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, on February 5th, 1856, and was installed as W.M. in the following year, and re-elected in 1858. In 1857 his Lordship joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and the Royal Alpha, No. 16, in 1870, becoming W.M. in 1873, besides joining other old lodges. Through a considerable period of Lord Carnarvon's Provincial Grand Mastership of Somerset, Bro. Richard Charles Else (P.G.D.), was Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Having many times to preside over the Provincial Grand Lodge for the Provincial Grand Master, besides frequently visiting the lodges, that zealous brother became almost a necessity of the province, so thorough was his knowledge of the lodges and members. On Bro. Else's regretted retirement in 1902, the Right Hon. Lord Dungarvan made an excellent appointment in Colonel William Long, C.M.G. (P.G.D.), as his successor. Fortunately for Somerset, Bro. R. C. Else will continue to act as Charity Representative, which he has done so efficiently for many years past, and possibly will yet instal three or four more W.M.'s, to complete a total of 600 installed by that worthy brother during his eventful Masonic career of over forty years.

The province is well off for Grand Officers, as, in addition to those already named, Bro. Lieut.-Col. A. Thrle Perkins, C.B., was made a P.G.D. in 1887, Bro. C. L. Fry-Edwards, S.G.D. in 1898 (who has long been editor of one of the largest and best Masonic calendars published in the country), Bro. G. W. P. Harris, P.A.G.D.C., and Bro. G. H. N. Bridge, P.G. Swd. Br., 1897.

I have not succeeded in tracing many particulars of Bro. John Smith, M.P., who was Provincial Grand Master for the two terms of 1770 and 1796. In the transactions of the Grand Lodge for 8th February, 1797, he is described as Major Smith, and is credited with a payment of ten guineas as Provincial Grand Master of Somerset. He was W.M. of No. 41, Bath, in 1768, 1784-5, and 1791-2, so the "Royal Cumberland" was highly favoured.

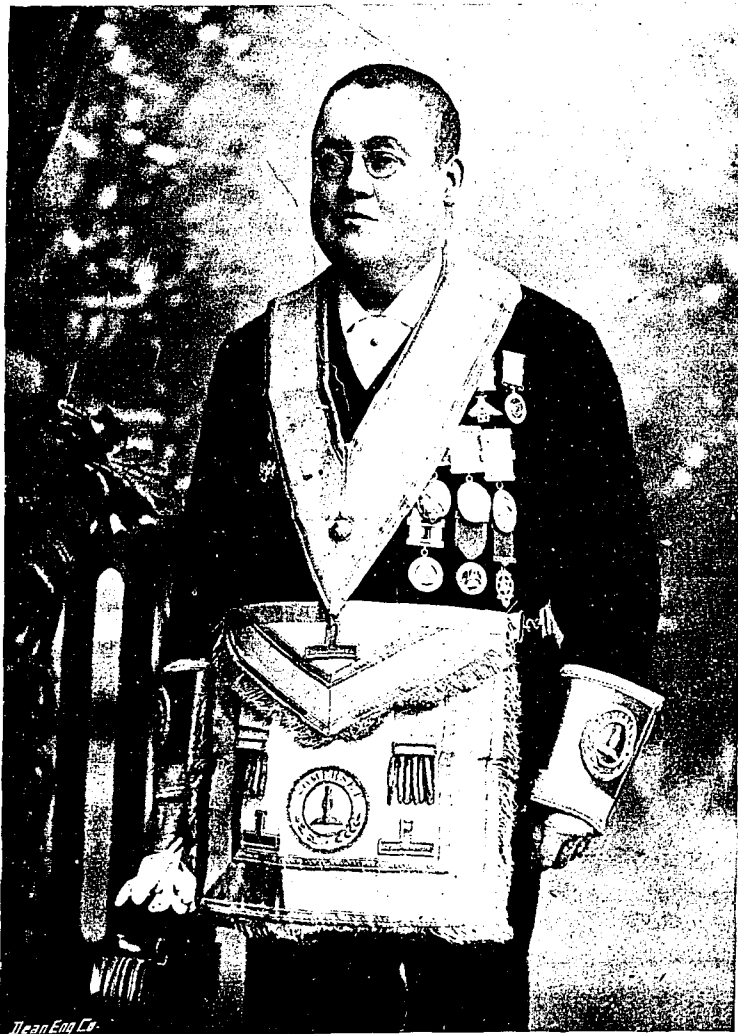
Of his successor in 1784 (the R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley) it would be impossible to do justice in this brief notice of the province, for he was one of the most enthusiastic and indefatigable Provincial Grand Masters of the eighteenth century, and, as previously noted, presided over nine provinces. In fact he was at the head of so many, that his nomination by the "Lodge of Virtue," Bath, in 1783, as the Masonic chief of the county was likely to be refused, but ultimately it was agreed to by declining others. Bro. H. Sadler's interesting life of this luminary should be carefully studied as the volume is valuable, not only in relation to Somerset, but concerns the Craft of the period generally. His first Provincial Grand Lodge for the county was held in Bath, A.D. 1784, in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. In 1786, to commemorate the King's birthday, the Provincial Grand Master held a Provincial Grand Lodge at the City of Wells—"the appearance of the fraternity on this occasion was most numerous and respectable indeed."

Thomas Dunckerley died in 1795, his last appearance in Grand Lodge being in the previous year. In 1786 (September) the returns for his provinces included six lodges for Somerset, viz., the present 41, Bath and 135, Bridgewater, with lodges at Bath, Bridgewater and Wells, subsequently erased.

In the Grand Lodge calendar, the name of the R.W. Bro. A. Chichester appears as Provincial Grand Master in 1818, but I have failed to trace him as an active ruler in any way. In 1820 Colonel Charles K. Kemys-Tynte, M.P., became Provincial Grand Master, and presided over the province for many years. The previous baronet was initiated in No. 41, Bath, in 1767, and long continued a member; the connection of the family with that lodge extending over upwards of a century, terminating only with the decease of Colonel Tynte in 1860. At the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of

the new tower of St. Mary's, Taunton, the aged Provincial Grand Master officiated, although quite blind, and used a trowel for the purpose that was found embedded in the former structure. The Provincial Grand Master of Somerset (who was one of H.R.H.'s executors) succeeded H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex as Grand Master of the Knights Templars, in consequence of which his name is widely known and greatly respected beyond the county.

Colonel Alexander William Adair (afterwards Brigadier-General) was appointed to govern the Somersetshire Craft in 1863, but resigned so as to make way for Lord Carnarvon in 1868. He was initiated in the "Apollo University Lodge," Oxford, in 1852, became W.M. of the "Honour," No. 379, Bath, in 1858, also W.M. of the Unanimity and Sincerity, No. 261, Taunton, in 1860 and 1888. He has been aptly described as "the beau ideal of a courteous gentleman, and among all classes was held in high esteem."



BRO. THOS. FLOYD NORRIS,  
PAST PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Province of Somerset consists of 26 lodges, having some 1300 subscribing members, and is exceedingly well managed financially and generally, and the votes exceed 5000 in the central Masonic Charities. During the last quarter of a century about £16,000 have been subscribed for the three Institutions.

### THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND, No. 41, BATH.

The most noteworthy of the old lodges is the "Royal Cumberland," Bath, established in the year 1733. A sketch of its history has been written by my dear old friend, Bro. T. P. Ashby, the senior P.M., published in the year 1873. This brochure, however, emphasizes the need of a complete work on the subject dealing with its valuable series of minute books extending over the long period of one hundred and seventy years.

The lodge was "regularly formed" on December 28th, 1732, being about five months before its "authority to constitute" was issued, and it is quite probable that the members had been in the habit of meeting years earlier, as the Master and Wardens with seven members attended at the earliest assembly described. There were ten present in December, 1732, and of these, seven were at the constitution of the lodge on 18th May, 1733, when Hugh Kennedy was again chosen as the W.M. The descriptions of the brethren who attended are peculiar and noteworthy, viz. :

"FELLOW CRAFTS," "MASTERS," AND "PASS'D MASTERS."

There were no apprentices present, but the mention of Fellow Crafts (3) and Masters (6) is indicative of the three ceremonies being then worked in the lodge. At that period, sometimes, there was no mention of the second Degree in the minutes, though possibly conferred notwithstanding, as other lodges record the fact. The term "Pass'd Master" is not easily explained. It may mean that the four members so described had previously passed the chair of the lodge, which is possible, or the quartette may have been admitted as Master Masons that evening; the prefix "pass'd" answering then for the second and third Degrees.

The Masters, as was usually the case early in the eighteenth century, were elected half-yearly. In 1742 the Right Hon. Lord Hamilton was in the chair, and in 1786, as also from 1793 to 1803, Bro. Thomas West, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was the "R.W.M." Another brother (Charles Geary) is also given as the Master in 1805-6, and from 1807 to 1818, after which period such re-elections were unusual, and so much the better.

Bro. Howell Gwynne, who was in the chair during the first half of 1742, presented a silver trowel, having thereon the following inscription—

"The Gift of Howell Gwynne,  
Esq., to ye members of ye Lodge,  
at ye Bear, Bath, 1742,"

which, happily, is still preserved. The lodge also has two black-letter Bibles, the premier "Book of Constitutions," 1723 (given by Bro. Jones in 1739), and a complete set of all the other editions down to recent times, with other valuables.

In 1738, Dr. Desaguliers, P.G.M. of England, visited the lodge, occupied the chair, and subsequently frequently honoured the brethren by attending. A special meeting was held at the "Bear," when the M.W. Bro. Lord Darnley, P.G.M., John Ward, Deputy Grand Master, Dr. Desaguliers, Past Grand Master, and others attended. The Prince of Wales was at Bath for the benefit of his health. It was also the King's birthday, and the lodge assembled "in honour of the day, and in respect to His Royal Highness, who is a brother." In 1756 it is stated that a Dr. Faustus was present at one of the meetings "as a visitor from the King of Portugal." Several officers of Grand Lodge were visitors in 1767, including the R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, who was often a visitor later on, was elected an honorary member, and his portrait was placed in the lodge room in recognition of his services.

In 1786 the old lodge received as members the brethren of the "Royal Cumberland" and took its name; the junior body had only been at work some two years, both lodges assembling at the "Bear" in Union Street.

The Centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Medal" was celebrated by the lodge on October 7th, 1880, in the presence of Bro. R. C. Else, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of distinguished Craftsmen. My esteemed and lamented friend, Dr. Henry Hopkins, P.M. 43, the W.M.,



BRO. EDWARD FRY WADE, PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY.

was in the chair, and donated a large sum to the Masonic Charities, a number of books, as well as a "loving cup" to the "Royal Cumberland" as souvenirs of the event. A special lithographic reproduction of the medal, with illustrative text, was also published by the lodge, No. 41 being the only one of the four existing lodges in the provinces which has the *original* medal suspended from the arms of the Master's jewel of office. The remaining lodges, through my informing them of their privilege, had facsimiles made of the silver badge in lieu of the originals, which had long been lost sight of. A warrant for a Centenary jewel of special design was granted the lodge by the M.W.G.M. on May 7th, 1861.

The *third Jubilee* was celebrated in June, 1883, by a banquet, on the invitation of Dr. Henry Hopkins, who was then half the age of the lodge. The members also commemorated the circumstance by completing the hundred guineas for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. This ended a series of remarkable meetings in connection with the venerable lodge, long to be remembered by those who were privileged to take part.

THE ROYAL SUSSEX, No. 53, BATH,

is the only lodge on the present roll (or for many years past) warranted by the "Atholl" or "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England, and is the second in point of precedence on the register of the province. Though originally started in 1756 at the "King's Head," Drury Lane, London, as No. 49, there was some irregularity as to the sale of its charter in 1773, and then it apparently lapsed.

On the 23rd January, 1812, a new warrant *with the original number* was issued to Bros. Benjamin Plummer, John Dixon



FREEMASONS' HALL MEDAL, LONDON, 1780.

and John Pearson, as W.M. and Wardens, to hold a lodge at the "Bladud's Head Inn," Bath, which was constituted in the following month by the aforesaid Bro. Plummer, Past

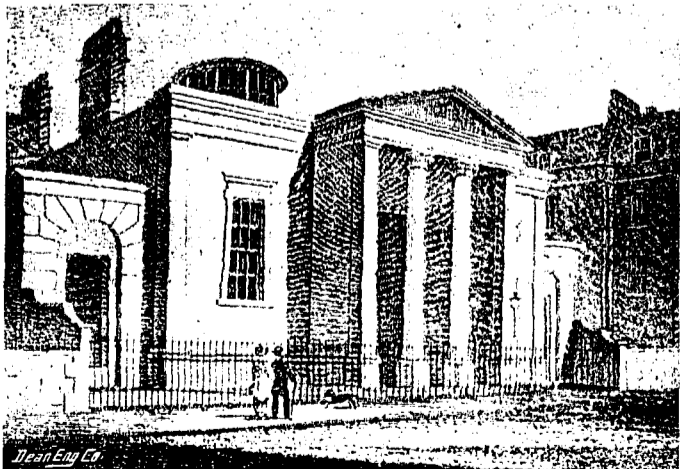


BRO. CHARLES LUND FRY EDWARDS,  
PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER.

Senior Grand Warden, who was a remarkable Mason in many ways. The Grand Master then was His Grace the Duke of Atholl, who was in the chair from 1791, and retired in 1813 in favour of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent.

#### FREEMASONS' HALL, 1819.

Its name was selected about 1817, and the lodge had met in many taverns and halls until it reached the Masonic Hall, Orchard Street, where its assemblies are held as with those of the Royal Cumberland, No. 41, the Honour, No. 379, and the Royal Albert Edward, No. 906, all of Bath. Its members have long taken a very active part in the Provincial Grand Lodge. The present hall was once owned by the Roman Catholics, and the old Freemasons' Hall is now in the possession of the "Friends."



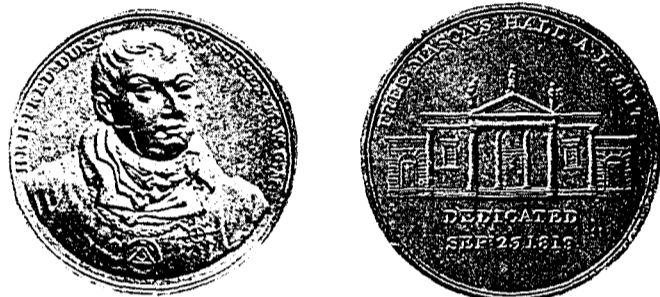
THE MASONIC HALL, BATH.

An especial Grand Lodge of England was held at Bath, 23rd September, 1819, H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.

Grand Master, in the chair, supported by His Grace the Duke of Leinster, M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, and several Present and Past Grand Officers. The Grand Lodge was opened in the Guildhall for the installation of the R.W. Bro. Arthur Chichester, Provincial Grand Master. It was most unfortunate that this brother was unable to be present by reason of severe indisposition, so the procession was formed and proceeded to the new *Freemasons' Hall*, York Street, of which the first stone was laid on 28th July, 1817. The architect was Mr. Wilkins, and the cost of the building was £3000. In a contemporary notice it is declared that the structure was "in strict Masonic appearance, even to the very knockers, which are triangular."

The Duke of Sussex dedicated the hall "in ample form." Sir George Smart, Grand Organist, officiated on the occasion, and conducted "a grand musical performance," after which some 500 brethren dined in the Kingston Rooms.

A fine medal was struck as a souvenir, of which but few have been preserved, and these until 1880 were unrecognized. I succeeded in finding the building by the date on the reverse and examining the printed transactions of the Grand Lodge. It was issued in three metals—silver, bronze, and white



DEDICATION MEDAL, MASONIC HALL, BATH.

metal—and one of silver was presented to Lodge No. 41, in the following year by Bro. E. L. Hill, P.M. 906, Bath. A bronze impression is in Bro. G. L. Shackle's great collection of Masonic medals and one or two other cabinets. It is Marvin's, No. 259, and No. 302 in *Band III.* of the *Medailenwerk* published by the *Hamburgische Zirkel Correspondenz* (from which the illustration is taken) or No. 15 in the English edition of 1901.

The third on the roll is the Perpetual Friendship, No. 135, which was chartered as No. 326 on December 4th, 1764, at Bridgwater. It was so named in 1778, has had eight numbers, but has only assembled in three places of meeting for considerably over a hundred years. Its centenary warrant is dated 22nd December, 1868.

The fourth lodge is the "Unanimity and Sincerity," Taunton, of March 7th, 1788, originally granted for Ilminster, but transferred to Taunton in 1797, when its full name was selected, the title previously being "Unanimity" only. The centenary warrant is dated exactly 100 years from its start in 1788, but the celebration was not held until the 16th May in the Masonic Hall, occupied from 1879. Divine service was celebrated in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, and afterwards the lodge was opened by the R.W. Bro. Colonel A. W. Adair (Past Provincial Grand Master) the W.M., who occupied the chair during the interesting proceedings. The late Bro. T. G. Williams, P.M., read an able sketch of the lodge, which was published in the "Somerset County Gazette."

The Love and Honour, No. 285, Shepton-Mallet, the fifth on the list, has still its old warrant of 4th June, 1792, and its centenary warrant bears date 25th July, 1892. The sixth and last lodge of the 18th century is the Rural Philanthropic, No. 291, of 21st January, 1793, which first of all met at Huntspill (but once at Taunton in 1798) until it found a resting place at Highbridge in 1859. The centenary warrant was issued in 1893, and a brief history of the lodge was written and published that year by its efficient Treasurer, Bro. Thos. Floyd Norris, P.M. The charter was signed by the R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, Prov. G.M. It was the custom for brethren on their marriage to present the members with white gloves.

Bro. Henry Bridge, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, was

W.M. of the lodge from 1850 to 1853 and in 1871, and Bro. R. C. Else, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was initiated therein, A.D. 1858, was the Master in 1865, 1877, and in the centenary year. Bro. Else was Provincial Grand Secretary 1865-9 and 1871-4, Deputy Provincial Grand Master 1875-92, besides being Grand Superintendent, and ably filling other offices. Rendering such services to the province, it is not a matter of surprise to find that on his retirement as Deputy Provincial Grand Master the opportunity was taken at the Provincial Grand Lodge held in May last to present Bro. Else, P.G.D. of England, with an

illuminated address and a cheque for 500 guineas, subscribed by the Craft, Royal Arch and Mark Brethren of Somerset, the monetary gift to be invested as he may desire in the Masonic Charities, and marked as the "Else Votes" in perpetuity, and as a lasting memorial of their love and esteem.

The remaining twenty lodges date from 1810 to 1891, and there are eleven Royal Arch Chapters ranging from 1782 to 1888, the E. Comp. R. C. Else having been succeeded in 1902 by the Right Hon. Lord Dungarvan as Grand Superintendent.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## United Grand Lodge of England.

GRAND Lodge held its Quarterly Communication on the 2nd September, at Freemasons' Hall. There was an unusually large attendance of brethren for the season of the year. R.W. Bro. Charles Cookman Millan, District Grand Master for Auckland, New Zealand, presided, and was supported by the R.W. Bro. the Hon. Walter John Napier, District Grand Master for the Eastern Archipelago as Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Bucknill, Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Past Grand Master. The chairs of Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden were occupied respectively by R.W. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.W., and V.W. Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.G. Chaplain.

Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, Bro. William Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, which were put and confirmed.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence was, on the motion of the President, V.W. Bro. J. H. Matthews, taken as read, and the various grants were duly confirmed.

On the motion of V.W. Bro. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., President, the Report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The report included a recommendation that the sum of £50 be made from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the cost of erecting a Parish Hall for the use of the poor inhabitants of the district in which Freemasons' Hall is situated. The fact that Grand Lodge was the largest owner of property in the parish was the reason put forward for making the grant, and it was carried unanimously.

The next business was a series of notices of motion by the Grand Registrar, as follows:—

- 1st. To add to Rule 13, Book of Constitutions, the words—"The price of such ticket not to exceed One Guinea."
- 2nd. In Rule 39, for "eighteen" read "thirty."
- 3rd. In Rule 40, for "eighteen" read "thirty."
- 4th. In Rule 40, omit the words "to be presented by the former Grand Steward of that Lodge."

The effect of which would be to fix a limit of price for the Grand Festival dinner ticket and to increase the number of Lodges, known as Red Apron Lodges, from eighteen to thirty. The Grand Registrar entered into a statement of his reasons for proposing that the changes should be made. For a great number of years, he said, the charge for a banquet ticket for the Festival had been fifteen shillings, but a strong feeling had been expressed that the Stewards ought not to be called on to pay large sums out of their own pockets in order that the brethren might dine cheaply. For himself, he perfectly agreed with them, but many others did not agree, and last year when the brethren applied for tickets much dissatisfaction was expressed when they were told that instead of fifteen shillings they would have to pay one guinea, and it occurred to him that there should be some limitation placed to the amount and that the limit should be one guinea, otherwise future Boards of Stewards, not acting with the wisdom of the

Stewards of to-day, might make the charge virtually prohibitive. With regard to the next motion, that the number of Stewards should be increased from eighteen to thirty, he had been astounded to hear many times lately that the Grand Stewards' Lodges—the eighteen lodges which nominated the Grand Stewards—had acquired an absolute right—that it was a privilege granted to them because they put their hands in their pockets some years ago and contributed the deficiency for building Freemasons' Hall. That was a statement absolutely without foundation. It had been made over and over again, until many brethren had come to believe it. He had made enquiry in every direction, because if it was so, and any arrangement had been made, he, for one, should have said that whatever the arrangements made some years ago might be, they ought to be very carefully observed, and, unless for very strong reasons, ought not to be departed from. He had the privilege of having the notes which the late Bro. Fenn had made, and Bro. Richardson had also had them, and had kindly allowed him to peruse them. If any brother in the Order in the last few years would have known of such a thing and made a note of it, he was sure Bro. Fenn would have done it. Bro. Gould's history did not reveal it, nor did the records of Grand Lodge show it, and he had in his possession the list of the lodges that did pay the money. He might tell the brethren there were a very great number more than eighteen.

He had a letter sent to him by their very highly esteemed Bro. Hughan, who wrote from Torquay on August 28th, and it was put in his hands on his return from a little holiday. Bro. Hughan said he was unable to attend Grand Lodge for a reason which they all deeply deplored, and he hoped better times were coming to that family which would enable that brother to be with them more frequently. Bro. Hughan said that but for that reason he should have been present to give his warmest support to the proposition for the increase in the number of Grand Stewards' Lodges from eighteen to thirty, and he had put into a concise form that which he (Bro. Strachan) had to give the brethren from the records of Grand Lodge; that when the number "eighteen" was agreed to in 1814, there were only 140 lodges in the Metropolis with about 4900 members; now there were 552 and fully 25,000 members. In the provinces there were 400 lodges, but now there were 1400 and over 70,000 members. The total in England in 1814 was 540 lodges, and now there were 1980. There were then 19,000 members; there were now 95,000. There was no magic in the number eighteen. For very many years it was twelve.

As early as 1728 there were twelve Stewards, and it was said there should be twelve for the future. In 1735 there was a memorial, and certain privileges were given that when they met they should be formed into a lodge, which was now called the Grand Stewards' Lodge, with the honourable position of being first on the roll without a number. In 1771 the number of Grand Stewards was directed to be increased to fifteen, but it was not acted upon, and it went back to twelve, who were nominated by nine lodges, one lodge

nominating three, another two, and the others one each. The question was whether, there having been such a great increase in the lodges—which was urged upon him by a great many brethren—there ought not now to be an increase in Grand Stewards' Lodges—which, of course, if it was agreed to by the Grand Lodge, would have to be selected by the M.W.G.M., it being his prerogative to determine what Grand Stewards' Lodges there should be. Then the question would arise what number would be fair, and it had been urged upon him that the number ought to bear the same proportion as in 1814, when eighteen Grand Stewards' Lodges were recognised after the union of Grand Lodge. He was very much afraid that if it were put on that footing it would be between fifty and sixty; that might be rather too many; and he had put it at thirty. It might be said what necessity was there for increasing the number at all. Whatever individual brethren might think, if it was for the good of the Craft let it be done, but if not for the good of the Order, let it not be done. He assured them he had no feeling at all in the matter; but he thought he ought to bring the matter forward for the reasons he had given. Out of the

eighteen lodges which had the privilege conferred on them in 1815, sixteen still enjoyed it. One—the Pilgrim—gave it up in 1834, and the Grand Master conferred it upon the Jerusalem Lodge. In 1846 the privilege was dropped by the Old King's Arms Lodge, and the Grand Master conferred it upon the Old Union Lodge. He now moved the resolution; but if there was an amendment for postponement he should not oppose it.

Bro. J. H. Matthews seconded.

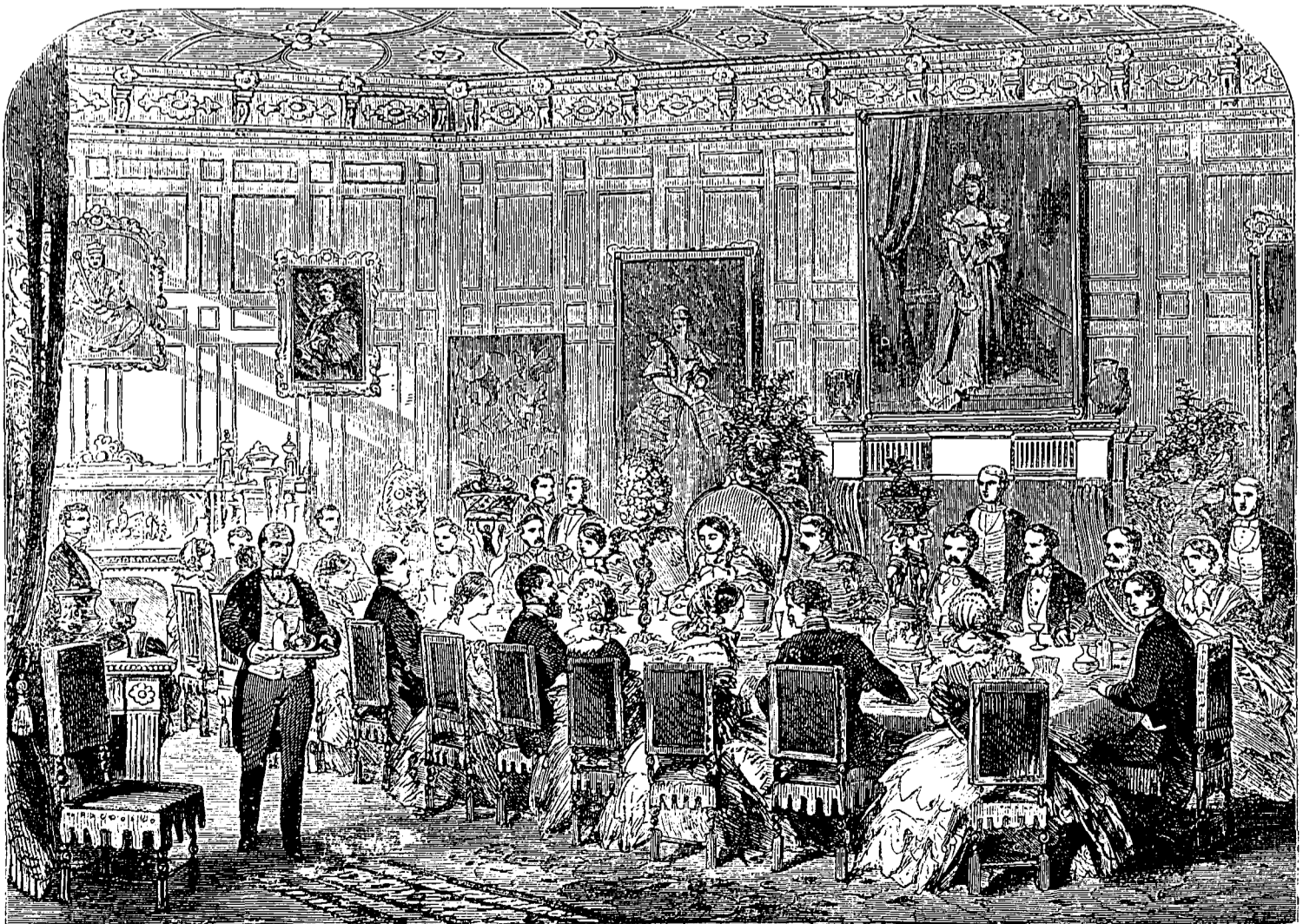
Bro. John Smithers, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge, P.A.G.D.C., moved the consideration of the motion be postponed until the December meeting of Grand Lodge, which, on being seconded by Bro. E. S. Lardner, P.G. Steward, was accepted by the Grand Registrar, and put and carried.

An appeal from the ex.-W.M. of Lodge Moore, No. 2604, Madras, against the erasure of the lodge by the District Grand Master was brought forward by the Grand Registrar who, after a lengthy statement of the case, proposed that the appeal be dismissed; the motion was seconded by Bro. Loveland Loveland, K.C., and carried. Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

## Visit of Queen Victoria to Warwick Castle.

THE stately home of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, has been the scene of many historic gatherings, of which the visit of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in the year 1858 was not the least notable. The illustrated papers of that period contained many engravings of the event, and we are able to reproduce one of these from the pages of the *Illustrated News of*

*the World*, a paper which has long ceased to exist, of July 10th, 1858. It portrays the banquet which took place in honor of the Royal Visit, and contains a description of the apartment in which it was held. This fine room was built by Francis, Earl of Warwick, and is in strict architectural keeping with the other portions of the venerable pile.



BANQUET TO QUEEN VICTORIA AT WARWICK CASTLE IN 1858.

## *Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.*

THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held on the 22nd September at the Public Rooms, St. Austell. In the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who had not arrived from Bodmin, the Provincial Lodge was opened by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. P. Colville Smith, who was supported by a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The first business submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge was the proposal by W. Bro. B. F. Edyvean, on behalf of the Committee of Relief, to alter certain by-laws affecting the administration of the Charities. He stated that at a meeting of the Committee of Relief held at Truro in August last, it was decided to recommend the constitution of a Provincial Committee to investigate petitions for relief, and to increase the amount which must be granted as relief in cases of emergency and urgency from £5 to £10. Such committee also to consider applications to the Royal Masonic Institution, to select the cases to be supported by the province, and to consider and report upon any matters which may be referred to it by the Provincial Grand Lodge or the P.G. Master.

The suggested alterations were adopted, as was also the proposal that no more than £25 should be granted to any applicant in any one year.

At this stage of the proceedings, the lodge, in accordance with immemorial custom in this province, was adjourned for the purpose of attending Divine Service. A procession was formed, and the brethren marched to the Holy Trinity Church arranged under their respective banners. The preacher was the Rev. Alexander Hawken, of Bradstone Rectory, Tavistock, Senior P.G. Chaplain, who took as his text "There was neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building," I. Kings vi., 7. He said there was much talk among Masons about friendships, benevolence, and the like. But was there as much reality in all that as there should be? If Masons only acted up to their most admirable principles, if in the spirit as well as in the letter they carried out their most admirable rules and regulations, who could calculate the mighty engine for good they would become? Let their kindly actions be done silently and quietly, and what was more they should not keep the alabaster boxes of their affections sealed and laid away until their friends were dead. Justice came too late when it was pronounced only in funeral eulogium. If only they would do these things, then Masonry would be, in subservience to Religion, one of the greatest leaveners of all society.

The Prov. Grand Organist, W. Bro. Harold Bullen, and Bro. F. C. Thomas, organist of the church, were responsible for the musical portion of the service.

On the conclusion of the service the procession was reformed and marched back to the Public Rooms, where the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe presided, and the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge was then resumed. Addressing the brethren, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said it was the first occasion on which the Prov. Grand Lodge had met since the death of that old and beloved Mason, who was for so many years D.P.G.M. of the province, Sir Charles Graves-Sawle. He was sure it would be the wish of all that a vote of sympathy should be passed with Lady Sawle, who had, unfortunately, lost her son and daughter, as well as her husband. They desired to express their feeling of respect for one they loved and esteemed, and their deep sympathy for the widow.

The vote was passed in silence.

Proceeding, the Prov. Grand Master mentioned that seven lodges had not sent in their returns of the attendances of the Past Masters, which were useful in guiding him in his selection of provincial officers. He understood that none of the lodges in the province had registered under the new Licensing Act. Personally, he did not know much of the

probable effect of the Act on lodges. But he thought it would be advisable for the Prov. Grand Secretary to ascertain what had been done in other provinces, so that they might determine whether it was absolutely necessary to register. It was undesirable that any risk should be run. Continuing, the P.G. Master said the general progress of the province was very satisfactory. They had sent up £645 during the year to the great Masonic Institutions. From the Treasurer's report they would see that they had spent £43 rs. 8d. more than their income, and £65 had been paid in relief more than last year, but very pressing cases had been brought before the committee. Still, there was a balance in hand of £259, so they had not gone into debt.

W. Bro. E. M. Milford presented reports of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity Fund and of the "Anderton Memorial" Fund, and said the year was commenced with a balance in hand of £123 4s. 6d. The amount of invested capital at the last annual meeting was £7178 3s., an increase of £243 on the preceding year. It was stated that the total contributions to the Anderton Memorial Fund amounted to £330 10s., and had been invested in the purchase of £320 16s. Natal 3½ per cent. Inscribed Stock, producing an income of £11 4s. 7d. per annum, less tax.

The reports were passed, and the retiring officers were re-elected.

W. Bro. R. A. Courtney submitted the eighteenth annual statement and report of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association, which was adopted.

Bro. E. P. A. Broad presented his statement as manager of votes for the Central Masonic Charities, and stated that at present the province had five girls and one boy being educated in the schools, and two men and three widows receiving annuities.

W. Bro. Martin Body, of Lodge Dunheved, Launceston, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

W. Bros. W. Metherell and A. K. Lee, also of 789, were appointed auditors.

W. Bro. E. A. P. Broad was re-elected charity representative, whilst W. Bros. Pearce Couch and Dr. Hammond were respectively appointed representatives from West and East Cornwall on the Temporary Relief Committee.

It was announced that the offertory at the service at the church amounted to £10 17s. Two-fifths were voted to the C.M.A. Fund, one-fifth to the vicar, and two-fifths to the local nursing association.

On retiring from the office of secretary and treasurer of the C. M. Charity Association, W. Bro. G. B. Pearce was presented with a handsome and massive silver tea and coffee service, with salver, the whole weighing 223¼ ounces.

In making the presentation the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe said Bro. Pearce had worked hard for nearly twenty years in the service of the province, and had accomplished much good work. The testimonial had been subscribed for by the lodges and the brethren of the province, every lodge having contributed to the gift. He had great pleasure in asking Bro. Pearce's acceptance of the presentation in recognition of what he had done for Masonry in the province.

In acknowledging the handsome gift, W. Bro. Pearce said he greatly regretted having to retire from the position, as he was deeply attached to the work. He gratefully appreciated their kindness, but never conceived the possibility of receiving any such tribute or reward for the service he had been able to perform. He thanked them all for their generous gift, but could not help reminding them that if it had not been for the enthusiastic workers in the lodges it would not have been possible for the association to have achieved the results it had.

The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

## *Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.*

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THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham held its annual meeting at South Shields, on Tuesday, September 8th. The proceedings were conducted in the Royal Assembly Hall, and there was a large attendance of present and past officers of the province and of the officers and members of the various lodges. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Barnard, D.C.L., P.G.W., presided, and he was supported by the Very Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, and a very large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The Treasurer's reports was submitted by Bro. J. W. Henderson, showing the funds to be in a satisfactory condition.—The report was accepted.

Bro. Canon Tristram presented the report of the Funds Committee. The sum of £60 was recommended to three petitions, and the committee also recommended that charitable donations be granted as follows:—Durham Masonic Education Fund and the Hudson Benevolent Fund, £105; the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £52 10s.; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £52 10s.; Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, £52 10s. These were confirmed and adopted.

Lord Barnard, in the course of his address to the brethren, alluded to the progress which had been made by Freemasonry in the Province of Durham. He said that at the last Provincial Grand Lodge he took occasion to point out that their members were 200 more than for several years previously; but he noted this year there was a still larger increase. The increase was from 3690 to 4057, or about 350 above last year. That of itself indicated what rapid and steady strides the Craft was making in the province. In connection with this he could not overlook the fact that no fewer than three new lodges appeared on the roll, and he had had the honour only quite recently of consecrating a fourth; while he had then before him the petition for another new

lodge, and there were also indications of yet another reaching him.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and much satisfaction was expressed at the re-appointment of the venerable Brother the Rev. Canon Tristram, P.G.C., as Deputy Prov. G. Master, and of the appointment of the late Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B., as Senior Grand Warden.

Lord Barnard, in investing Bro. Hudson as P.S.G.W., spoke in eulogistic terms of his (Bro. Hudson's) services to the province as Secretary and to the Craft generally. Bro. Hudson, he said, had been a prominent member of the Craft for 40 years, and for 21 years had held the distinguished honour of acting as Provincial Grand Secretary. Although he would now retire from the responsibilities of that office, yet they should have the advantage of his ripe experience and advice for, he hoped, many years to come. He felt he should not let Bro. Hudson go without some recognition of his services, and he moved that they place on record their very high appreciation of the zeal, courtesy and ability with which he had discharged his duties, and their sense of the marked value of his services to the Craft in general and to that province in particular, at the same time expressing the hope that he might have many years of health, happiness, and prosperity, and that the province might long enjoy the advantage of his experience and kindly assistance.

Bro. Canon Tristram seconded the motion, and in doing so said Bro. Hudson had worked quietly and unobtrusively; but he had had an influence over the Masonry of the whole province which he (the speaker) believed was unequalled in any other province by any one man.—This was agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the annual banquet was held in the spacious new King's Hall in the Golden Lion Hotel, the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Barnard, presiding.

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## *Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire.*

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THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Wiltshire, was held on Saturday, September 5th, and afforded the opportunity for the brethren to accept the very kind welcome of General Lord Methuen, G.C.B., Past Grand Warden, to Corsham Court.

Luncheon was served in a marquee in the grounds of Corsham Court. The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor (P.G. Warden), presided, and he was supported by the Dep. P.G. Master, the W. Bro. Charles N. P. Phipps (P.G. Deacon), and by other members of Grand Lodge, including R.W. Bro. General Lord Methuen, P.G. Warden; R.W. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G. Warden; W. Bro. Sir Prior Goldney, Bart., P.G. Deacon; W. Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G. Deacon; and the V.W. Bro. Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chaplain; also by W. Bro. E. C. Sewell, P.P.G. Warden, Gloucestershire; W. Bro. James Lemon, P.P.G. Warden, Hants and I.W.; and the W. Bro. Harry Bevir, P. Asst. Grand Dir. Cer. (Prov. G. Secretary and Prov. G. Charity Sec.), and by more than two hundred brethren of the Province of Wilts. The speeches were brief, as was the toast list, for time had to be allowed for business as well as pleasure.

The P.G. Master associated the name of Lord Methuen with the toast of the officers of Grand Lodge, and alluded to the great satisfaction which they all must feel to see the distinguished soldier, kind neighbour, and hospitable brother with them that day restored to health after his late

rough experiences. There were many close associations between his (Lord Radnor's) family and Lord Methuen's which he feelingly alluded to, and his expression of the thanks of the members of P.G. Lodge for the thoughtful kindness of their host in inviting them to gather at Corsham Court evoked a deep and unanimous response.

Lord Methuen, who was most enthusiastically received, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, extended to Lord Radnor and all the brethren present a very hearty welcome.

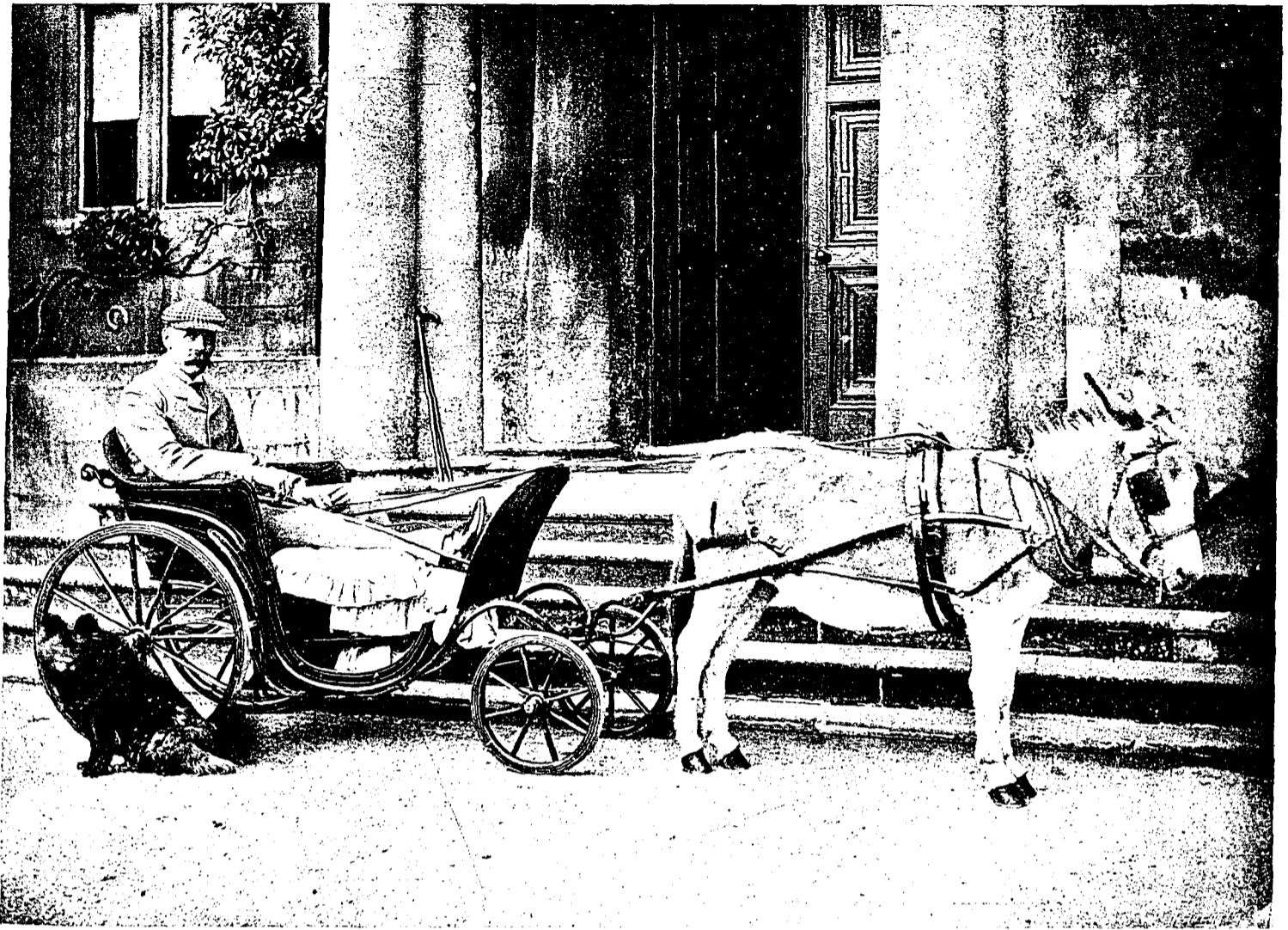
Bro. Robert Grey, who also responded, gave some interesting reminiscences of his Masonic experiences.

The toast of the health of the P.G. Master, proposed by Bro. Mitchell, P.M. of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, meeting at Corsham, was most warmly received, Bro. Mitchell reminding his brethren that just 40 years ago Lord Methuen's father, then P.G.M., installed him as a Prov. Grand Lodge Officer.

The health of W. Bro. Harry Bevir, the P.G. Secretary, was proposed by Lord Radnor, who said the thanks of the brethren were due to him for the very complete arrangements that had been made to secure the success of the meeting.

After the lunch, the business of the day was taken, the annual meeting being held in the Methuen Hall, where Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the P.G.M. appointed and invested the P.G. Officers for the ensuing year.





BRO. GENERAL LORD METHUEN, G.C.B., P.G.W.—(Photo Herbert Spackman.)

After the passing of the several reports and accounts, which pointed to the increasing prosperity of the province, and the other usual routine completed, the alms collected were voted to the Chippenham Cottage Hospital, the amount exceeding £10.

Business over, the grounds of Corsham Court were again visited by the large gathering of the brethren, who seemed thoroughly to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. Many of them inspected the treasures contained in the house, the

picture gallery claiming especial attention, and all present very highly appreciated the great kindness of Lord and Lady Methuen in their assiduity in enhancing the enjoyment of their guests. Music added to the pleasures of the day, the strains of the Band of the 2nd V.B. Wilts Regiment (of which regiment Lord Methuen is Honorary Colonel), under Bandmaster W. Hawkins, being heard during the lunch, and a select programme was also gone through during the afternoon in the grounds.



CORSHAM COURT. (Photo Herbert Spackman.)

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*Cheapening the Order.*

THERE is a marked tendency in the present day to abate some of the rigour with which the approaches to Freemasonry used to be guarded. The praiseworthy motive has been, doubtless, to make the Order more accessible to a larger constituency, more popular in fact. But we venture to think that popularity is the very last thing that ought to be taken into consideration when any modification is being thought of, either in our laws or our traditional practice.

The worst feature of this tendency, is that when once the rigour of a regulation has been relaxed, it is practically impossible to restore it, but on the contrary a precedent has been erected for further relaxations.

We are governed in many ways, and to the good and

true Freemason none of these is "afore or after another." A free and easy way of dealing with constitutions and by-laws may entail penal consequences, but the landmarks, ceremonies, charges, and even local and general traditions, should be quite as powerful in determining our procedure, even though not legally enforceable. Some few years ago it was necessary to insist on the stricter scrutiny that ought to be made of candidates for admission, and it is satisfactory to be able to say that practice has begun to conform with theory in this respect in a very marked degree. It may be safely claimed that the admission of an openly irreligious or immoral person is practically impossible in the vast majority of our lodges. Worshipful Masters are not, as they once were, content with the favourable testimony of a proposer or seconder, when frequently the latter had but second-hand knowledge of the candidate. There are committees of enquiry, and, as a rule, when the Worshipful Master says of the suppliant for admission that the tongue of good report has been heard in his favour, the statement may be taken as a fairly accurate one. The laxity which has to be noticed is to be found in a different direction. Let us first of all refer to the habit of discussing Masonic matters in public. It will often be found that the observant man in the street very often has a fairly accurate knowledge of what goes on in lodge. It is not uncommon to find that phrases which are peculiarly Masonic, and which have a history that endears them to the Craft, are heard in the mouths of the profane; and it implies some want of circumspection on the part of their Masonic friends. Our conduct in this respect should be regulated by the good old charge, "You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse—." There is no ambiguity about this rule of Masonic conduct.

The admission of the casual visitor needs some care, and the issuing of indiscriminate invitations is more common than it used to be.

That this is the case is evidenced by the irritation felt at what are called the vexatious precautions laid down. The demand for his certificate is not always relished by the visiting brother, who, as often as not, has not brought it with him. To ask him to submit to an examination is often regarded as all but an insult by the visitor, and even very often by his introducer. There are those who will vouch for their visitor on the slenderest evidence. Worshipful Masters should remember that it is not the introducer who is responsible to the Craft for the good standing of visitors. The introducer's responsibility is only to the lodge, but the Master's is to the Craft. In this way:

The commonest form of vouching is that which asserts that the voucher has sat in open lodge with the vouchee. By his introduction into the lodge the visitor will be able to appeal to some further score or more brethren in future, who will not be able to deny that they have sat in lodge with him, and thus if he be unworthy, the chance of his detection decreases twentyfold with every visit.

Even if the brother vouching, does so on the strength of an actual examination, it should be remembered that it is not every one that is able to conduct an examination. The only remedy is to enforce the rule strictly in every case of a visitor who is not well known to most of the brethren, or, at all events, to the Master. It is of no use to enforce it in some cases and not in others, as this would cause an undesirable feeling.

And we venture to think, in conclusion, that the Order loses much in usefulness by the practice of promoting brethren according to seniority. Especially is some reform necessary when it is a case of electing the Master. There should be no hesitation in passing over a brother who has proved himself incompetent. Such a Master can do infinite harm to the lodge which it may take years to recover from. The chair is not made for the Master, but the Master for the chair. With the object of sparing some estimable, but incompetent, brother's feelings, the lodge is practically put back for a year, and loses more ground than it can possibly recover in many years. And a lodge cannot afford this.



His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint the Right. Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., to the office of Deputy Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, in the room of the Earl of Warwick, who has resigned the appointment. Bro. Halsey is one of the oldest Provincial



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. T. F. HALSEY, M.P.

Grand Masters, having filled the office of Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire for upwards of 30 years. The announcement, we believe, will be received with much satisfaction by the Craft. It will be remembered that Bro. Halsey was appointed as Grand J. in Supreme Grand Chapter in succession to the late Bro. W. B. Beach.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, September 1st, and was presided over by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston. The Report of the General Board presented no special features of interest. Members of the Order have become so familiar with the announcement of the steady advance of the Mark Degree during the preceding quarter, that the figures showing that 438 new certificates of membership had been issued, bringing the total membership to 46,674, created no surprise.

Further, three lodges at Hull had sought and obtained permission to join the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and a lodge at Christchurch, New Zealand, which had been in abeyance, petitioned for and was granted leave to revive. The last festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund realised £2276 16s., and the Chairman, Bro. Richard Vassar-Smith, and the Board of Stewards were congratulated on the great success of the meeting. An interesting ceremony took place in Grand Lodge. Bro. C. Dillworth Fox having been appointed by the Duke of Connaught to be Grand Master of South Island, New Zealand, was obligated and invested

here. Bros. Colonel H. Le Roy Lewis, D.S.O., and W. Briggs, LL.D., were invested respectively as Sword Bearer and Standard Bearer.

The decision of Lord Northcote to retire from the position of Provincial Grand Master for Devon has been received by the brethren of that province with universal regret. When his lordship was appointed Governor of Bombay he consented to retain the office, his anticipations being that he would return to England at the end of five years, but he has now intimated that in consequence of his appointment as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, he feels it his imperative duty to retire, and he has placed his resignation in the hands of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In a letter written on the voyage home and addressed to Bro. John Stocker, Provincial Grand Secretary, Lord Northcote says:—"My appointment as Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth necessitates my being absent from England for a further term of five years. After very serious consideration I have determined that, in the interests of the province, it is my duty to retire from the office of Provincial Grand Master, and my resignation is now in the hands of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master. I regret to be obliged to sever this connection with the Devonshire brethren, for I had been looking forward to renew my happy relationship with them. In taking official leave of the province, I desire to express my appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the loyal and cordial support so invariably given to me, and to ask the brethren to accept my very best wishes for their prosperity and the welfare of the Craft.—Believe me to be, ever yours faithfully and fraternally, Northcote."

His lordship was installed as Prov. Grand Master by his predecessor, Lord Ebrington, at a meeting at Exeter on August 12th, 1896, and during his rule nine new lodges have been instituted, and the number of members in the province has been largely increased. Since Lord Northcote's departure for India the province has been very ably ruled by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. G. C. Davie, P.G.D. Lord Northcote from the first has entered very thoroughly into Masonic work, and has been officially connected with the Province of Devon for more than 13 years, having been installed Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons on May 28th, 1890.

Throughout Devonshire a desire has been expressed by all the brethren that on Lord Northcote's home-coming an opportunity should be given to meet him either in Provincial Grand Lodge or at a banquet. No doubt effect will be given to this desire, but the precise form cannot, of course, be determined until there has been an opportunity of communicating with his Excellency.

At a meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, held in Edinburgh on September 17th—Past Grand Master, Lord Saltoun, presiding—it was proposed by the noble Chairman that the Hon. Charles Ramsay, Grand Master Depute, be nominated as Grand Master Mason of Scotland in room of the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., who had expressed his desire to retire after being four years in office. This was unanimously adopted; and, Brother Ramsay being present, intimated his consent to accept the high office. This nomination will no doubt be received with much gratification by all members of the Scottish Craft.

We understand that an addition is contemplated to the county lodges meeting in London, to be formed of brethren connected with the county of Lincolnshire. The second largest county in England ought to be able to show a large

muster of brethren. Any Lincolnshire Mason residing in London is invited to communicate with Bro. A. Moresby White, 5, Crown Office Row, Temple. The Provincial Grand Officers are, we understand, favourable to the movement.



Another new lodge has been established in the province of Norths and Hunts. This time it is at Peterborough. It is the seventh lodge consecrated since Lord Euston was appointed to the rule of the province in 1887—during, that is to say, a period of 16 years. Prior to that the progress of Masonry had been slow in the province, the only lodges consecrated between 1858 and that date—a period of well nigh thirty years—being the Eleanor Cross and the De la Prè, the former an off-shoot of the Pomfret, and the latter a growth from the Eleanor Cross, both of them located in the chief town of the province—Northampton. The new lodge is named “The Peterborough and Counties, No. 2996.” Peterborough, besides its position at the stalk of the pear—as the late Archbishop Magee used to say, as the county of Northampton is, geographically, in the shape of a pear—is in close propinquity to three counties—Lincolnshire, Rutland, and Cambridgeshire. It expects to draw members from the near borders of all three, as well as from the cathedral city itself. It is consecrated under very happy auspices, there being no less than 33 founders. Bro. Clarabut’s acceptance of the chief office of the new lodge for the first year is of good omen.



At Colwyn Bay on the 25th September, the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales was held under the presidency of Canon J. S. Brownrigg, Grand Chaplain of England. Lord Harlech, who had held the office of Provincial Grand Master for eighteen years, having retired, Sir William Grenville Williams, of Boder, Wyddan, was installed as his successor by Canon Brownrigg. The new Provincial Grand Master appointed as his deputy, Bro. Edward Roberts, who for a number of years has filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary. The Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin, Rector of Beaumaris, was appointed as Provincial Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. T. A. Beresford as Provincial Junior Grand Warden. Addresses of appreciation of the services of the retiring Provincial Grand Master and of the retiring Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Henry Platt, C.B., were delivered. Bro. Charles E. Breese, Caradoc Lodge, Portmadoc, was invested as Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. James Porter, St. Tudno, Llandudno, was nominated on the Board of Management of the Masonic Institute for Boys, in succession to the late Bro. Benson.



A handsome memorial cross to the memory of the late Lord Wantage, V.C., Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire at the time of his death, has been erected by his widow on the Berkshire Downs, above Lockinge, and a short dedication service was held on Saturday, September 5th, by the Rev. Canon Houblon, Archdeacon of Oxford, assisted by local clergy. The base is an octagonal block of Portland stone, bearing a suitable inscription, and from it rises a tall marble pillar, supporting a short red marble shaft, culminating in a carved white marble cross. The height of the monument is 33 feet 6 inches. The column and cross, which are exact copies of the San Zenobio at Florence, and were carved in Italy, can be seen for many miles round.



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was held at the Swan of Avon Lodge, in the Shakespeare Memorial Buildings, on the 21st September, which was presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Leigh, who also presided at the luncheon held in the Town Hall, the Marquis of Hertford and Lord Ernest Seymour being among those present. Subsequently Grand Lodge was opened at the Memorial Buildings, and after the officers had been appointed and invested, the brethren, over 400 in number, proceeded in processional order to Shak-

spere’s church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. Barnard, M.A., Provincial Grand Chaplain, and a collection made in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils’ Aid Fund.



We note that one of the leading Birmingham newspapers which usually gives a very full report of the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, accounts for the paucity of its information on this occasion in the following statement:—“Owing to an edict of Grand Lodge forbidding the supplying of particulars to the press, we are unable to give our customary report of the proceedings.” This desire to conform to the wishes of Grand Lodge is beyond all praise, but we can hardly think that the authorities had in their mind such a case as the proceedings of a Provincial Grand Lodge, which are more or less of a business character, when it issued its warning against communicating to the public press matters “not proper to be published.”



We regret to learn that the ill-health of General Laurie, Provincial Grand Master for South Wales Western Division, necessitating a voyage to Canada, will deprive the province of his presence for some months. The voyage, we trust, will effect a complete restoration.



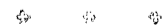
At the dinner following the regular meeting of the Thomas Ralling Lodge, 2508, held on the 26th September at the Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren of the lodge, asked the acceptance by W. Bro. T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., &c., Prov. Grand Secretary, of a small silver salver on the occasion of his silver wedding, to mark the esteem and brotherly affection in which he is held by the brethren of the lodge which bears his name. Bro. Ralling, to whom the gift was, of course, a surprise, replied, expressing for his wife and himself heartfelt thanks for the congratulations of the brethren and for the present made to him.



On the 22nd September, at the Town Hall, Lydney, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.W., consecrated the Vassar-Smith Lodge, No. 2994, this being the fourth new lodge opened in the province during the 22 years that he has successfully presided over it, and raising the total number of lodges to 18. The title of the new lodge pays a graceful and well-merited compliment to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Brother Vassar-Smith, P.G.D., who supported and assisted the Prov. Grand Master in the day’s proceedings. Most of the other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge were also present.



The Town Hall proved an admirable lodge room, and the ceremony of consecration was ably and impressively performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Wardens, the Director of Ceremonies, and other officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the course of the ceremony, the Provincial Grand Chaplain (Bro. the Rev. S. R. Robertson) delivered an eloquent oration on the nature and principles of the Order, and, in conclusion, expressed the best of all good wishes for the prosperity of the new lodge, adding the hope that it would prove worthy of him whose name it was to bear—and assuredly no Gloucestershire Mason could wish the lodge anything better.



With the object of raising £2000 to discharge an existing debt on the Blackpool Masonic Hall, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.W., Provincial Grand Master of Lancashire, Western Division, opened a four days’ bazaar on the 22nd September, in the Masonic Hall. There was a large gathering of brethren, and the Mayor of Blackpool introduced his lordship. Earl Lathom, in formally declaring the bazaar open, said he had been closely identified with the Masonic Hall, as he had laid the foundation stone, and was also present at the opening ceremony.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, who was also present, said he came there with the greatest possible pleasure, and esteemed it a great privilege. He was honoured Masonically by the R.W. Grand Master of that province installing him as Master of his own lodge for this year, and he had had the further distinction conferred upon him of being appointed Provincial Grand Warden during the present year. He felt it his duty to follow Lord Lathom's example in taking an interest in that undertaking. The whole face of the country was covered with evidences of the good work that had been done in the past, and was being done to-day through the instrumentality of Freemasonry.

The multiplication of degrees and orders in the United States has been the subject of some adverse criticism on the part of the retiring Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He expresses a belief that there is a healthier Craft Masonry in the "country lodges" than in the lodges of the great cities, where Masonic energy is so often broken up into numerous branches. He says:—Even in our large towns, where there are altogether too many organic divisions of Masonry, the Craft lodges are flourishing. They would be far stronger, in many essential respects, if they were not subjected to a steady drain in the direction of the concordant orders which take the Craft lodges as their foundation and starting point. Symbolic Masonry is greatly weakened by this blood-letting process. Where chapters, councils, commanderies, lodges of perfection, consistories and mystic shriners abound, the Craft lodge is bled at every pore. No sooner has an intelligent and promising brother received the degree of Master Mason than he is set upon by the zealous members of these concordant orders and lured away from his lodge, before he has acquired even the most rudimentary knowledge of Masonry; and the probability is strong that he will live and die in almost total ignorance of the history, symbolism, mission and philosophy of this ancient and noble institution from which he was prematurely torn by misguided zeal, by the superficial appearance of greater gentility, and by more sonorous titles and garnish uniform. The Craft lodge is thus used as a training school for the various offshoots of Masonry. This diversion and cleavage went so far that in large numbers throughout the United States the devotees of these offshoots surrendered their Craft lodge membership; and the evil became so glaring that a few years ago the general grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States adopted a by-law under which all who have lost their membership in either Craft lodge or Royal Arch chapter cease *ipso facto* to be members of the commandery.

A handsome bust of the late Bro. Cecil Rhodes, which has been executed in marble at the request of the City Corporation, has reached the Guildhall. It will be placed in a prominent position in the lobby, which contains the busts of other distinguished Englishmen.

Canadian Masons are arranging to celebrate, in 1905, the semi-centennial of the establishment of the Grand Lodge in the Dominion. They are beginning to raise a sum of \$100,000, which will serve as the basis of a fund to be opened in 1905 to provide annuities for afflicted members of the different lodges.

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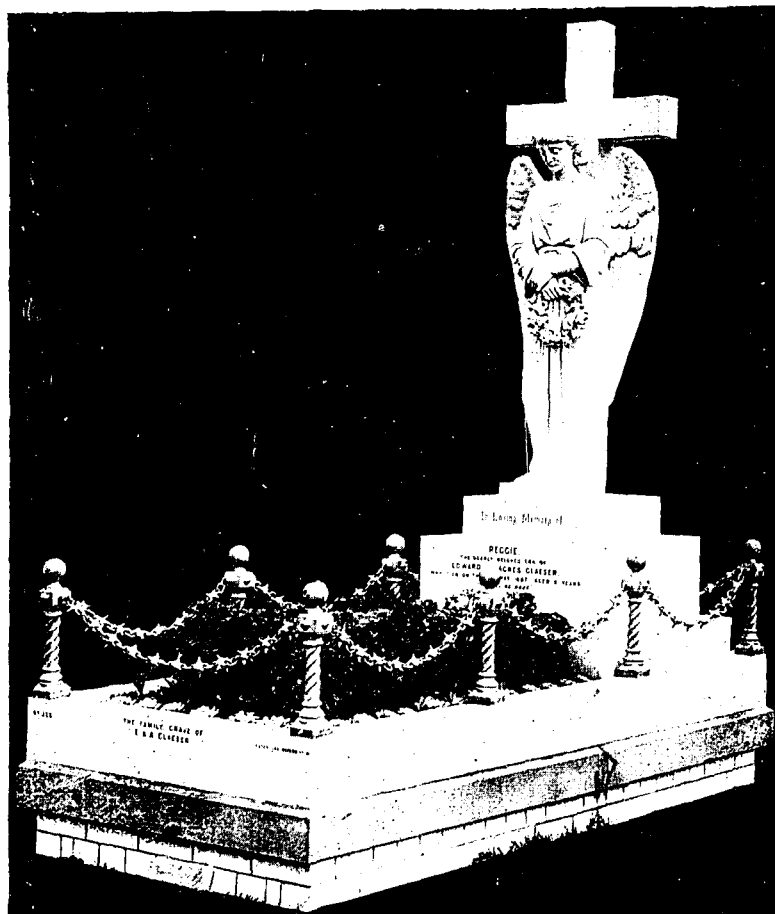
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## Consecration of the Knightsbridge Lodge, No. 2978.

THE establishment of a lodge at Knightsbridge has long been in contemplation, and a few months since a petition for a warrant of constitution was presented to the Grand Master and duly granted. The consecration took place at the Alexandra Hotel, Knightsbridge, on Tuesday, 29th September, V. Wor. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, being the consecrating officer. He was assisted by V. Wor. Bro. William H. Bailey, P.G. Treasurer, as S.W.; Wor. Bro. Surg. Lt.-Col. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.D., as J.W.; V. Wor. Bro. Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, as Chaplain; V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Registrar, as D.C.; Wor. Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as I.G.; a very large assemblage of visitors took part in the proceedings.

In a few words the Consecrating Master congratulated the founders on having obtained their warrant. It gave

when every knight constituted himself the champion of the gentler sex. Chivalry of that form does not now exist, but the principles remain with us, and where are they more in evidence than in a Freemasons' lodge? St. Michael and All Angels, like ourselves, have degrees and orders of succession, and are ever in attendance on the Most High. St. Michael stands out as a chivalrous champion, over-throwing the dragon, which represents all that is low, sordid, and base. May they be able to say, as the knights of old, "My strength is like the strength of ten, because my heart is pure!"

At the close of the ceremony of consecration, the consecrating Master installed W. Bro. Haswell J. Turner, P.M. 1608, as first W.M., who invested Wor. Bro. Henry Burgess, P.M. 1556, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, as I.P.M. and Treasurer; Wor. Bro. F. A. Sherras, P.M. 1608, as S.W.; Bro. Herbert



THE FOUNDERS. (Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

him personal satisfaction to assist them, as he had no doubt it would be for the benefit of the important district of Knightsbridge.

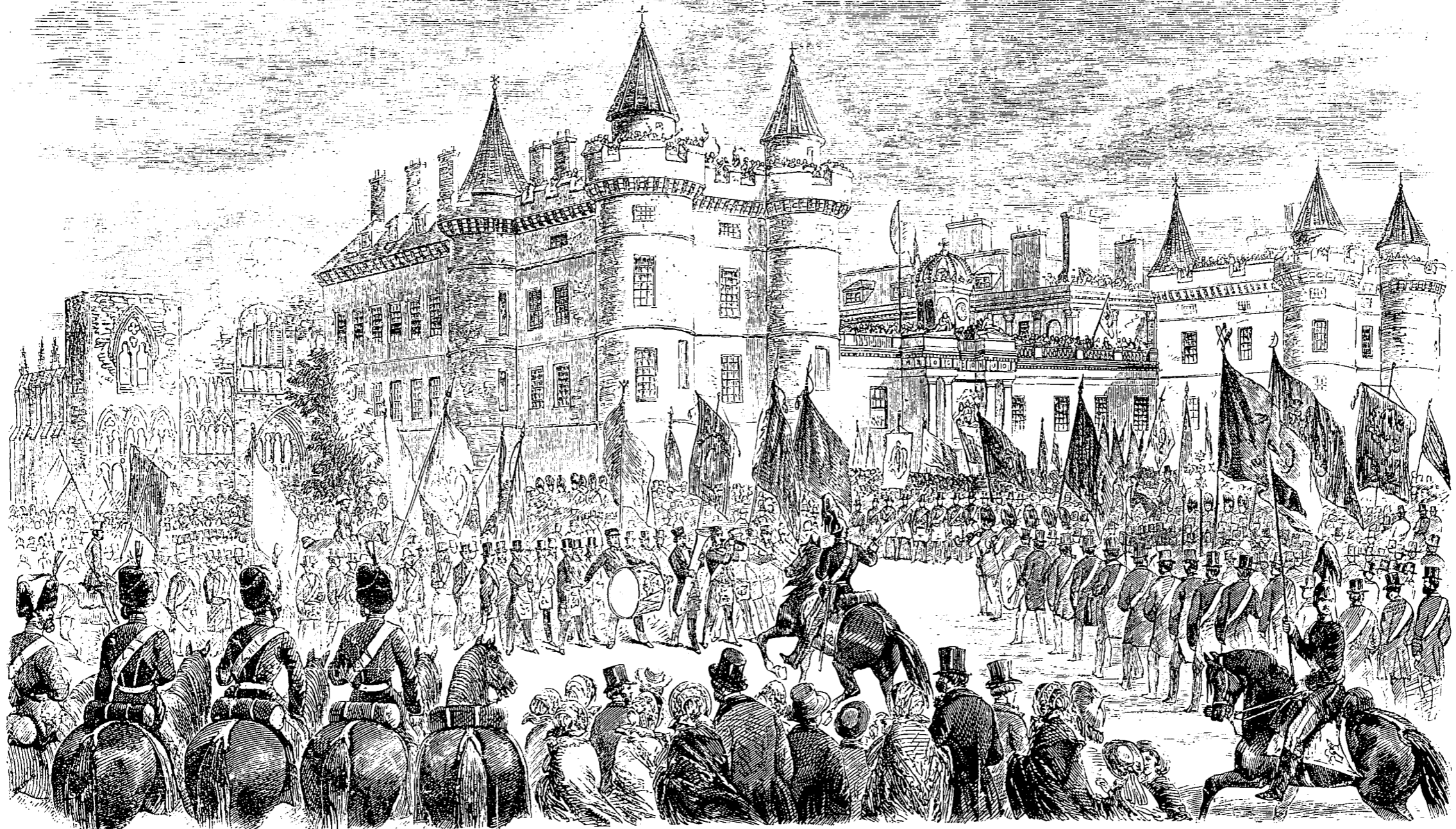
The ceremony then proceeded, and was conducted in that perfect manner with which London Masons are now familiar.

In the course of an eloquent oration delivered by the Chaplain, which we regret space will not permit our record in full, the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.G. Chaplain, pointed out the happy combination of the name of the lodge and the day on which it was consecrated, the feast of St. Michael and All Angels. The name of the lodge "Knightsbridge," carried them back far from the rush and bustle of London to the days of chivalry, when the district they were then in was but a dark and dreary road from London to the ancient village of Kensington, presenting to their minds the days

Chenery, as J.W.; and appointed and invested the following:—W. Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M. 2790, as Secretary; Bro. H. W. Seward, S.D.; Wor. Bro. W. F. T. Westwood, J.D.; Wor. Bro. W. A. Vincent, I.G.; Wor. Bro. John R. Meyrick, P.M. 2146, D.C.; Bros. S. P. Tettamanti and W. F. Kilner, Stewards; and Wor. Bro. W. Englefield, P.M., Tyler.

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the consecrating Master and officers, who were elected honorary members, and V. Wor. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth was presented with a founder's jewel.

The lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet in the large dining hall, which was presided over by the Worshipful Master, who was supported by the Grand Secretary and the other brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony of consecration, as well as the founders and a large number of visitors.



GREAT MASONIC DEMONSTRATION AT EDINBURGH IN 1858. THE PROCESSION LEAVING HOLYROOD PALACE.—(From an Engraving in the "Illustrated News of the World," July 17th, 1858.)

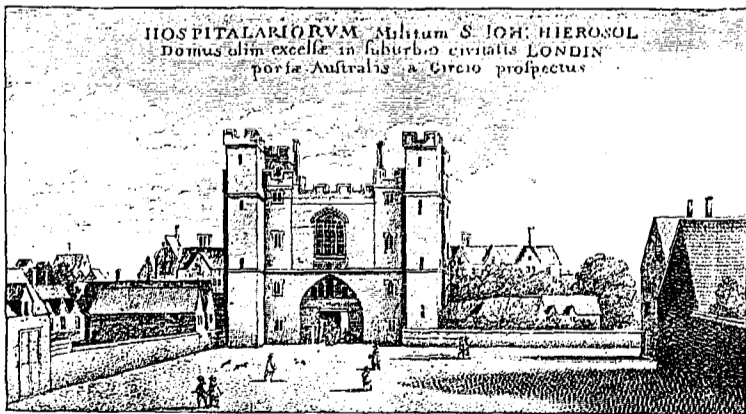
## *Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

THE quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th August. There was a large attendance, about 300 brethren being present. Bro. J. D. G. Dalrymple was Acting Grand Master, and Bros. A. A. Speirs and A. Dinwiddie acted as Grand Wardens. The Acting Grand Master expressed regret at the absence of the Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., but was pleased to report that his health was improving, and that he hoped soon to have it altogether restored. The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay, was absent, he explained, owing to the inspection of the regiment with which he was connected. It was reported that, in reply to the loyal address presented to the King on the occasion of His Majesty's visit to Edinburgh, a communication had been received from the Secretary for Scotland stating that he had personally laid the address before the King at Dalkeith Palace, and His Majesty had been pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner. It was agreed, on the recommendation of the Grand Committee, to appoint Bro. James Maxtone Grahame Auditor of the Grand Lodge, in room of the late Bro. F. A. Bringloe. His Excellency Hiliary Wilmot Travis, Grand

Master of Liberia, was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge in that District; Bro. W. F. Roberts was re-appointed to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Gibraltar, and Bro. William D. Todd was appointed to the Grand Lodge of Colorado. The Visiting Committees reported with regard to the Metropolitan Lodges, West Aberdeenshire, Argyll and the Isles, Wigtown, and Kirkcudbright, and Caithness, Orkney, and Zetland, the reports in every instance showing an increasing growth of the Craft. Charters were granted to Lodges Concordia, Pretoria; Bellevue, Bellevue East, Johannesburg; St. Andrew, Johannesburg; and Langside, Glasgow. It was agreed to vote 100 guineas to the Townsville Masonic Relief Fund for brethren who had suffered from the cyclone that had passed over that township. The report of the Benevolent Committee showed that during the quarter £168 6s. had been voted; and the Annuity Board's report stated that of sixty applications to be dealt with thirty-one had been granted, the value of the annuities amounting to £340. At the beginning of the year there were on the roll 152 annuitants, receiving £1570 annually. The other business was of the usual routine character.

## *The Clerkenwell Priory of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem.*

THE site of Clerkenwell, upon which now stand small houses and shops, was, in the year 1185, covered by a grand priory, named St. John, which was the chief home, in England, of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. This Order was founded in the eleventh century for the purpose of ministering to the needs of the pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre. The Knights came to Clerkenwell, about the year 1100, where they built their Priory. A small Norman church, nearly the whole of which is to be seen in the crypt, which supports the floor of the present church of St. John the Baptist at Clerkenwell, was sufficient, at first, for the religious



ST. JOHN'S GATEWAY AS IT APPEARED IN 1661.

needs of the Order; this was gradually added to, and the Priory completed in 1185, when the church was consecrated by Heraclius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. The Order prospered and its revenues increased, and the poor, ascetic society became rich and luxurious, and when the Commons, under Wat Tyler and Jack Straw, in 1381, rose in rebellion, the Priory was one of the first buildings attacked. The mob seized and beheaded the Grand Prior, Sir Robert Hales, set the Priory on fire and let it burn for seven days. The destroyed portions were subsequently rebuilt, and until the

time of Henry VIII. the Prior reigned here in great splendour, ranking amongst the peers as the first Baron of England, but at the dissolution of the monasteries, by Henry VIII., the grand estate was broken up and the property seized by the King. In the following reign, Edward VI., the buildings were further destroyed, being undermined and blown up with gunpowder, the stone afterwards being used in building the Lord Protector's House in the Strand. In Queen Mary's reign the Priory was reconstituted, and a Prior, Sir Thomas Treshaw, appointed, but under Elizabeth it again passed to secular hands, and was used as the head quarters of the Master of the Queen's Revels, who licensed several of Shakespeare's plays, and soon nothing was remaining but the choir of the old church with the crypt beneath and the principal gateway.

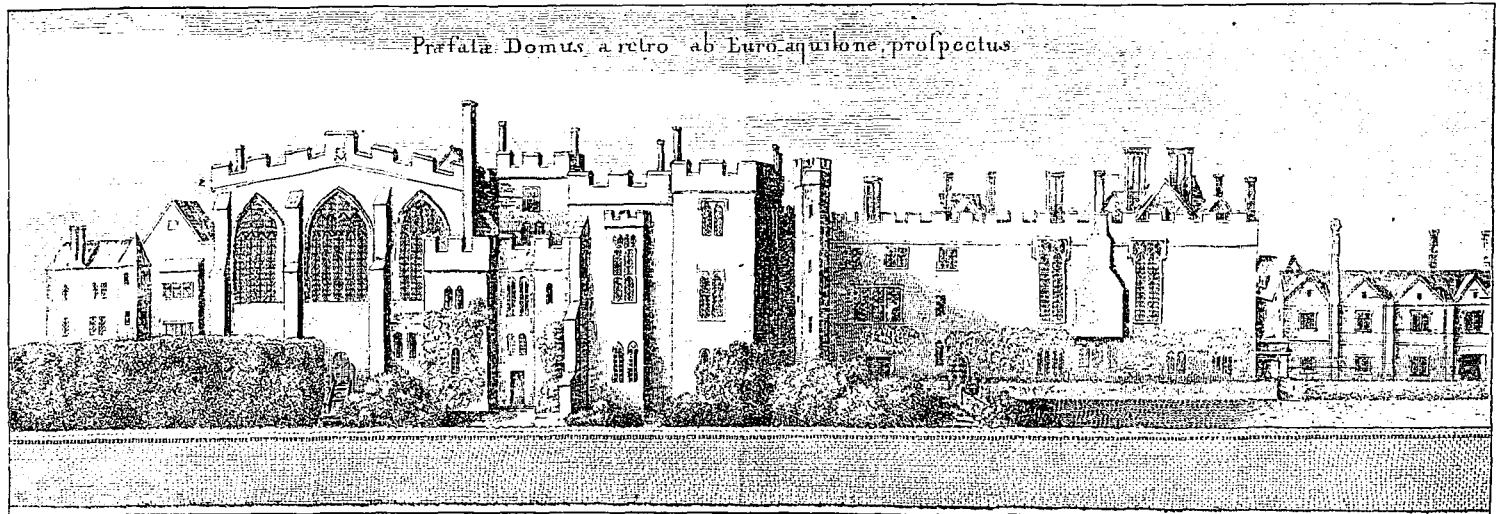
For a while the remains of the church were used as a private chapel, being known in the seventeenth century as the Aylesbury Chapel, which was, according to Fuller, "one of the best private chapels in England, discreetly embracing the mean of decency betwixt the extremes of slovenly profaneness and gaudy superstition." Near by was the house of Dr. Gilbert Burnet, the well-known Bishop of Salisbury, who, writing of the Sacheverell riots, says: "There happened to be a meeting-house near me out of which they drew everything that was in it, and burned it before the door of the house."

In 1721 Simon Michell, who had built Red Lion Square close by, restored and refitted the church and afterwards sold it to the Commissioners appointed under an Act of Queen Anne for building fifty churches in London. In this way came into existence the parish church of St. John, Clerkenwell, which was duly consecrated by the Bishop of London, December 27, 1723. The chief glory of the present church is its ancient crypt, which is very much in the same condition as at the time when the church and Priory were relinquished by the Knights in the reign of Henry VIII. The only other relic of the Priory now existing besides the crypt is the St. John's Gate.



There is hardly another spot in London richer in historical and literary association than St. John's, Clerkenwell. King John resided there a month in the spring of 1212, and whilst there, knighted Alexander, son of the King of Scotland. Twenty-five years later the Hospitallers sent their Prior, Theodorie, a German, with a body of Knights and a large sum of money to the Holy Land. Edward I., in 1265, spent his honeymoon with his wife Eleanor at the Priory. In 1399, Henry, Duke of Lancaster, on the eve of his accession as Henry IV., was entertained by the Knights for a fortnight.

exists as a monthly magazine. Here Goldsmith resorted and Dr. Johnson, whose writings in the "Gentleman's Magazine" were for many years his principal support, his first effort being a copy of Latin complimentary verses, March, 1738. David Garrick, through his intimacy with Johnson, was also a frequenter at the Gate. Here, too, came Richard Lauder, Milton's detractor, Dr. Hawkesworth, author of "Belisarius," and many other lesser literary lights who shared Cave's patronage, while many members of both Houses of Parliament constantly met at the Gate, so that the literary fame of



ST. JOHN'S PRIORY AS IT APPEARED IN 1661.

Henry V. lived at the Priory for some time in the year 1411, and it was here that Richard III., after the death of his Queen in 1485, publicly denied the well-founded rumour that he intended to marry his niece, Elizabeth of York.

The St. John's Gate is famous for its literary associations. At one time it was used, like the Priory, in connexion with the office of the Queen's Revels. In 1731 it was bought by Edward Cave, who set up his printing press in one of its rooms and published "The Gentleman's Magazine," a periodical which, though somewhat altered in character, still

the old Priory may be said to have rivalled its chivalrie. In 1886 the Gate passed into the hands of the Knights of the Revived Order of St. John of Jerusalem, to whom it now belongs.

Looking at the busy and populous district of St. John's, Clerkenwell, now, it is difficult to conceive that where the old Priory once stood were green pasture fields, with clear flowing streams which drove mills, while hard by was a well or fountain, where from time to time the clerics acted miracle plays, hence the name Clerkenwell.

BAYARD C. DIXON.

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

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

### *Branches and Offshoots of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. (Continued.)*

SINCE 1892 Bro. Sudlow has paid several visits to Birmingham, in order to remove from our teaching anything inconsistent with Emulation working. We now pride ourselves on the accuracy and perfectness of our work, and we venture to think that our ritual differs in no respect from that of the Lodge from which we derive it.

The Lodge meets every Friday night throughout the year, except on Good Friday and during the months of July and August, at 5.15 and 7.15—that is to say, the work appointed for the day is rehearsed twice each evening. The early meeting was introduced a few years ago owing to the great increase in the number of the members of the Lodge. At the present time our members number 140, nearly all of whom are Worshipful Masters or officers. We draw members from

at least 25 Lodges, that is from nearly all the local Lodges. The consequence of this is that the Emulation ritual alone prevails in Birmingham.

The present success of the Lodge is due to two causes. In the first place the local Masonic authorities take very great interest in its fortunes. Among these authorities we would mention particularly as earnest supporters of the Lodge, W. Bro. George Beech, P.G. Std. Br. England, the present Dep. P.G. Master, and W. Bro. Francis G. Swinden, the energetic P.G. Secretary. In the second place the Preceptor has been aided in the management of the Lodge by a series of excellent and business-like Secretaries, not the least earnest or least enthusiastic of all of them being the present Secretary, Bro. William Henderson, Machen Lodge, No. 1782.

We learn, with satisfaction, from an excellent code of by-laws, the brevity and simplicity of which are highly commendable, that this Lodge of Instruction follows closely the lines of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. A Committee of Management is elected annually, of which all Preceptors of other Lodges who have joined this Lodge are

ex-officio members, and that every brother appointed to preside over the Lodge is expected to be fully qualified for the post he is to fill.

We trust that the Lodge may have a long and useful career.

#### THE ST. JAMES' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 482.

W. Bro. Frank Hughes, P. Prov. G. Registrar of Staffs., Secretary and Preceptor, has been good enough to furnish the following particulars:—

This Lodge of Instruction was established at the end of 1890, about the time that W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow came down to Staffordshire to supervise the working of the Ceremonies.

W. Bro. Josiah F. Pepper, P.D.G.D.C., one of the Past Masters selected to work a Ceremony on that occasion, was elected the first Preceptor, which position he still occupies. W. Bro. William Lister was elected to assist him in 1896, and W. Bro. Frank Hughes, who has also been Secretary since 1891, in 1900.

Meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Mondays, from September to May, inclusive, at the Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road,\* Handsworth, Staffs., the home of the Mother Lodge, but membership is not in any way restricted to 482.

The Lectures as well as the Ceremonies are worked and the Annual Festivals of the Lodge have more than a local reputation, in large measure owing to the kindly interest of W. Bro. Sudlow, who has been present on several occasions, and in the interim kept in touch with the doings of the Lodge, of which he is an Honorary Member.

At the Festival in 1900, the late W. Bro. G. W. Speth gave his address on "The Development of the Masonic Ritual."

That the charitable side of Masonry is not lost sight of is evidenced by the considerable sums voted to the great Masonic Institutions and the local funds from time to time.

The "Emulation" system of government has also been adopted, the present officers being: Committee—W. Bros. Josiah F. Pepper, P.D.G.D.C., P.M. 482, P.P.G.W.; William Lister, P.M. 482, P.P.G.R.; Frank Hughes, P.M. 482, Prov. G.R.; Edward Booth, P.M. 482; Lincoln C. Lamsdale, I.P.M. 482. Treasurer—W. Bro. P. H. Whitehead, P.M. 482. Secretaries—W. Bro. Frank Hughes, P.M. 2878; and Bro. William E. Oakley, No. 482.

#### WORKING EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT FOR M.Ms., No. 1395.

This Lodge was founded in April, 1888, chiefly by the exertions of Bro. John J. Black, P.M. and Secretary of No. 1564 (an old "Emulation" worker), who during the whole period of its existence has been its Preceptor.

The Treasurer of the Lodge is Bro. Arthur H. Bowles, P.G. Deacon, and the Secretary is Bro. Douglas C. Robinson, S.D. No. 108. The Lodge is held at the Masonic Hall, Woking, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 o'clock, from September to May, and the meetings average one a week, a list of which is compiled at the beginning of each year. The working, needless to say, is strictly in accord with "Emulation." The members are recruited from the three Lodges in the town and various Lodges surrounding, with a goodly sprinkling of brethren from the adjoining Province of Hampshire.

A peculiar feature of this Lodge is that there are two series of meetings; those held on Tuesday being in every detail precisely similar to the meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

At the Friday meetings one part of the evening is devoted to general instruction, and the other to the practice of elocution and rehearsals of portions of ceremonies for the benefit of the officers of particular Lodges.

The Annual Festivals are invariably successful and have generally been presided over by a Grand Officer of high rank,

\* In May, 1903, the Handsworth Masonic Rooms were burnt out, but they are now in course of restoration.

the last three Provincial Grand Masters of Surrey, and the late Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire, on two occasions, having so honoured the Lodge.

In the earlier days the late Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, also frequently presided over its Festivals, at which we find the names of Bros. Robert F. Gould, P.G. Deacon, and R. Clay Sudlow, as occasional visitors.

The first Secretary of the Lodge was Bro. Thomas Aitken, P.M. of No. 382, who rendered great assistance to Bro. Black in firmly establishing the Lodge on a sound basis.

Although not so closely connected with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement as are its more recent metropolitan off-shoots, the By-Laws we find are in many respects similar, and where differences exist they have been found necessary in order to meet the requirements incidental to a Provincial Lodge of Instruction. There can be no doubt that Bro. Black, by his Masonic skill and assiduity, has rendered valuable service to the Craft during the fifteen years of his preceptorship.



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HENRY SADLER, GRAND TYLER, AND SUB-LIBRARIAN OF THE  
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#### LONDON RIFLE BRIGADE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1962.

The W. Bro. John H. Jenks, P.G. Steward, P.M. No. 8, Preceptor, has kindly furnished the following statistics:—

This Lodge of Instruction was founded by resolution of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge in April, 1900, and is indebted to that Lodge for nearly the whole of its furniture. It was inaugurated on the 4th of October, 1900, by the W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D. Ceremonies, who worked the Installation Ceremony.

#### STATISTICS 1900-1901.

The Lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, on Thursday evenings at 7.45, from 1st October to 31st May; 72 members on the Register; 32 meetings during the session; average weekly attendance, 11. First Annual Festival 18th April, 1901. President, W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow. The third Lecture was worked; number present, 60. The Ceremonies consecutively worked on following Thursdays, with occasionally a Section and the Installation Ceremony.

It need hardly be stated that the mode of working is in strict conformity with the system in vogue at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at which the Preceptor was for many years a regular attendant, as also at the Kirby Lodge of Instruction.

#### STATISTICS 1901-1902.

Place of meeting, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Wednesday evenings at 6.30, from 1st October to 30th June : 119 members on the Register ; 36 meetings during the session ; average weekly attendance, 15. Second Annual Festival, 29th January, 1902. President, Rt. W. Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W. Work—Initiation Ceremony, and Charge and Sections 1 and 5 of the First Lecture ; numbers present, 88.

It is believed that this is the first occasion when a ceremony was worked at a Festival of any Lodge of Instruction working under Emulation auspices, the custom previously being to work a Lecture.

Printed programmes of work were started and the first half of the evening always devoted to working the Ceremony on the programme of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for the following Friday. The second part to the Lectures or the Installation Ceremony.

We learn from the by-laws that, following the example of its sister, the Kirby Lodge of Instruction, the practice of disposing of the surplus funds of the lodge in aid of the Masonic Charities by ballot, open to those members who have attended at least fifteen meetings during the current year, is in vogue here.

#### STATISTICS 1902-1903.

194 members on the Register ; 37 meetings during the session ; average weekly attendance, 19. Third Annual Festival, 4th February, 1903. President, V. Wor. Bro. The Rev. F. B. Bethune Norman-Lee, Chaplain to the Forces, P.G. Chaplain. The Ceremony of Passing and the 2nd and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture were worked. Numbers present, 128. The place of meeting and arrangement of the work was the same as last year. The Managing Committee and executive officers are : Bros. John H. Jenks, P.Gd. Steward, P.M. 8, *Preceptor* ; Robert S. Chandler, W.M. 1962 ; David D. West, P.M. 108 ; Algernon L. Collins, J.W. 1460 ; Joseph H. Crickmay, J.W. 1962 ; William M. Ward, 1962 ; William H. Latham, P.M. 1962, *Treasurer* ; Leon V. Walker, P.M. 1962, *Secretary* ; Charles Folliott, 1962, *Assistant Secretary*. Average attendances do not include Festivals or inaugural meetings.

The Lodge of Instruction was started principally for members of the mother Lodge, but other members are now in a large majority. At the end of last session the numbers were : London Rille Brigade Lodge, 42 ; Lodge of Honor and Generosity, 11 ; British Lodge, 10 ; other Lodges, 131.

We are of opinion that the foregoing figures are unique, for never before in our experience of Lodges of Instruction has so large a measure of support been given by a mother Lodge to its offspring in so brief a period.

#### ST. BRIDE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2817.

The birth of this, the latest off-shoot of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, was celebrated with much *éclat* at the Hotel Cecil on the 4th January, 1902.

The following brethren worked the inaugural ceremony, that of installing Bro. John F. Roberts, the Preceptor elect : Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C. ; Charles Lewis, P.P.G.D. Essex ; Robert E. F. Lander, P.P.G.D. Herts ; William G. Kentish, P.G. Std. B. ; Edward P. Debenham, Preceptor of the Langton Lodge of Instruction ; George Rankin, Preceptor of the Kirby Lodge of Instruction ; and John H. Jenks, P.G.S., Preceptor of the London Rille Brigade Lodge of Instruction, the other brethren being members of the committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

There was an attendance of close on a hundred Founders and visitors, including the following : Bros. Ald. Sir Frank Green, Bart., P.G.W., W.M. of the St. Bride Lodge, who

presided at the banquet ; Ald. H. B. Marshall, Sheriff of London, Grand Treasurer ; Ald. W. Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T. ; John Strachan, K.C., G. Registrar ; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Registrar ; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C. ; J. Russell, P.G. Std. B. ; and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The parent Lodge, from which it derives its name and sanction, having been in existence only about 18 months, probably did not deem itself strong enough to support a Lodge of Instruction by its own membership, therefore enlisted the aid of Lancastrian Lodge, No. 2528, and it was from these two Lodges that a majority of the 76 Founders hailed.

As may be readily anticipated, a most successful year of work followed this enthusiastic Inauguration, the average attendance at the weekly meetings being about 18. The membership having increased to 160 it was decided to celebrate the success of the Lodge by a Festival, which eventually took place at the Holborn Restaurant on the 31st of March last, about 200 brethren being present. The ceremony of initiation and charge were rehearsed by Bros. Oliver Notcutt, as W.M. ; A. V. Hunt, as S.W. ; W. B. Sansom, as J.W. ; E. S. Jarvis, as S.D. ; Ernest Jukes, as J.D. ; and A. Ashbee, as I.G. The First and Seventh Sections of the First Lecture were worked by Bros. F. G. Barnes and Joseph R. Hosker respectively, Bro. John F. Roberts, P.M. 2650, Preceptor, as W.M. Subsequently the Preceptor announced that the average attendance at the weekly meetings during the current year had been 26.

Having had the good fortune to be present on the occasion, we can safely say that we have never received a greater Masonic treat nor passed a more enjoyable evening.

The whole of the work was admirably done and apparently to the entire satisfaction of a numerous and critical audience. We trust it may be the forerunner of many similar gatherings. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow presided at the banquet, the proceedings at which were enlivened by an excellent programme of music.

The practice of balloting for the surplus funds of the Lodge in aid of the Masonic Charities prevails here as it does in the several other Lodges of Instruction emanating from the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

The Lodge holds its meetings at St. Bride Foundation Institute, Bride Lane, on Wednesday evenings, at 5.30, from 1st October to 30th June. The members of the committee of management are :—W. Bros. John F. Roberts, P.M. 2650 and 2693, Preceptor ; Frank C. Buxton, W.M. 2528 ; Alfred W. Letts, W.M. 2817 ; Charles J. Drummond, P.M. 2817 ; Joseph R. Hosker, P.M. 2528 ; Robert E. F. Lander, P.M. 2545, P.P.G.D. Herts. Treasurer—Bro. John W. Soppitt, Secretary 2528. Secretary—Bro. Oliver Notcutt, J.W. 2936, J.D. 2920, 2817. Honorary Members—W. Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C. ; Joseph Russell, P.G. Standard Bearer ; Charles Lewis, P.P.G.D. Essex ; Robert E. F. Lander, P.P.G.D. Herts ; Edward P. Debenham, Preceptor, Langton Lodge of Instruction ; George J. V. Rankin, Preceptor, Kirby Lodge of Instruction ; and John H. Jenks, Preceptor, London Rille Brigade Lodge of Instruction.

#### TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Owing to the absence of the early records of the Lodge we are unable to vouch for the complete accuracy of the following list, particularly as regards the earlier dates and names, which must be taken approximately or as near as we can get to the actual dates of appointment :—

##### TREASURERS.

1830-35	John Dowley, P.M. Burlington Lodge, No. 96.
1836-40	Stephen Barton Wilson, P.G. Deacon.
1841-46	Treasurer not mentioned in Masonic journals, but we have reason for thinking that S. B. Wilson continued in office.
1847-80	John M. Hervey, P.G.D. Grand Secretary.
1880-1900	Thomas Fenn, P.G. Warden, &c.
1900-	Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., P.G.D., Grand Secretary.

## SECRETARIES.

- 1830 Edward Coultart, Lodge of Unions, No. 256.  
 1833-35 Thomas France, Lodge of Unity, No. 183.  
 1835-36 Stephen Barton Wilson, P.G. Deacon.  
 1836-39 John Savage, P.G. Deacon.  
 1840-44 Richard Daly, P.M. British Lodge, No. 8.  
 1844-49 J. W. Mountain, P.M. Lodge of Unions, No. 256.  
 1849-53 W. H. Absolon, P.M. Mount Moriah Lodge,  
 No. 34.  
 1853-56 Martin Palmer, P.M. R. Athelstan Lodge, No. 19.  
 1856-61 Luis Artus, P.M. Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34.  
 1861-63 Thomas Fenn, P.G. Warden, &c.  
 1863-72 Charles A. Murton, P.G. Deacon.  
 1872-75 Alfred Green, P.M. R.Y. Lodge of Perseverance,  
 No. 7.  
 1875-83 William Smallpiece, P.M. Weyside Lodge,  
 No. 1395.  
 1883-86 Francis R. Spaul, P.M. Lodge of Progress,  
 No. 1768.  
 1886-87 John W. Jones, P.M. St. George and Corner  
 Stone Lodge, No. 5.  
 1888-95 William G. Kentish, P.G. Stand. Bearer.  
 1895 Joseph Russell, P.G. Stand. Bearer.

## DONATIONS TO THE MASONIC CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

It is usual in most Lodges of Instruction, upon the election of members, for the presiding officer to state that the whole of the funds are devoted to the Masonic Charities after the necessary expences of the Lodge are defrayed. Although this formula is not observed at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the surplus funds have been disposed of in the manner indicated for many years past. In comparison with the expenditure of ordinary Lodges of Instruction, the "necessary expences" of this Lodge are somewhat heavy, as apart from incidental expences, the rent for the Lodge room and the Tyler's fee alone amount to fifteen shillings each meeting. We fancy that very few, if any, of the metropolitan Lodges of Instruction would have any trouble as to the disposal of their surplus funds if their weekly expences amounted to half the above named sum.

In order that our readers may gain an idea of the good they may do by a regular attendance at "Emulation," we append a statement of the total amount contributed (errors excepted) to our Charitable Institutions by that Lodge since its foundation, although it is but fair to state that nearly all the donations have been made during the last 45 years.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls ...	£588	0	0
" " " " Boys ...	588	0	0
" " Benevolent Institution...	797	10	0
To unsuccessful Candidates at Elections of R.M.B.I. ... ..	180	0	0
To the John Hervey Benefaction for the benefit of unsuccessful Candi- dates, Male and Female ... ..	21	0	0
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	£2,174	10	0

## W. BRO. ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW, P.A.G.D.C.

Of the many eminent Masons mentioned in these pages, we make bold to say none have a larger circle of friends and admirers than the distinguished brother whose portrait is appended hereto. We propose, therefore, in concluding our labours, to present our readers with a brief sketch of his Masonic services, especially in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

In the first place it is but fair to state that he is a liberal contributor to the charities of the Order. We have already shown that Bro. Sudlow's fame as a capable and energetic teacher of the ritual of Masonry is by no means confined to the Metropolis of England, and the following extract from a letter written by the District Grand Secretary of Queensland, W. Bro. H. Courtenay Luck, P.A.G.D.C., shows that it extends to one of the most distant of our colonies:—

"Compliments to Bro. Sudlow on his well-earned promotion. Toowong has opened the first Lodge of Instruction in

Queensland. It is founded on what I observed in, and the rules I got from, 'Emulation,' and has caught on muchly."

Bro. Sudlow was initiated in 1877 in the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, Croydon. In 1879 he assisted in founding the Clapham Lodge, No. 1818. He joined the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, in 1881, and was elected and re-elected W.M. in 1885 and 1886, and elected Treasurer in 1895. In 1882 he was a Founder and first W.M. of the Eastes Lodge, No. 1965, Bromley, Kent, and elected Treasurer in 1884. For his services in connection with this Lodge he was appointed Prov. S.G.D. Kent. Joined the Jubilee Masters Lodge in 1902, and was installed Master of that Lodge on the 20th March, 1903. He has been also recently elected a member of the Galen (Chemists') Lodge, No. 2394. In 1883 he was exalted in the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, Hampton Court, and was elected M.E.Z. in 1886, being in the course of the same year invested as



Bro. Arthur Weston, Photo Artist.

16, Poeltry, London, E.C.

R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.A.G.D.C.,

Senior Member of the Committee, Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Prov. G. Scribe N. In 1887 he joined the Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, was elected Z. in 1889 and Treasurer in 1902; was a Founder and first Z. of the Columbia Chapter in 1897. In 1890 he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Lodge and Dep. Grand Director of Ceremonies in Grand Chapter, and in 1900 was promoted to the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. He has been advanced to the Mark Degree in Hiram Lodge, No. 13, served as Master in 1890, and is P.P.G.M.O. Middlesex and Surrey. In the Order of the Temple Bro. (we apologise) Sir Knight Sudlow was a Founder of King Edward VIIth Preceptory, and is E.P. Elect.

Bro. Sudlow is an Honorary Member of the following regular Lodges as well as of numerous Lodges of Instruction:—Lodge of Unions, No. 256; Lodge of Progress, No. 1768; Clapham Lodge, No. 1818; Columbia Lodge, No. 2397; Pickwick Lodge, No. 2467; National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578; Hygeia Lodge, No. 2664; Playgoers' Lodge, No. 2705; Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706; Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841; Bridge Trust Lodge, No. 2878; Holden Lodge, No. 2946.