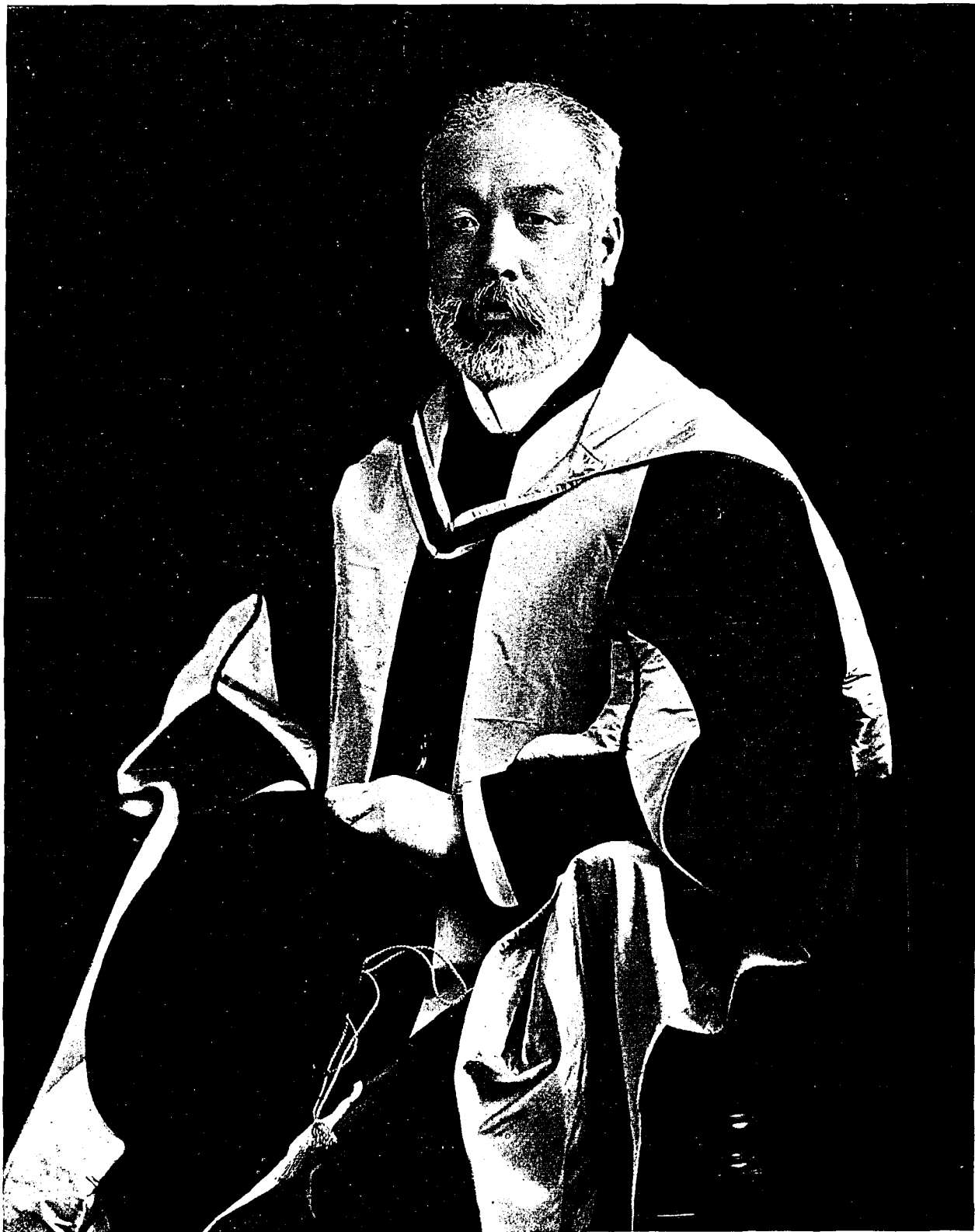


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 Worshipful Master of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108.*

United Grand Lodge of England.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, March 2nd, and as on the last occasion when a contest took place for the office of Grand Treasurer, the meeting was called for two o'clock in the afternoon. The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, occupied the throne.

After the reading of the minutes, so far as they related to the election of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Lewis Ferguson expressed his dissatisfaction with the report of his speech at the December communication of Grand Lodge in nominating one of the candidates for Grand Treasurer, but it was pointed out by the Pro Grand Master that it did not affect the accuracy of the minutes.

At six p.m. the Pro Grand Master re-occupied the throne, and was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., while R.W. Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, acted as Past Grand Master.

The Temple was then filled to its utmost capacity, and the voting proceeded until 6.30, when the poll was declared closed, and the scrutineers who had been appointed to examine the voting cards were obligated to give a true report of the result.

The Grand Secretary then read the remaining portion of the minutes of the last communication, which were put and carried.

W. Bro. E. J. Castle, K.C., P.M. 2076, in proposing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn for election as Grand Master, said they all knew his Royal Highness, and it would be impertinence almost on his (Bro. Castle's) part to attempt to magnify his position. It had been announced that day in the papers that his Majesty had been pleased to appoint the Duke of Connaught to the highest position in the Army. It was a matter of congratulation that he who was at the head of their Order should be chosen for the position of Inspector-General and President of the Selection Board, and he hoped the Duke's success in that office would be as great as it had been in Masonry. Since his Royal Highness, on vacation of the office by the King, had held the position of Grand Master, the increase of Masonry had been continuous, the Charities had been well supported, and the lodges had been kept up and maintained, while the *personnel* of the body had attained a higher standard than in former years. He hoped for many years to come some one would rise in that place and propose his Royal Highness as Grand Master, and that on all future occasions it would be received as cordially as he trusted it would be now.

W. Bro. Warrington, K.C., P.M. 2456, in seconding the proposition, said he felt quite sure that after the speech which they had just heard, no words of his were required to

render it more acceptable to Grand Lodge. He should, therefore, content himself, as he would, no doubt, content the M.W. Pro Grand Master and Grand Lodge, by simply seconding the motion, and expressing his appreciation of the great honour that had been conferred on him, as well the pleasure he had experienced, in being permitted to do so.

The Pro Grand Master then declared his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn elected by acclamation.

Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G. Reg., acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed his Royal Highness in accordance with the usual form, adding to the titles those



W. BRO. E. J. CASTLE, K.C.

Bro. Ferguson, P.M., then briefly proposed Bro. G. F. Edwards, P.M. 766, for election as Grand Treasurer. This was seconded by Bro. J. H. Hawkins.

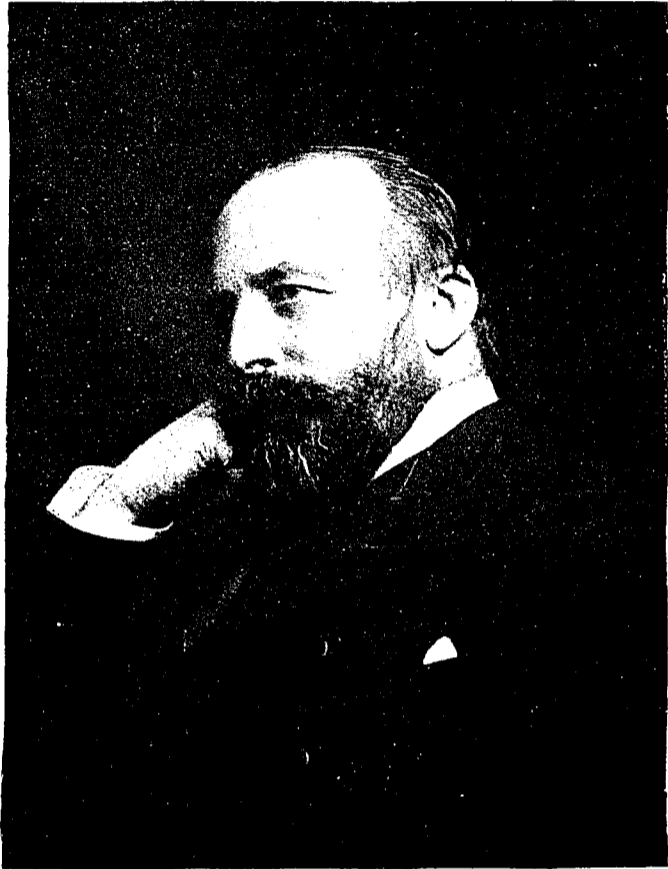
Bro. Thomas Fraser, P.M., proposed Bro. Fitzherbert Wright, P.M. 1324, and the proposition was seconded by Bro. Walter Potter.

The Pro Grand Master then declared the poll open, and during the afternoon the scrutineers were kept busily occupied in checking the qualifications of those brethren who in large numbers availed themselves of the opportunity of recording their votes before the evening sitting of Grand Lodge.

announced that day in the newspapers of "Inspector-General of the Forces and President of the Selection Board," as duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The report of the Board of Benevolence was, on the motion of the President, V.W. Bro. J. H. Matthews, taken as read, received, and the grants contained therein duly confirmed.

The President, V.W. Bro. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., moved that the report of the Board of General Purposes be taken as read and entered on the minutes. This was seconded by the Vice-President, Bro. A. Blenkarn, and carried.



BRO. SIR JOSEPH C. DIMSDALE.

Bro. Loveland-Loveland, in reference to that portion of the report dealing with the proposed exclusion from Grand Lodge of Wardens of lodges, said that for the present they did not propose to make any further recommendations. They hoped in a year or two to be in a position to acquire more land, and submit a scheme for the building of a large hall upon it, an announcement that was received with much favour by those present. A proposition for redeeming of Grand Lodge premises was carried, and a motion to remove from the roll of Grand Lodge certain lodges which had ceased to work was also carried unanimously.

The Pro Grand Master then called on V.W. Bro. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, P.G.W., P.G. Treas., to move the resolu-

tion which had been placed by him on the agenda paper viz., "That the sum of 500 guineas be contributed from the funds of Grand Lodge in aid of the fund now being raised for the extension and improvement of St. Bartholomew's Hospital." In an eloquent and telling speech he asked the sympathy, the feeling, and the co-operation of Grand Lodge in assisting him in making an appeal for a hospital which, for 800 years, had held a foremost rank among the hospitals of the land. It was the oldest hospital in the Kingdom, and through its long and great career had done an immense amount of good, not only to the millions of inhabitants of the metropolis, but to those who came up from the provinces to obtain the best surgical aid that could be provided. It



BRO. ALDERMAN ALLISTON.

had not appealed to the public for funds for 150 years, and would not now have done so but for the necessity of reconstructing the building on a basis worthy of the City of London and worthy of such an institution.

Bro. Alderman Alliston, P.G.D., seconded the motion in an equally eloquent and convincing speech, and on being put to the meeting it was carried with enthusiasm, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master afterwards announced in his private room the result of the election for Grand Treasurer, which was as follows:—

Bro. Fitzherbert Wright, 1277.
Bro. G. F. Edwards, 660.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

THE Mark Grand Lodge held its March Quarterly Communication at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, March 1st. In the absence of the M.W. Pro Grand Master the chair was filled by Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss, R.W. Prov. G. Master for Derbyshire, and was supported by Bros. George Richards, Dis. G. Master of the Transvaal, as Past Grand Master; R. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., Prov. G. Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, as Deputy Grand Master, and many other Present and Past Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge having been opened in form, the Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W., who was not present at the Quarterly Communications of June, September, and December, 1903, to be invested after his appointment by the M.W.G.M., was now present, and desired to be invested.

The Earl of Donoughmore was then conducted by Bro. Tower to the acting Grand Master, who invested his lordship with the insignia of Senior Grand Warden.

Bro. Tower then informed the Acting Grand Master that Bro. Edward Terry, who had been elected Grand Treasurer, was also absent from England during the same meeting, but that he was now present to be invested.

Bro. Edward Terry was then conducted by Bro. Tower to the Acting Grand Master, who thereupon invested him as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December, 1903, which were put and confirmed.

Bro. Col. Sir H. Hozier, K.C.B., rose and proposed that his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn

be elected as M.W.G.M.M.M. of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown for the year ensuing. Bro. Walter Lawrance seconded.

The motion was put and carried by acclamation, and Bro. Tower proclaimed his Royal Highness duly elected.

Bro. Thomas Fraser, P.G. Steward, W.M. Dramatic Lodge, in proposing Bro. Isaac Newton Woodiwiss for election as Grand Treasurer, said that at the last Quarterly Communication he had the honour of nominating that brother for election. Bro. Woodiwiss was known so well that it needed no words from him to recommend him for election. He was a popular member of a popular family. He was the brother of the Prov. Grand Master for Derbyshire, had served eight Stewardships for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and fifteen Stewardships for the other Masonic Charities, and if the brethren elected him as Grand Treasurer they would bestow the office on a brother who would do honour to it.

Bro. Dr. Maitland Coffin seconded the proposition.

No other candidate being proposed, the Acting Grand

Master declared Bro. Isaac Newton Woodiwiss duly elected Grand Treasurer.

The report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes.

Some discussion took place as to postponing the consideration of certain proposed alterations in the Book of Constitutions, and Bro. Belton then moved to insert in Rule 80 after the words—"He cannot confer on a brother the rank of a Past Provincial or District Grand Officer"—"unless specially empowered to do so by the Grand Master." The Provincial or Dist. G. Master could not confer the rank of P. Prov. or District Grand Officer now, and, therefore, it was proposed to add "unless specially empowered to do so by the Grand Master."

Bro. Tower seconded and the motion was carried.

Bro. Belton then moved that certain lodges be removed from the roll of lodges, which was carried.

On the motion of Bro. Belton, seconded by Bro. Tower, £100 was voted to the widow of one late brother and £50 to the widow of another.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

Yorick Lodge, No. 2771.

Installation of Bro. J. Bannister Howard as Worshipful Master.

THE fifth installation meeting of this highly popular London lodge was held at the "Trocadero Restaurant," on Tuesday, 15th March, when V. Wor. Bro. W. S. Penley, Gd. Treas., installed Bro. J. Bannister Howard into the Wor. Master's chair.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The ceremony was performed with that solemnity and eloquence for which Wor. Bro. W. S. Penley is so celebrated in Masonic circles.

The Wor. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—W. Bro. E. Lockwood, S.W.; Bro. Clarence Sounes, J.W.; W. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, I.P.M. and Secretary; V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, Gd. Treas., Treasurer; Bros. George Robins, S.D.; Duncan Tovey, J.D.; W. Bro. Alexr. Watson, S.G.W. Bucks, D. of C.; Bros. F. T. Addyman,

I.G.; A. J. Winter, Organist; J. Louis Kight, Athelstane Nobbs, M.D., A. P. Oxley, E. H. Bull, Stewards; W. Bradford Smith, Wine Steward; W. Bro. J. W. Freeman, Tyler.

The unique and handsome Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to the out-going Master, Wor. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, in graceful terms by the Wor. Master, who alluded to the valuable and self-denying services which that popular brother had rendered to the lodge, both at its foundation and since in the capacity of Secretary, and during the past year as Wor. Master.

Among the distinguished brethren present might be noted:—V.W. Bro. George Everett, P.G.T.; W. Bros. Edward White, P.A.G.D.C.; Alexr. Watson, S.G.W. Bucks, D. of C.; George W. Page, P.P.G.D.R. and P.P.G.T. Norfolk; Akerman May, W.M. Lodge of Asaph; Thomas Fraser, P.M. Eccentric Lodge; A. Dangerfield, P.M. John Hervey Lodge; A. Rashleigh Phipps, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge; A. Innes-Keys, W.M. London Scottish Rifles Lodge, and many others.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was followed by one of the most perfect entertainments it has ever been our pleasure to listen to.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Wor. Master expressed his appreciation of the honour of having two Grand Officers among their members, viz., Wor. Bros. W. S. Penley, G.T., and E. R. Bartley Denniss, P.G.D. Also their gratification at having among the visitors that night, V.W. Bro. George Everett, P.G.T., and W. Bro. Alderman Edward White, P.A.G.D.C.

V.W. Bro. George Everett, P.G.T., replying, felt it an honour to respond for such a distinguished body, whose merit was always recognized among Masons. He was also proud at being one of the elected officers.

W. Bro. Alderman Edward White also replied, and thanked the Wor. Master for his kind words, and the brethren for the reception they had received that night.

Wor. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, I.P.M. and Secretary, in proposing the toast of "The Wor. Master," was confident that Bro. J. Bannister Howard would fill the office of Master with distinguished ability. He was a very zealous and able Mason. He had started on the lowest rung of the ladder and steadily climbed to the position he now held. He had

done all his work in the past excellently, and he had no doubt but what he would prove one of their best Masters. He hoped the time would come when he would be added to the roll of Grand Officers on the membership of their lodge. He was wearing that night the apron of his distinguished father, and would follow in his footsteps. They expected great things from him, and they would not be disappointed. He, Wor. Bro. Trehawke Davies, tendered

him, who, although not in perfect health, had come to perform the ceremony.

V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, in response, had felt honoured and privileged in being asked to perform the ceremony, as he knew that the Worshipful Master was a brother who would uphold the dignity of the "Yorick Lodge," and promote, not only its best interests, but that of Masonry in general.

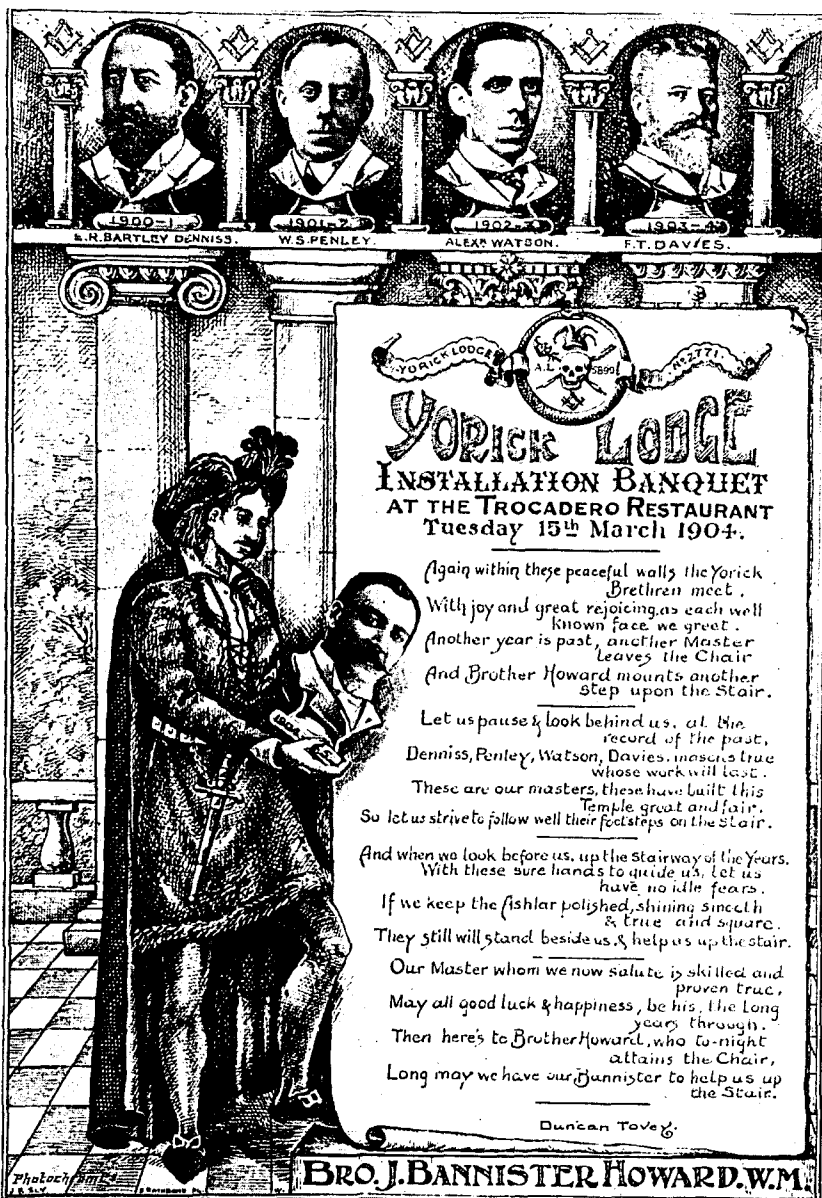
In welcoming the visitors and proposing the toast, the Worshipful Master said that they were all aware of the fact that the lodge had been formed by the "Yorick Club," who were Bohemians. They were, therefore, pleased to have among the large number of visitors present that evening so many who may be described as Bohemians. The members of the lodge felt honoured by their presence.

W. Bro. George W. Page, P.P.G.R. and P.P.G.T. Norfolk, responding, thanked the Worshipful Master for the welcome that had been extended to the visitors. One bright characteristic of Freemasonry was the desire of every Mason to entertain their Masonic friends and communicate happiness, which was a conspicuous feature that night. They wished the Worshipful Master a very prosperous year. The "Yorick Lodge" had a reputation to sustain, and its members were impressed with the importance of sustaining that reputation. Could the spirit of Yorick witness the proceedings of the lodge that had taken his name, there would be no occasion for him to feel the blush of shame or to repeat those words uttered by the Prince of Denmark, "Alas! poor Yorick." Nor was there any fear for the peace of mind of that immortal bard, William Shakespeare, being disturbed by the shortcomings of the "Yorick Lodge."

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the Worshipful Master described them as a fine staff, and they were glad to welcome back W. Bro. E. Lockwood, S.W., from South Africa, and he tendered him his sincere thanks for having stood aside for a year to permit him to take the chair. He was proud also of his J.W., Bro. Clarence Sounes, who had done good service to the lodge as Treasurer for four years. He tendered his thanks to W. Bro. Alexr. Watson, S.G.W. Bucks, for accepting the office of D.C.

The toast was replied to by Wor. Bro. E. Lockwood and Wor. Bro. Alexr. Watson.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

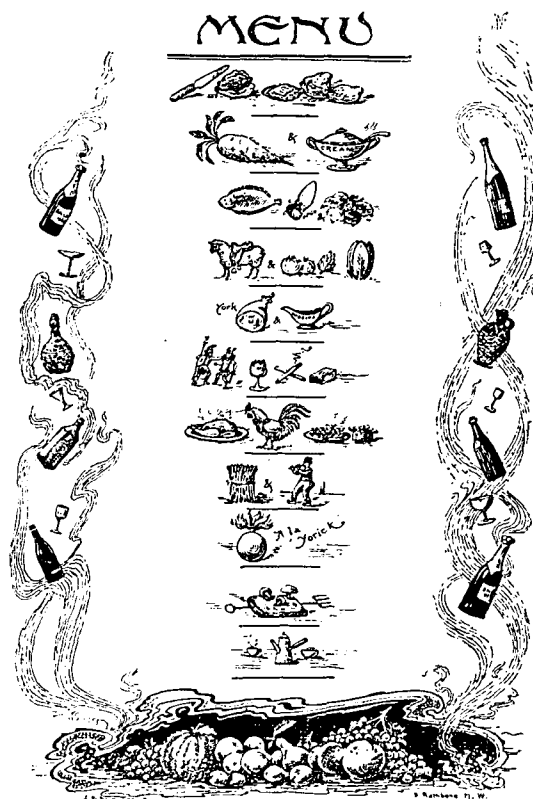


THE PROGRAMME COVER.

his sincere thanks to the V. Wor. Bro. W. S. Penley, for having, at considerable personal inconvenience, been present to instal the Master, and congratulated the Master upon being installed by so perfect a ceremonialist. They all wished him a successful year of office, and would support him to the utmost.

The Wor. Master replied briefly but feelingly. He was proud of the distinguished position they had placed him in, and would do all in his power to make the year a successful one. They had two candidates and two joining members for their next meeting. Their lodge was young, but was continually advancing, and it would be his endeavour to continue that advancement.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," the Wor. Master said that it would be unnecessary for him to inform the members of the valuable services which had been rendered by Wor. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, and to which he had referred in the lodge, and he knew that he would still give the lodge the benefit of his ability and experience, and that his interest would in no way be lessened. Their thanks were also due to the Installing Master, V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, for the very perfect manner he had rendered the ceremony that evening. He was an excellent worker and a thorough Mason, appreciated and loved by all who knew him, and he was deeply indebted to



REDUCED FACSIMILE OF THE UNIQUE MENU.

Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686.

WITH the assistance of Karoly Klay's red band and an excellent programme of vocal music, the after proceedings of Bro. Jupe's installation as Master of the above well-known lodge met with deserved success. The lodge work was of first-rate quality, and was graced by the presence of Bro. Sir Alfred Newton, Bart., P.G.D. An apology for absence, through illness, was read from Bro. J. Bailey, M.P., the Treasurer. Among the brethren present were Bros. J. W. Jupe, W.M.; E. J. Rix, I.P.M.; Sir Alfred Newton, P.G.D.; T. Gordon-Heighington, S.W.; W. H. Eardley, J.W.; D. F. Norrington, P.M.; A. J. Naughton, P.M.; W. B. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; H. Redgrave, S.D.; W. C. Freeman, J.D.; E. Vernon, I.G.; A. G. Howell, D.C.; W. Windsor, Orgt.; W. Skilton, Musical Director; Bros. Johnson, Day, Pegram, and Bland, Stewards; C. Barter, P.M. 1623; S. Conadi, P.M. 753; K. Donat, P.M. 172; J. Sandland, I.P.M. 2398; W. Bates, W.M. 1891; W. Croxson, P.M. 1658; Bros. Webb, Kynock, Shirl, Mussel, Leslie, Simpson, and others.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. E. J. Rix, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Jupe was, he said, a brother well known to the majority of the brethren, by whom he was held in great esteem. They were all very pleased to see him attain the position which it had been his aim and ambition to reach in Freemasonry. He was perfectly satisfied he would do everything to merit their approbation during his year of office. He was a brother who, from the earliest stage of the formation of the lodge, had proceeded step by step in almost every office. He was sure, therefore, that they were quite safe in entrusting to Bro. Jupe the care of that lodge.

There was also a pleasing duty he had to perform. On behalf of Sir Alfred Newton, P.G.D., one of the founders of the lodge—after whom, indeed, the lodge had been named—he had to present Bro. Jupe with a solid silver fern pot. These fern pots were historical. They were given by Sir Alfred at the formation of the lodge, and one had been presented to each successive Master from that time. It, therefore, gave him great pleasure to make the usual presentation. The pot was engraved, "A Souvenir of the Consecration of the Alfred Newton Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2686, London, 5th March, 1898." He wished Bro. Jupe a most successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Jupe, in reply, thanked the brethren for the warmth of the toast which had been given. He might say that it was with a considerable amount of diffidence he had accepted the office of Master that evening. He would liked to have filled every office in the lodge before being Master, but owing to the indisposition of the Senior Warden, he had not been able. He could assure them he would do everything he could to merit the approbation of the lodge during his year of office. He knew he had plenty of support in his officers, and at the end of his year of office it would be a pleasure to know he had given satisfaction. He would conclude by returning thanks to Bro. Rix, I.P.M., for the souvenir kindly presented by Sir Alfred Newton, P.G.D.

In proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past and Installing Master, Bro. Rix," the W.M. said he felt it an honour to follow so extremely worthy a Master. That evening's proceedings would have been sufficient to illustrate what he meant, as the work done by him was excellent.

Bro. E. J. Rix, I.P.M., in responding, said the acceptance of his toast had quite unnerved him. However, he had just sufficient breath left to say that he had, a year ago, made the usual promise on such occasions to do everything he could for the lodge during his year of office, and he hoped that his conduct had not belied that promise. Certainly, although he was now relegated to the reserve forces of the lodge, the W.M. need never look to him in vain for assistance during his year of office.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," the following brethren replied:—Bros. Bates, W.M. 1891; Croxson, P.M. 1658; E. Vincent Evans of the Gallery Lodge, 1928.

The W.M. next proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," of whom, out of a possible six, there were four present.

The senior Past Master present, Bro. Naughton, responded briefly to the toast. He was sorry that, quite unavoidably, neither Bros. Sir Alfred nor Harry Newton had been able to be present at the banquet table. He thought that there was no cause for anything but mutual admiration and congratulation on the work that had been done for the lodge up to that time. Their present Master had been associated with him for the past twenty years, and he was sure he would carry out his duties to their entire satisfaction. As he was in business so he was in Masonry.

Bro. Norrington also responded, and a reply was also vouchsafed by the junior Past Master.

Other toasts followed, and an agreeable evening came to a close.

In addition to a varied vocal programme, Karoly Klay's red band discoursed excellent music during the banquet.

Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712.

THE Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, which was founded in 1898 by brethren who were in the Master's chair of London lodges during the Diamond Jubilee year of the late Queen Victoria, brought to a close a most successful term of office by Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C.,

as W.M., on March 18th at the Hotel Cecil, Strand. A company of 200 brethren formed a record attendance, and among this number were included the following wearers of the purple:—Bros. R. Horton Smith, K.C., P.G. Registrar; P. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master



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THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, BRO. HARRY NICHOLLS.

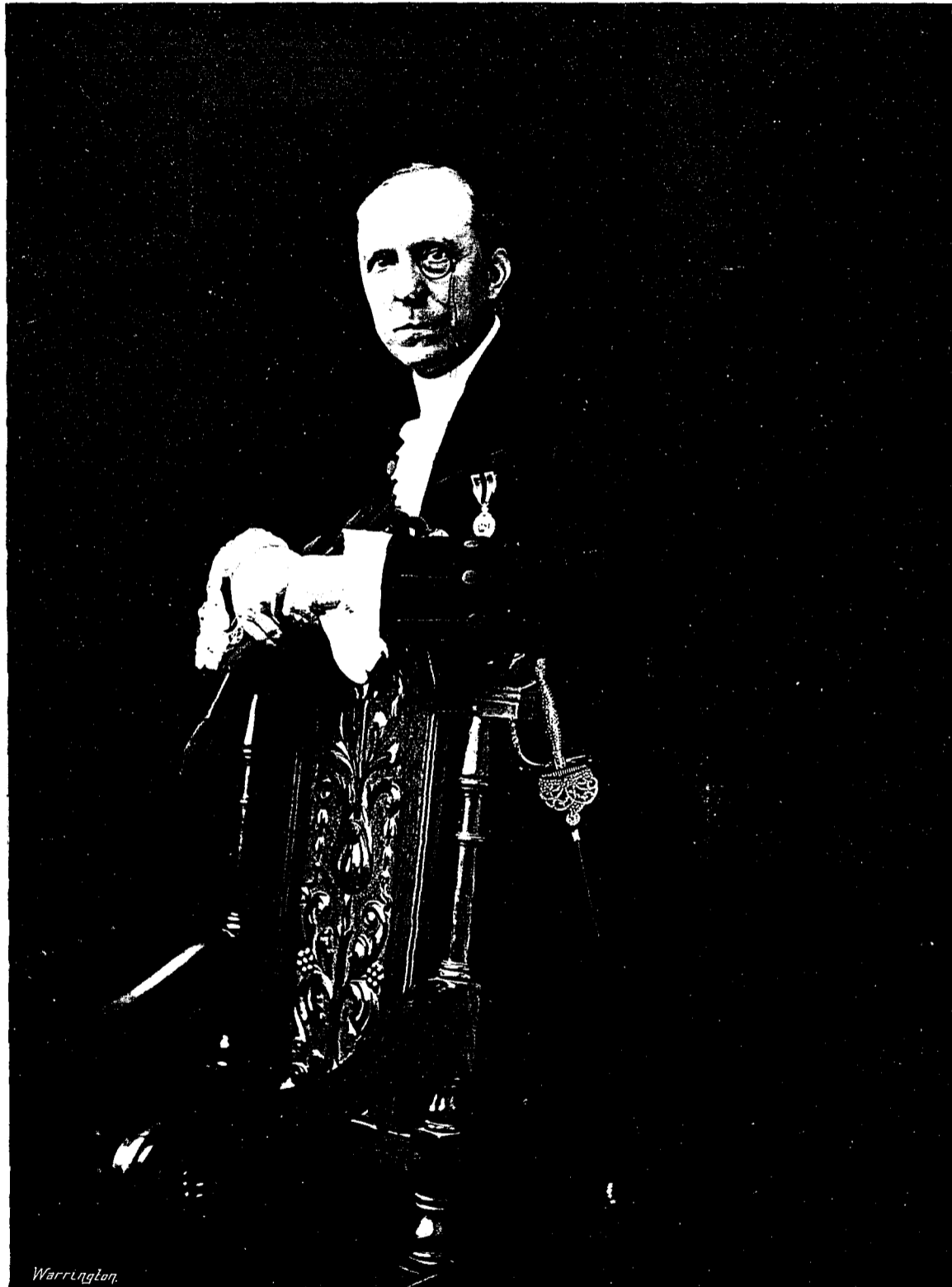
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of Cornwall; the Rev. Dr. O. Cockrem, P.G.D.; E. Rochrich, P.D.G.D.C.; W. A. Dawson, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Maitland Coffin, P.A.G.D.C.; A. Williams, P.G. St. B.; Gotthelf Greiner, Assistant Grand Sec. for German Correspondence; Under-Sheriff Langton, P.D.G.D.C., P.M., Sec.; Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; F. C. Van Duzer, P.A.G.D.C., P.M.; W. Baddeley, P.A.G.D.C.; T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; Joseph Russell, P.G. St. B.; James Boulton, P.G. St. B.; and Henry Sadler, Sub-Librarian, G.T. Bros. Harry Nicholls, W.M. elect; R. A. Germaine, K.C.; Lt.-Col. Carpenter, Major J. Pash, Dr. Wells, J. O. Schuler,

W.M. for the year were Bros. Henry J. Homer, George Pidduck, William Singleton Hooper, Under-Sheriff Langton, Frederick Jackson, Henry Gardiner, Samuel N. Isaacs, Charles I. Kiralfy, Dr. E. L. Tuckey, Frederick W. Golby, Alfred Salmon, and R. F. Potter (Tyler).

Banquet followed the work of the lodge, and the toasts were afterwards given.

Bro. Harry Nicholls, in proposing the toast of "The King, Protector of the Craft," referred to the death of the Duke of Cambridge as a great sorrow to his Majesty, who had lost one of the nearest and dearest of his relations, but



THE SECRETARY, BRO. UNDER-SHERIFF J. D. LANGTON.

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R. Malpaga, L. Foppoli, Italia 2687; Sir J. W. Szlumper, W. Lestocq, Alfred F. Robbins, P.M. 1928; Capt. Probyn, C. J. Drummond, Col. Reid Todd, Major Bruce Smith, A. Audagna, and Capt. Isaac Cohen were among other brethren who attended.

Nine well-known P.M.'s and W.M.'s of London lodges were elected members of the lodge, and after other business had been transacted, Bro. Sudlow installed Bro. Harry Nicholls, P.M. Nos. 2127 and 2190, and W.M. No. 2957, in the Master's chair. Bro. Sudlow was invested as I.P.M. The other brethren who were invested as assistants of the

that made the people's hearts go out to him more thoroughly. In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G. Master," he hoped that they might see the Duke of Connaught at the Jubilee Masters' Lodge. If they should they knew what a hearty reception his Royal Highness would have.

Bro. Richard Horton Smith, K.C., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said he believed that there was not a member of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge who did not envy him (Bro. Sudlow) the great privilege that came

to him of proposing the next toast—a toast which on that occasion he knew would be received with absolute enthusiasm—the toast of “The Worshipful Master.” When he said that Bro. Harry Nicholls would justify the choice the brethren had made, he absolutely meant what he said. Bro. Nicholls was a Mason of great and varied experience. This was the fourth time that he occupied the chair of a lodge, and if the Jubilee Masters’ Lodge had attained in the past a large measure of success, he ventured to say that under the able rule of Bro. Nicholls in this coming year the lodge would attain to a still higher pinnacle of success. No need for him in that assembly to refer to the exhilarating influence that Bro. Nicholls brought to bear upon the fourth degree; suffice it to say that Bro. Nicholls’ presence at the festive board would be as delightful as it would be advantageous in the serious business of the lodge. Nickel as a metallic element was not of very much value; but suppose they to-night, without being too critical of spelling, just added a small final “s,” they at once effected a very wonderful transformation, and he ventured to say that their nickel was as good as gold, because Bro. Nicholls was so true and so trusting, and held in high estimation by all of his brethren and fellows. He asked them to drink in all heartiness “The Health of the W.M.”

The toast having been enthusiastically honoured,

Bro. Harry Nicholls, W.M., in reply, said, Worshipful Brother Clay Sudlow, Grand Officers, and Brethren of the Jubilee Masters’ Lodge, let me at once endeavour, as far as I possibly can, to express my great gratification, and—I hardly know whether to call it—my delight, at receiving such a greeting as you have accorded to me this evening. It is impossible for me to give full expression to all I am feeling

at the present time. A Worshipful Master always receives a hearty welcome, but this is not an ordinary occasion; this is not an ordinarily constituted lodge, inasmuch as every member must have been the recipient of a similar hearty welcome when he was placed in this position.

Bro. Nicholls proposed the toast of “The I.P.M.,” and presented Bro. Sudlow with a P.M. jewel and a handsome goblet.

Bro. Sudlow, in reply, said: The kind words used by the Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of “The Immediate Past Master,” and the warmth with which you have received what he said, make it very difficult for me to reply. Looking back upon my year of office, I confess that I have fallen short of the standard I set myself. On the other hand, the presentation which has just been made to me by the Worshipful Master in your name, shows in your opinion I have done my best. For this reason these gifts will be very highly prized. They will always remain a delightful memento, not only of my year of office, but also of the kindness and assistance I have received from you all during my Mastership. Now that I become a Past Master I set myself another ideal. It is a very simple one, namely, to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors. This means not to rest upon one’s oars, but to do everything possible to help forward the success of this lodge. I am quite sure that none of us ought to feel satisfied until every London lodge is represented in No. 2712. I should like now to use the cup you have given me in drinking, “Continued Success to the Jubilee Masters’ Lodge, and Prosperity to every one of its Members.”

A concert followed, under the direction of Bro. James Kift, in which Miss Ethel Bevan, Mr. Morris Harvey, and Bros. Edgar Coyle and Nelson Jackson took part.

Masonic Stone-Laying.—Impressive Ceremony at Aldershot.

THE close connection that has ever existed between the Army and the Craft was evidenced on February 24th, when the foundation stone of the Church of England Soldiers’ Institute at Aldershot was laid with full Masonic honours by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., which ceremony, at once impressive and rare, attracted a great gathering of brethren to witness, beside a large crowd of the general public.

Grand and Provincial Grand Officers of Hants, Surrey, Berks, Kent, and Bombay, assembled in the morning at the Masonic Hall, and were received on behalf of the Institute Committee by Bros. Lt.-General G. H. Moncrieff, Col. J. Walker, and W. Bro. Major J. Clisham. Lunch was served in the banqueting hall, at which Bro. Lt.-General Moncrieff, presided, R.W. Bro. Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., being the principal guest.

After lunch the brethren proceeded to don their Masonic clothing and regalia, and a most imposing procession was formed, in which some 250 brethren took part, headed by the Tylers of “Army and Navy” and “Farnborough and North Camp” Lodges. The military and county police had closed the roads to enable the procession to move from the hall to the site of the new building in Victoria Road, and the route was lined by a great gathering of spectators, the vast majority of whom saw for the first time members of the Order wearing Masonic clothing. The day was beautifully fine, consequently the imposing nature of the procession was seen at its best. The Tylers were followed by a number of visiting brethren, and then in order came, each headed by their banner, the officers and brethren of Panmure Lodge, No. 723; Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331; Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971; Farnborough and North Camp Lodge, No. 2203; and Border Lodge, No. 2475.

These were followed by the architect carrying the plans and an entered apprentice carrying cement. The

Worshipful Masters of 723, 1331, and 1971, W. Bros. C. Cullen, Quartermaster-Sergeant Boxall, and Colonel J. W. B. Landon, followed, carrying the gold vessels containing corn, wine, and oil, being followed by the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers according to seniority. The Corinthian Light, the Column of the J.W. borne by the I.P.M.’s of 723 and 1331, and the Plumb Rule borne by W. Bro. J. C. Sharp, P.J.G.W., immediately preceded the Provincial Grand Lodge Banner, and then came the Doric Light and Column of the S.W., carried by the I.P.M.’s of 1971 and 2203, preceding the Level, carried by W. Bro. the Earl of Malmesbury, and the Volume of the Sacred Law borne on a cushion by four Lewises. W. Bros. the Revs. N. Naish and E. J. Kennedy, P.G. Chaplains, followed, preceding Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. E. Giles, who carried the Square. The Ionic Light borne by the W.M. of 2203, preceded the Prov. G. Superintendent of Works carrying the Mallet, and then came the Prov. Grand Master and Standard, followed by the Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, who immediately preceded W. Bro. Sir Augustus Webster, the procession being closed by the Prov. S. Grand Deacon, W. Bro. F. E. Evans, and the Prov. Grand Tyler.

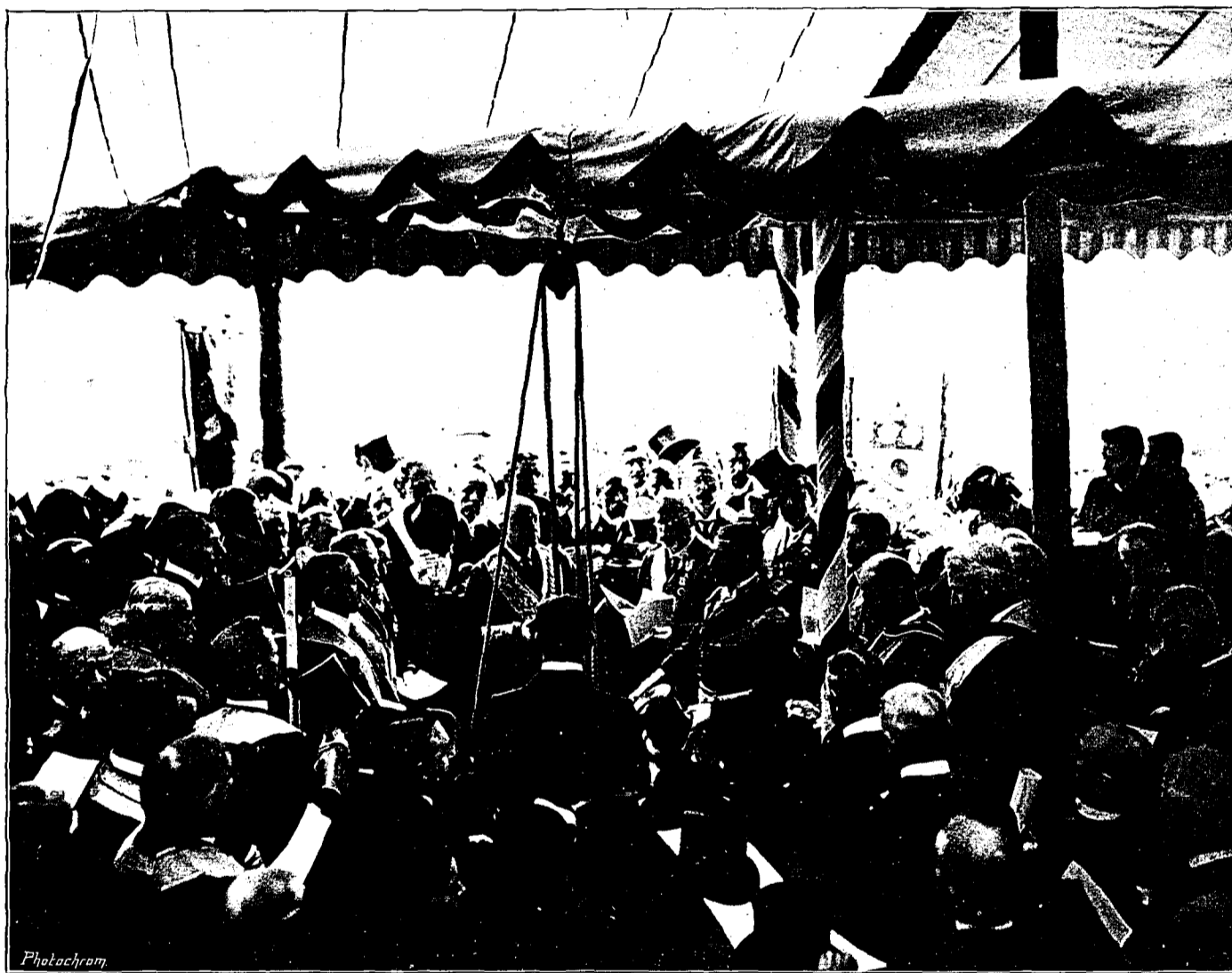
Around the site of the foundation stone a series of stands had been erected, which were occupied by a very large and distinguished gathering of military and civilian friends of the institute. Among these were Gen. Sir John French, K.C.B., and Lady French, attended by Major Barry, D.S.O., Aide-de-camp; Major-Gen. Sir Elliott Wood, K.C.B.; Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General to the Forces; Colonels L. C. Wavell, Barrington Foote, Cooper, Twyman, Jervoise, C.B.; Knatchbull, and others. The band of the Royal Artillery, conducted by Bro. H. Sims, with the combined choirs of the garrison and town churches, were on a stand immediately behind the stone, and as the procession came into sight began “Onward Christian Soldiers.” The head of the procession halted a few yards from the stone and the

brethren opened out, facing inwards, the Provincial Grand Master advancing through the lane thus formed to the stone; here he was received by the Committee and Warden, and took a position in the centre of the east side of the stone, supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and Chaplains. The Provincial Grand Wardens took up a position on the west, the three lodge Masters bearing the vessels of corn, wine, and oil, being on the north side, and the officers with the mallet and trowel being on the south side.

The brethren then assembled in ordered ranks around the stone, and Gen. Moncrieff asked the Prov. G. Master to lay the stone.

Before complying he addressed the gathering as follows:—
 "Gen. Moncrieff, I have very great pleasure in complying with your request. Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren assembled to view this ceremony, be it known to you that we, the lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, are engaged by solemn obligation to erect buildings to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great

After the prayers the committee presented the Prov. Grand Master with a beautiful silver trowel, which was graciously acknowledged, and with it he proceeded to lay the stone, after a glass tube containing newspapers and money had been deposited within the lower stone, the upper stone being lowered with three distinct stops. The Master tried the stone with the plumb rule, saying, "I declare this stone to be plumb, and that the Craftsmen have prepared it true." He tested it with the level, saying, "I declare this stone to be level, and that the Craftsmen have laboured skilfully." He then tested it with the square, and said, "I declare this stone to be plumb, level, and square, and I now declare it well and truly laid, and that the Craftsmen have worked well." Then followed the pouring of corn, wine, and oil on the stone, a most impressive part of the ceremony. Scattering the corn on the stone, the Master said, "I scatter corn on this stone, the emblem of plenty and abundance of God's best gifts. May the good seed sown here take root in the hearts of men and bear fruit a hundred-fold to their benefit and his



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THE CEREMONY.

Architect of the Universe. We have among us concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be disclosed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honourable and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted to us in peace and honour by Masons in ancient times, and as they have been faithfully transmitted to us, so we desire to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and honourable we could not have lasted so many centuries; neither should we have numbered under the banners of our Order so many illustrious brethren ready to further our laws and promote our interests. We are assembled in the presence of you all to commence a building to the glory of the Most High, and as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the assistance of the Great Architect of the Universe, I will now call upon you all to join with the Provincial Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace."

glory." Pouring wine on the stone, he said, "I pour wine on this stone, the symbol of strength and gladness. May those who work upon this building and those who shall meet within its walls, ever perform their allotted task in the service of the Great Architect with cheerfulness and singleness of heart." He then anointed the stone with oil, saying, "I sprinkle this stone with oil, the emblem of peace and harmony. May Brotherly Love and Goodwill ever prevail among those who meet within this building, until time shall be no more." Then, addressing the assembled Masons, the Provincial Grand Master said, "Brethren, we are an ancient fraternity, which, from time immemorial, has always been associated with all that is beautiful and serviceable in architecture, and for that reason you will have been glad to have assisted me, as I have been proud to work with you, in commencing a building which we trust will be of great service to this neighbourhood for many generations. And, brethren, whatever minor differences there may be among

us, I am sure that the same thought is in your minds to-day which animated the Jews of old, when, as Ezra tells us, the builders laid the foundations of the House of the Lord and they set the priests in their apparel and with trumpets to praise the Lord according to the ordinances of David, King of Israel, and all the people shouted with a loud shout when they saw that the foundations of the House of the Lord were laid."

After the plans had been inspected and the Grand Chaplain had offered up a prayer for the prosperity of the

work, Gen. Moncrieff thanked the Prov. Grand Master for having laid the stone, after which the procession was re-formed and the Masons returned to the Masonic Hall, the assemblage singing as the procession moved off, "All People that on Earth do Dwell." Needless to say the beautiful Masonic ritual and the faultless manner in which the ceremony had been carried out by R.W. Bro. Sir Augustus Webster, made a profound impression, not only upon the general body of spectators, but also upon the assembled Masons.

Consecration of the New Forest Chapter, No. 319.

THERE was a large attendance of prominent members of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, at the Lecture Hall of the Literary Institute, Lymington, on the afternoon of Monday, February 29th, to witness the ceremony of consecration of the New Forest Chapter, No. 319. This was most impressively performed by the Grand Superintendent, Sir Augustus F. Webster, Bart., who was attended by Ex. Comp. Commander H. G. Giles, P.G. Stand. Bearer, Prov. G.H., as H.; Ex. Comp. L. Steele, Prov. G.J., as J.; Ex. Comp. E. Goble, P.G. Std. Bearer, Prov. G.S.E., as S.E.; Ex. Comp. Rev. W. Hawksley, Prov. G.S.N., as S.N.; and Ex. Comp. H. A. F. Smith, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.

The musical arrangements of the beautiful and most impressive ceremony were under the direction of Ex. Comp. J. J. Brazier, P.P.G.P.S. At its close, the Grand Superintendent installed the Principals as follows:—"M.E.Z.," M.E. Comp. Commander H. G. Giles, R.N.; "H.," E. Comp. Major Cecil Powney; "J.," M.E. Comp. the Rev. W. Hawksley; and then came the investiture of officers, these being as follows:—E. Comps. J. Davis Rawlins, S.E.; Hamilton Dent, S.N.; Silas Dore, Treas.; R. Wentworth White, P. Soj.; Rev. W. Naish, 1st Asst. Soj.; F. W. Pember (p.t.), 2nd Asst. Soj.; G. R. Masters (p.t.), D.C.; E. Stone, Organist; R. L. Gent, J. W. Jolliffe, Stewards.

Before the proceedings closed a number of names were proposed, either as joining comps. or as candidates for exaltation. Later a banquet was served at the Angel Hotel, when a company of between 70 and 80 guests assembled. Commander Giles, R.N., presided.

The usual toast list was gone through, and the heartiest of good wishes expressed towards the new chapter that it might flourish and prosper, and win fame in the province. Its officers were complimented and congratulated, and fitting reference was made to the deeply impressive manner in which the Grand Supt. had performed the consecration ceremony, and the pleasure all had experienced that Sir Augustus Webster had come amongst them for that purpose.

The Grand Superintendent, in his reply, said that the province ruled over by him should occupy a high position, and he knew they would second his endeavours to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight second to none in Masonic efficiency. He thanked them for the kindness of the welcome; for it was a very great pleasure for him to be amongst them as much as possible, and he hoped the chapter established that day would increase in strength, and prosper as long as the province existed.

An interesting event during the evening was the presentation of a memorial jewel to each of the consecrating officers.

There was one addition to the toast list, Commander Giles submitting, "The Parent Lodge," which was responded to by W. Bro. E. A. G. Stone, W.M. 319.

During the evening some finely rendered songs were given by Comps. F. W. Taylor, Lancaster, Holland, Buck, and Jupp, and Comp. St. Barbe recited "The Jubilee Cup" in a style that evoked applause of a most enthusiastic character.

Sir Augustus Webster, Bart., and M.E. Comps Steele and Lancaster, have become honorary members of the chapter.

The Lady Freemason.

THE story of the initiation of the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger has often been told, but it will bear repetition if only to aid in preserving from oblivion one of the many romantic incidents which have occurred from time to time in connection with the Craft. It would appear from some accounts that our Masonic forefathers regarded the cowan as deserving of the most severe punishment, and notwithstanding that the culprit was in this instance of the gentler sex, they would have us believe that little less than the death penalty would at first satisfy their sense of justice, but however that may be, it is evident that all ended happily, and that the adventurous lady lived to become the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, and afterwards to wear the insignia of the Order even if she did not again actually take part in the work of a lodge. Bro. R. F. Gould, in his history of Freemasonry, tells the story in more sober fashion than the imaginative chronicler, as becomes the veracious historian. He informs us that the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth was initiated, according to one account, in No. 95. Another writer connects the occurrence with the annals of No. 150, but although the lady unquestion-

ably became a member of the Society, the lodge in which she was admitted appears to have been No. 44, warranted in 1735.

The Hon. Mrs. Aldworth was the youngest child and only daughter of the first Viscount Doneraile. The date of her initiation is uncertain, though it must have taken place before 1744, in which year her name appears on the list of subscribers to a Masonic work. According to one account the adventurous young lady concealed herself in a clock, and according to another she witnessed the proceedings of a lodge through a crevice in the wall. All versions of the occurrence agree, however, in stating that the eaves-dropper was detected and afterwards initiated in due form. On the death of her brother without issue, the family estates passed to the "Lady Freemason," who married Richard Aldworth, of Newmarket, in the county of Cork, and the title of Viscount Doneraile was subsequently revived in the person of her son. The portrait of Mrs. Aldworth in Masonic clothing, of which we give a reproduction on page 150, hangs in many of the Irish lodge rooms, and her apron is still preserved at Newmarket House.

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The Liverpool Cathedral.

OUR readers will have gathered, from statements made in the public press during the past few months, that the Craft in this country intends to maintain in a worthy manner the traditions bequeathed to them by the *Steinmetzer* from whom they are said to be descended. The plans for the proposed new cathedral in Liverpool having been decided upon, Freemasons have requested to be allowed to erect the chapter house. It is to be regarded as a memorial to the late Earl of Lathom. This distinguished brother was not only Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, but was also Pro Grand Master, which latter fact converts what might

have been a local movement, into a Pan-Masonic one, and we are confident that the result will be a structure perfect in all its parts, and honourable alike to the Craft and the memory of him whose Masonic and public virtues are thus magnificently to be commemorated.

Inasmuch as Freemasons are, even to-day, denounced by a very large and influential section of the Christian Church, as everything that is un-patriotic and anti-Christian, it may be pardonable, in view of this latest proposal, to wonder how the church would look if all that has been done by the Craft to sustain her could be eliminated.

Either in this country or on the continent there is scarce an abbey, or minster, or cathedral, in which there are not to be found the traces of the handiwork of the pious Freemason, and, in our estimate of the obligations under which the craft has laid the church, we would even go further. The visible fane is but the type of the temple made without hands, into the structure of which the perfect character enters. Now the foundations of that character are laid first of all in infancy, or in childhood, and are too often forgotten or un-acted upon, whereas the obligations of a Freemason are practically a re-affirmation of most of those imposed by the church, and are entered upon at the age of discretion. With its honourable record of morality and Christianity, it is hard to understand why, at intervals, the craft attracts the fulminations of the church. These anti-Masonic outbreaks recur at apparently regular periods, but the craft seems to flourish all the same. Perhaps we may be allowed to think of the celebrated jackdaw of Rheims, in which poem we are told that even after the most terrific maledictions, assisted by bell, book, and candle, "nobody seemed a penny the worse."

In this connection we have lately come across the proceedings of the Council of Trent. We do not refer to the great politico-ecclesiastical council, but to the anti-Masonic Congress of 1896. It would have only been decent if the craft had forthwith shrivelled up as the result of the very unpleasant things that were said about it by the theological experts there assembled to expose its meretricious character, but the melancholy truth is that neither in its popularity nor in its zeal for good works has it abated one jot. The Congress opened well—in fact, it might have been a lodge opening, for it was opened "in due form and with solemn prayer." Luciferians, Palladists, and Satanists, were some of the terms employed to designate the craft, and it is the very extreme fanaticism that seems to be displayed that enables the craftsman to regard the whole movement with something like contempt.

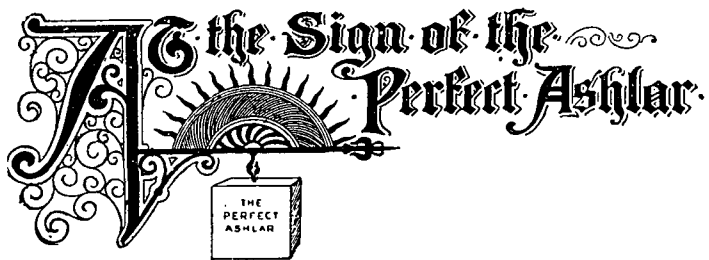
In fact, we are judged by the worst specimens among us, and no doubt there are secret societies in those lands where liberty used to be unknown that merged their Masonry in politics, and on that account were excluded from membership, or rather from the recognition of those brethren who regarded their obligations as on a higher plane.

But even then, if our wandering brethren think fit to go back to those first principles from which they have strayed, they will be heartily welcomed back to the fold. The church of Rome, however, holds out no hope of salvation either for this world or the next, for any attitude short of complete renunciation of the Order. And, as a declaration by the head of that church made *ex cathedra*, carries with it the weight of infallibility, we may conclude that the last word has been said. We may, however, be pardoned for remembering that precisely the same thing was said by the same authority about Galileo, and still astronomical science survives.

The first of these anti-Masonic congresses was held in 1738, and in the same year Clement XII. issued his celebrated bull interdicting the Order. The first result of this was that the W.M. of a lodge meeting at Leghorn, Bro. Crudeli, was taken off to the Inquisition and tortured. After this came a similar proclamation by Benedict XIV., in 1751, which, however, was always a dead letter. What did the Order more harm than all the papal bulls ever promulgated, was the alleged connection with the craft of the arch impostor Cagliostro, who presided over a lodge in Rome in 1789. The story of his career, and the events which were going on in France at the same time, alleged to have been brought about

by Masonic influence, may perhaps serve to account for the continued hostility of the old historic church. Of one thing we are certain, that no proceedings of the craft in this country, or sanctioned by Grand Lodges with which we are in communion, could by any possibility account for the attitude described. Some few years ago, certainly, a writer in the *Church Times* tried to interest English churchmen in the forthcoming Trent Congress, but he did not succeed in creating even a ripple on the surface of the contentment with which the craft is regarded by both political and ecclesiastical authorities. He was most ably answered by Bro. Horsley, who showed the ignorance and the fallacies which underlay most of his contentions.

When we remember that the sovereign head of our church is also the Protector of the Order in this country, that the Chaplain ranks next to the rulers of the lodge and holds the highest of the executive offices, that the word of God is the first great light, and that any attempt to depose it would be followed by prompt extinction of the offending lodge, and that every Masonic ceremony is opened and closed with prayer; when we look around at cathedrals built by our brethren of old time and reflect that the sign manual of the Mason is everywhere in evidence, when bishops and archbishops are only too glad to welcome the Grand Master or his deputy at a stone laying, and when we add to this the example we display of the first requirement of religion pure and undefiled, "To visit the widows and fatherless in their affliction," and, last of all the fact that inspired this article, that we are about to spend £10,000 in perpetuating the memory of a great and good man, *ad gloriam Dei*, we may well be content to disregard the denunciations which proceed from ignorance, even though they do proceed from a body whose motto is "*ad majorem Dei gloriam.*"



The meeting of Grand Lodge on the 2nd March was more distinguished for the length of its proceedings than for the importance of the subjects it was called to discuss and determine. Grand Lodge was opened at two o'clock by the Pro Grand Master, and it is quite safe to say that for the whole seven hours during which it remained open, the one absorbing topic of interest in the minds of those present was as to which of the two most estimable brethren should for one year hold the office of Grand Treasurer. For this some 2000 sober citizens left their desks in the City, their businesses in the provinces, and in many cases travelled a distance of hundreds of miles; an effort and a personal sacrifice on their part which we confess appears to us sadly out of proportion to the work accomplished.

What appears so futile in these elections is that no principal whatever is involved that it is necessary to determine by popular vote—it is simply the bestowal of one Grand Lodge collar out of some thirty besides, all of which are most contentedly left by the Craft in the hands of the M.W. Grand Master and his advisors.

The origin of this method of selecting the Grand Treasurer is clear enough. In the early days of Grand Lodge the appointment entailed a real responsibility for the safe custody and distribution of the funds of Grand Lodge, and it was only right that the brethren should have, as in private lodges, a voice in the matter; but in recent years the

duties have become almost nominal; confined, in fact, to the signing of the few cheques for sums required to be dealt with by Grand Lodge itself, instead of by the Board of General Purposes.

Unless, therefore, any principle is involved in *election* as against *appointment* in the selection of Grand Officers generally, there is no sufficient reason for the retention of the present method in the case of the Grand Treasurer. To adopt the American method of election all round would be a course, we feel sure, that would be repugnant to the great body of the Craft. It cannot be denied, however, that this would be the logical outcome of the argument. We shall hope in the near future to see a movement initiated that would have the effect of abolishing the present ponderous and unsatisfactory method, which in the present day possesses no advantages, and is necessarily provocative of much un-Masonic feeling, amounting in some instances to positive rancour, greatly out of harmony with the principles we all profess to admire.

The Board of General Purposes exercised a wise discretion in withdrawing the recommendation made to Grand Lodge in December last that Wardens of private lodges should in future be excluded from the Quarterly and other Communications. The interval between the meetings served to develop a strongly antagonistic feeling in regard to the proposal, and we have little doubt that if it had been submitted to a vote the resolution would have been negatived by a large majority. The solving of the problem of providing proper accommodation for those who desire to attend Grand Lodge lies in the direction indicated by the President of the Board when moving the reception of the report, namely, the acquiring of land contiguous to Freemasons' Hall for the erection of a Temple more in accordance with the dignity and requirements of the Order than the present building.

The *Morning Leader* of the 8th March offers the Grand Secretary birthday congratulations in the following terms:—"Many happy returns to Sir Edward Letchworth, who is to-day celebrating his 71st birthday. He began life as a solicitor, but is now one of the best-known men in the world as Grand Secretary of the English Freemasons. He was at one time a keen promoter of the volunteer movement, a sportsman who rowed and rode, and, in spite of his age, he is spoken of as still a hale and hearty young fellow."

The announcement of the appointment of Bro. J. D. Langton, P. Dep. G.D.C., as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, has given equal satisfaction to his many Masonic friends in London and to the brethren of the province. He has done excellent work, more especially in connection with the Charities, indeed, the Province of Surrey owes the establishment of its Charity Committee and Charity Fund to Bro. Langton, who from the first has acted as Secretary, devoting much valuable time unsparingly to the work; and the recognition of his services by the Provincial Grand Master by his appointment to the highest office which it is in his power to bestow marks the estimation in which he is held by that distinguished brother.

Although still young, Bro. Langton has more than a quarter of a century of Masonic life behind him. As a lewis he was initiated by dispensation while still a minor in the Welcome Lodge, No. 1673, on the 30th May, 1877, and from that date has occupied so many offices and filled so large a space in the Masonic life of the metropolis, as to render it impossible to record in any detail his Masonic career within the space at our disposal. It must suffice to say that his merits have been recognized by his appointment to important office in both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and that no more popular or useful member of the Craft exists in metropolitan Masonry to-day than Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton.

The Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, March 4th. The Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., had kindly consented to preside, but having received a summons to be present at the Speaker's official dinner, he was unable to do so, and his place was ably occupied by the Bishop of Barking, P.G. Chaplain, who was supported by a large number of Grand Officers and other brethren. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., occupied the Master's chair, and he was assisted in the rehearsal of the ceremonies by Bros. L. H. Dear, W. E. Bennett, A. L. Collins, J. H. Jinks, and T. W. Allsop. It need hardly be said that in such hands the exemplification of our beautiful ritual was of the highest order, and that the standard of excellence which for so many years has characterised this great school of Masonry, suffered no diminution. In moving a vote of thanks at the close of the proceedings, the President expressed the unanimous opinion of the brethren present that a most pleasant and profitable evening had been spent.



The Pro Grand Master is one of the latest subjects for the pencil of "Spy" in *Vanily Fair*, and although a characteristic and recognizable sketch, it is not quite so happy as that of the Grand Secretary, which appeared some months ago. The laconic biographer, "Jehu Juneor," who epitomises the lives of the "great, wise, and eminent," who are the subjects of the artist from week to week, thus describes the popular Grand Master:—"William Archer Amherst, of Aracan, in the East Indies, third Earl Amherst, Viscount Holmesdale, of Holmesdale, in Kent, and Baron Amherst, of Montreal, in Kent, was born eight-and-sixty years ago, though he still looks quite young. He began life at Eton, and real life in the Coldstream Guards, with whom he served in the Crimea, winning a glorious if severe wound, and a thrice-clasped medal at Inkerman. Since then he has been an officer of volunteers, and is a Deputy-Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace and other worthy things in Kent, which county he loves and has lived with all his life. He is also a Knight of Justice of St John of Jerusalem, and before he was summoned to the Upper House he served his county as a Member of Parliament for twenty-one years, representing first West Kent and afterwards Mid-Kent, about eight thousand acres of which county he owns.



"Outside Kent he is known the world over as Pro Grand Master of the English Freemasons, while he has been Grand Master of Kent for four-and-forty years, and with the double exception of Lord Leigh and the Duke of Devonshire, he is the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England. So popular and so good a Mason is he, that his King, who was then Grand Master, appointed him to the office of Deputy Grand Master of England eight years ago; and when the great figure of the late Lord Lathom disappeared from among us five years ago, he was promoted to the great office which he now so worthily fills.



"In the discharge of his Masonic duties he combines much dignity and urbanity with that most useful quality, tact. He is also remarkable for great quickness of perception, as he has shown on many occasions of difficulty and doubt; so that he is altogether, and most rightly, popular in the Craft. Outside Freemasonry he is a sportsman so keenly devoted to shooting, fishing, and golf, that he spends a great part of the year in his shooting quarters in Sutherlandshire, while he has excellent golf links of his own in Kent. He is altogether a worthy, upright, rather reserved man of much dignity."



On Friday, February 19th, at the Bridge House Hotel, the members of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, and their lady friends accorded the W.M., Bro. George J. Ayling, and his wife, a red-letter night in the history of the lodge, 125 being seated at the banqueting table, M. Callingham,

proprietor of the hotel, having provided an excellent menu. Amongst those present were P.M. Williams and wife, P.M. White and wife, P.M. Campbell, wife and son, the latter also being in the lodge; P.M. T. Tatham Willcox, Secretary, and daughters; P.M. Funge, Treasurer, and wife; P.M. Bond, Hon. D.C., and wife; P.M. Parker and wife, P.M. Barnicott and wife, P.M. Williams, wife and daughters. The officers present were Bro. Friend, S.W.; Bro. Nelson, S.D.; Bro. Tribe, J.W.; Bro. Alderton, I.G.; Bro. Stello, Organist; Bro. Gilbert, Tyler. While among the friends of the W.M. were P.M. Custance and wife, Bro. Succerow and wife, Bro. J. H. Clasper and wife, Mr. and Mrs. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Broomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Newcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Bishop, Miss and Master Ayling, and Mr. and Mrs. Beer and Mrs. Ayling, of 42, Grand Parade, Brighton, widow of the late Edward Ayling, an old Past Master of the Rose of Denmark Lodge, and prior to his retirement to



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Brighton five years ago, was D.C. of the lodge. After the banquet the company were photographed by Messrs. Fradelle and Young, who, later in the evening, sent a proof for inspection, which proved most satisfactory. The toasts of "The King and Queen" and "The Ladies" were duly honoured, and Mr. Broomfield (who, by the way, was schoolmaster to the W.M. 26 years ago) responded on behalf of the latter. An admirable concert was given under the able direction of Mr. Walter Fullerton, of Catford. The artists were Miss Blanche Kettle, violinist; Miss Willey, Miss Bear, and Miss Jessie Jolly, and Messrs. Fullerton, Debonnair, Briden, and Mr. Manatou, most of whom received well deserved encores, and an enjoyable evening came to a close at 11.30. Much credit is due to P.M. Willcox, P.M. Funge, P.M. White, P.M. Williams, who assisted in occupying the chair during the concert, P.M. Barnicott, and Bros. Little, Rawlings, Hearn, Willey and Alderton. The ladies greatly appreciated the bottles of scent presented to each by the W.M.



One of the many class lodges recently formed in the metropolis is the Philanthie, which is composed of members of the Order connected with floriculture—mostly members of the National Amateur Gardener's Association. With the editor of a popular weekly gardening paper as its first Master and a number of enthusiastic amateur florists as officers, the lodge should be a veritable arcadia. The gatherings of the "Hortus Lodge," formed on similar lines a few years since, have become famous for their floral decorations.

The Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. P. Colville Smith, has issued a statement giving concisely and clearly the position of the Institution from the actuarial point of view, showing the amount of the invested capital of the Institution up to June, 1903, if capitalised on the basis of the Government annuities. The total income of the Institution in 1903 amounted to £35,466 12s. 5d., of which £5671 9s. 9d. was received from dividends on investments, £550 from legacies, £9094 from lodge perpetual donations, and £20,131 2s. 8d. from life and annual donations and subscriptions, whilst the expenditure amounted to £21,217 7s. od.

At a meeting of the General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund on the 2nd March, it was stated that there are now twenty-three children on the fund, and that three of these would go off during the year. In view of the fact that there are already six applications for admission to the fund, it was decided by a majority to place five children on the list for election in April, which will take place this year at Exeter.

At the last meeting of the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, which is composed of members connected with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the Master and Wardens signed a petition to Grand Lodge for the formation of a St. George's Hospital Lodge—the eighth hospital lodge to be established in London and the sixth which the Rahere, the oldest, has had the privilege of assisting to promote. The lodge is named "The Lanesborough."

The sudden death of Bro. Henry Jackson, of Stalybridge, has caused much sorrow to the brethren who have for so long been associated with him in all the good works for which the Craft in general, and the Province of Staffordshire in particular, are conspicuous. Bro. Jackson was initiated so long ago as 1868, and during the 36 years of a busy life, he has devoted no small portion of them to the services of the Craft. He has filled the chairs of Master and First Principal in lodge and chapter and Provincial Grand Lodge and has been honoured by appointment to the offices of Prov. G. Deacon and Prov. G. Warden. In 1802



THE LATE BRO. HENRY JACKSON.

his services were recognised by the central authorities by his appointment as Grand Deacon of England. But his most valued services have been in connection with the Charities of the Order, and at the time of his death he held the

position of Chairman of the Charity Council of Cheshire. Besides contributing liberally to the provincial Charities, which are so prominent a feature in Staffordshire Masonry, he was a Life Governor of each of the three Institutions, and had served several Stewardships.

The "oldest Freemason" like "the oldest inhabitant," is always with us, and when, full of years, he at last joins the majority, the succession is as sure as that of the monarchy. The death took place in Edinburgh recently of Bro. James Lyall, late of Laurencekirk and Logiepert, in his 95th year.



THE LATE BRO. JAMES LYALL.

Bro. Lyall was believed to be at the time of his death the oldest Freemason in Scotland, his connection with the Craft dating from 1838, when he joined the St. Lawrence Lodge, Laurencekirk, so that he was a Freemason of 66 years' standing. Bro. Lyall was an eye-witness of the murder in the Surgeons' Hall of Colonel Ivison Macadam, who was also a prominent Freemason, and with whom he was on the most intimate terms. That tragic event was a great shock to the old man.

A Masonic life of 66 years is a record not often surpassed, but we have never yet met with such a case of Masonic longevity as that of Bro. Tresidder, a Cornish Mason, who was initiated in the year 1805, presumably by dispensation at the age of 20, and died in the year 1887 at the age of 102, thus attaining a Masonic life of 82 years! It would be difficult, we think, for our American cousins to find an "oldest Mason" to equal this record, and still more difficult to substantiate the fact, but the claims of the Cornish brother were, we understand, investigated by the late Bro. Buss, Asst. Grand Secretary, with the result that the register of Grand Lodge proves the figures beyond doubt.

We are glad to be able to announce that "A Concise History of Freemasonry" by the well known Masonic historian, Bro. Robert Freke Gould, P.G.D., has at last made its appearance. It is but fair, however, to the English publishers of the work, Messrs. Gale and Polden, to state that they are in no wise responsible for the unusual delay, the fault or accident being attributable to our friends across the Atlantic. The work is in one octavo volume of about 450 pages, published at 10/6 nett, and copies may be obtained at our offices in Great Queen Street.



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THE LADY FREEMASON.

Bro. Alderman Sir William Treloar, J.P.

BRO. Sir William Treloar was born on the 13th January 1843, and is a true cockney, having first seen the light in a house where now stands the railway bridge spanning the foot of Ludgate Hill, and few have been born within the sound of Bow Bells who have served London more loyally, and with more success.

He comes of a good Cornish stock, his father, the late Thomas Treloar, who was the founder of the firm of which Sir William is now the sole proprietor, having been born in Helston, Cornwall.

At King's College School, young William Treloar established a brilliant record, which culminated by his receiving, in his last year at school, the first prize for general efficiency in all the subjects taught.

With his brother, Robert, he then joined his father in the world-famous mat business at the corner of Ludgate Hill, which even in those long distant days had become a household word, though under Sir William's guidance the operations of the firm have immensely extended, so that it is now almost as completely a City institution as Gog and Magog, or the Lord Mayor's coach of State.

It was in the year 1881 that Sir William first sought the suffrages of the electors of his Ward, Farringdon Without, and he set about public life in London with an object for the fulfilment of which he brought into play a masterful determination that broke down all barriers.

For eighteen years the Corporation of London had "trifled" with the problem of the widening of Ludgate Hill, which, none too wide for the requirements of the City even now, was in those days a scandalous anachronism.

So the future alderman made this great and necessary reform the chief text of his programme, with so good a result that he headed the poll with no fewer than 1232 votes, the highest number that has ever been recorded in a City municipal election.

In 1891 Bro. Treloar was elected Chairman of the Commissioners of Sewers—a body which is responsible for practically all the streets of the City, and everything beneath them—and that year saw the completion of the work, the thoroughfare which had previously been no more than 47 feet wide, being widened to 60 feet, at a cost of £230,000.

In June, 1892, Bro. Treloar was elected an Alderman of his Ward in succession to Sir Polydore de Keyser, who was retiring on the ground of ill-health. So strong was his claim to the confidence of the Ward, and so complete the belief of the electors in his suitability, that no one ventured to oppose him.

In January, 1893, Bro. Alderman Treloar became President of the National Sunday School League, an institution with which "the biggest and best looking Alderman in London," as he had been described, has much sympathy. He firmly believes that the Sabbath was made for the discreet, sober enjoyment of man, and that man was not made merely to adorn the Sabbath.

Another matter in which Sir William Treloar has always taken a keen, we may in fact add, a loving interest, is the welfare of the poor children of the great City, and in this, as in all his good, kindly works, the Alderman owes much to the affectionate support of his wife. Indeed, the name of Lady Treloar is scarcely less known than his in connection with the work of entertaining the ragged and destitute little people of London's streets.

The first of these juvenile parties was given in January, 1893, when the children belonging to the schools of Farringdon Without trooped by hundreds to the Guildhall, to enjoy such an evening of fun and entertainment as many of them had never dreamt of before.

And this monster entertainment was only the first of many which the "children's Alderman" has organised every year since—his great object apparently being to outdo every year the wonders of the last. The King subscribes to the fund

now, as he has done for the last four or five years, and the alderman generally gets as much as £1400 subscribed every year. With this he gives an entertainment and dinner in the Guildhall to 1500 poor children, and in addition sends out 5000 hampers to *crippled* poor children in the metropolis. The Ragged School Union having the names and addresses of these little sufferers, assist in the work of distribution.

In 1899, the Alderman was elected a Sheriff of the City, and was created a knight in 1900.

When Sheriff, he did a great deal of work in connection with the forming, equipping, and sending out of the City Imperial Volunteer regiment, thereby greatly assisting the Lord Mayor, Sir Alfred Newton, in this patriotic undertaking.



BRO. SIR WILLIAM TRELOAR.

One of the most recent achievements of Sir William Treloar, who is always abreast with the times, and is fully alive to the commercial and imperial value of our Colonies, has been to initiate the exhibition of Colonial productions at the Royal Exchange. To obtain the use of this historic building for an exhibition was a matter of some difficulty, and quite opposed to City traditions, but with Sir William Treloar to dare is to do, and armed with a petition, signed by the Agents-General of some of our Colonies, he brought the matter before the Common Council, and achieved his end.

Before closing the sketch, mention must be made of his admirable little work "Ludgate Hill, Past and Present." In this he has happily combined the solidity of history with the charm of romance, and there is scarcely a fact or legend connected with one of the busiest and most celebrated corners of London, which is not presented to the reader in the Alderman's well-known humorous and genial vein. It is also

interesting to notice that he somewhat scouts the legend that the words "Ludgate" and "London" (Lud-town) owe their direct origin to the more or less mythical King Lud of ancient times, and points out that there is no record of a gate having been placed there until many hundreds of years subsequent to his era.

The preparation of this work was doubtless a labour of love, performed by one who was born at the foot of Ludgate Hill, has carried on his business at that spot, hallowed as it is by innumerable traditions and legends, and has for many years exerted himself unselfishly to benefit his City and its children.

Coventry Masons are contemplating the erection of a Masonic hall in the city. The plans prepared provide for lodge rooms and a banquet hall on the first floor, and three suites of offices on the ground floor. It is estimated that if carried out the scheme would involve an expenditure of about £3000.

The beginnings of the Charitable Institutions of which we are so proud in the mother country, are observable in nearly all the Masonic jurisdictions which have sprung out of the Grand Lodge of England. The annual meeting of the Freemasons' Orphan Society of New South Wales was held recently in the Masonic Hall at Sydney, under the Presidency of Bro. W. H. Simpson. Annuities were granted to 18 children, the orphans of Freemasons. The balance sheet showed that the revenue for the year was £1128, and the expenditure £502, which includes the sum of £416, granted in annuities to children. The assets of the society amount to £25,420, the greater part of which is invested in Government securities. The following were elected as officers for the year 1904:—Trustees, Bros. W. H. Simpson, R. Anderson, and W. H. Soul; Treasurer, Bro. S. Chatfield; Secretary, Bro. Arthur H. Bray; auditors, Messrs. T. F. H. Mackenzie, F.S.I.A., and T. J. Rowbotham.

With such a record of business and civic activities it could hardly be expected of Bro. Treloar that he should devote so much attention to his Masonic duties as others of fewer interests and occupations, but he is by no means a drone in the Masonic hive and is thoroughly in sympathy with its aims and teachings. He was initiated in St. Mary's Lodge, No. 63, in the year 1881, and was installed as Master in 1892. He is also a member of the Farringdon Lodge, No. 1745, having been elected a joining member in 1892. He is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Catania Cathedral, in Sicily, was the scene of a serious riot recently. The Lenten preacher there, Padre Scapardini, is a political firebrand, and had already provoked several disturbances since he began a series of conferences. The church on this occasion was crowded to hear a diatribe against Freemasonry, which had been announced. The fiery friar, it is said, needed three minutes' interval during the delivery of his discourse in order to cool himself and regain his breath, so he invited the congregation to indulge in cries of "Down with the Freemasons," "Long live the Temporal Power." A body of dissentients present shouted "Down with the Pope," "Down with the priests." A general tumult ensued. Chairs were hurled about in all parts of the church. The turbulent friar disappeared from the pulpit in the twinkling of an eye. Women fell fainting by the score, and many persons of both sexes were severely wounded by flying missiles. The riot was continued outside the cathedral, where an overwhelming crowd compelled the police to release the rioters who had been arrested. In Rome the Pope has forbidden Lenten preachers to deliver political discourses even on the favourite topic of the Temporal Power. His Holiness's advice to Catholic pulpit orators is that Gospel themes afford ample material for their preaching.

Thornham Lodge, No. 2279.

Installation of Bro. the Rev. J. George Gibson

THE annual meeting and festival of St. John, held at the Freemasons' Hall, was unique in the history of this lodge. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. W. Hall, P.M., W.M., assisted by Bro. M. H. Dodd, P.M. 1119, and the Past Masters, supported by the officers, members, and several visiting brethren.

The W.M., Bro. J. George Gibson, has been a Freemason for over 25 years. Ever since he has continued a subscribing member of his mother lodge, St. George, No. 431, and professional duties alone have prevented acceptance of progressive steps to the W.M.'s chair, although he has passed through most of the grades, and repeatedly held the office of Chaplain in this and various other lodges. He is a Prov. G.C. designate, a companion of the Royal Arch, a Sir Knight of the Royal Kent Preceptory, a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, a member of the National Association of Masonic Veterans, and one of the founders of the University of Durham Lodge. Bro. Gibson has been and still is a generous supporter of Charities.

Since 1895 our brother has been Rector of Ebchester (Durham), and also since 1900 Organising Secretary of the Jerusalem and the East Mission Fund for the N. Province. His name, especially amongst men, is a household word throughout East Lancashire; and his career appeals to the whole body of the Craft, and we are sure that Bro. Gibson's year of office will not only be to him a sacred trust, but will, in every way, redound to the honour and welfare of the Craft.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. and Bros. P. Buckley, P.M., D.C.; W. Hall, I.P.M.;

and T. W. Christopher-Smith, S.W., and suitably acknowledged by the brethren present.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. George Gibson," Bro. Hall, P.M., I.P.M., said it had been his privilege and pleasure on many occasions to discharge a similar duty, but he never valued the privilege more or experienced so much pleasure as then. The W.M., Bro. Gibson, occupied a position of more than ordinary responsibility, and the reputation of the lodge now stood by the S.W.'s work deservedly high and justified its ambitions. They felt proud, and it was a happy circumstance, that the representative head at that period should be Bro. Gibson, an author of no mean repute—he whom they all respected, admired, and loved; a brother who had a noble conception of duty, great natural qualities, and exceptional abilities; a high standard of action, a great love for his fellow men and brother Freemasons, who was just and generous in the highest and best sense, and who was indeed in every way fully fitted to guard his trust and foster the lodge's success. By unanimously electing Bro. Gibson the lodge had done honour to whom honour was undoubtedly due. The year would be an eventful one, marked by efforts to secure increased efficiency, for the W.M. was, as they all knew from experience, a sterling, enthusiastic, and hard-working Freemason.

When called upon to reply, the mention of the W.M.'s name aroused sentiments of enthusiasm, and the cheers which greeted him were loud and long. He said he was very much afraid that whatever he might be able to say would

fail to adequately express his grateful appreciation. But, confident of the generous support of the P.M.'s and brethren, he dedicated and devoted himself to uphold the ancient traditions of the Order, maintain the honour and dignity of the chair, and in so far as lay in his power, doing all he could to promote the harmony, the welfare, and the prosperity of his lodge.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The W.M., in proposing "The Healths of the I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge," said he was sure it was a toast which every brother would honour with the truest sincerity. He had always admired the installation ceremony in so far as he had previously been privileged to listen to it, but that day the serious importance of its completeness as a degree, and the admirable and impressive manner in which it was performed by the W.M. and the P.M.'s who so ably assisted him, had made such a deep impression on his mind that all other thoughts were practically excluded. He had always regarded the P.M.'s as the elder brothers of a large family. They were also the aldermen of the borough. Freemasonry had its own symbol of this in the Rough and Perfect Ashlar. The fact was Masonry strongly supported culture. It set up the sign of the G.A. at the end of the lodge, and it adopted the high standard of accuracy and cultivation. He urged the lodge, therefore, to seek the highest reputation it could attain, both amongst other lodges and also with those outside. He congratulated the P.M.'s on the part they had played,

and also the part which they all aspired to play in the work of the lodge. He desired now to refer especially to the Immediate Past Master (Bro. Hall) and his year's work. Those who were present last year at his installation could remember the modest words with which he anticipated his year of office. He was satisfied he had fulfilled his own ideals in most, if not in all respects. In Dr. Anderson's "Book of Constitutions," it says:—"That the Presiding Officer of a Lodge should be of *good morals*, great skill, true and trusty, and a lover of the whole fraternity wherever dispersed over the face of the earth." Their brother had kept the whole list of these qualities intact by virtue of the cement mentioned at the end. He was a lover of the whole fraternity. They had thought together about their brother's presidency of the lodge, and had decided to ask Bro. Hall to accept as a token of their trust and goodwill a little jewel. He asked him to accept this simple little emblem, and trusted that while the P.M. symbol might comfort him in days to come, the thought of their appreciation of his able and kindly services to the Thornham Lodge might ever keep them in a warm place in his heart. Addressing Bro. Hall, the W.M. felt it a great honour personally to have been the instrument of making the presentation, and in attaching it to his breast he asked him to receive the jewel with the warmest and best wishes of his brethren, wishing him long life, health, and prosperity.

The I.P.M. suitably responded.

Bro. Meanock, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., D.C., in encouraging terms, gave the toast of "The Newly Invested Officers," which was responded to by the J.W., Bro. R. Slater, who pledged himself and brother officers to prove the obligations of office by supporting the W.M. and by promoting the harmony and welfare of the lodge to the utmost of their power and abilities.

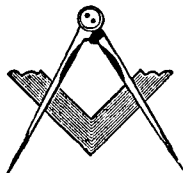
In very felicitous and gracious terms the interesting toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Wor. Bro. James Clegg, P.M., Chaplain, and responded to by Worshipful Bros. M. H. Dodd, P.M.; J. Woodrow, W.M. Clemency Lodge; and the Rev. J. Gouldie French, S.W. Unity Lodge, No. 1868.

The remaining toasts of "The Installing Masters" and "Prosperity to Thornham Lodge, No. 2279," were respectively and appropriately given by Bro. J. E. Freeman, I.G., and Worshipful Bro. Joseph Platt, P.M., Acting I.P.M.

The proceedings were pleasantly interspersed with a capital selection of songs, humorous recitations and sketches, the various vocalists and instrumentalists eliciting great applause from the delighted brethren. The vocal tribute to the W.M., "Here's to his health in a song," was rendered uniquely by Bro. Hugh Spencer, being full of verve, vigour, and that sympathy which only a personal feeling of affectionate esteem and regard could have enabled him to put into it.

Wor. Bro. Lawton, P.M., P.P.G.O., was at the piano with his accustomed ability, the vocalists and entertainers being Bros. T. Anderson, 337; F. Barker, J. Clegg, P.M.; J. Dronsfield, P.M.; J. E. Freeman, I.G.; C. Howard, J.D.; W. S. McNeill, S.D.; Hugh Spencer and R. Wormald, 467.

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On the 2nd of January, 1794, it was "Resolved unanimously that the Master of this Lodge be complimented with a ticket for the Grand Feast yearly at the expence of the Lodge." At the same meeting the sum of Five Guineas was voted to the fund then being raised for the purpose of building a new house for the children of the Royal Cumberland School—now the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—and £1 12s. for a Constitution Book and binding for the same.



WILLIAM WATSON, GRAND STEWARD FOR THE GLOBE LODGE, 1819-50.

The clothing for the outer man seems to have been provided with the same strict regard to economy as the provision for the creature comforts of the brethren, eighteen shillings per dozen being the price paid to the Tyler for aprons, while the tavern bill generally averaged from four to five shillings per head, slightly increasing as time went on, although at the last meeting recorded in this book, when fourteen brethren appear to have been present, the house bill only amounted to £6 12s. 6d.

Like many other lodges, the Globe has had its periods of depression as well as of prosperity. In May, 1798, the accounts show a balance on the wrong side, there being £6 2s. 2d. due to the Treasurer. It was at once resolved that each member of the Lodge subscribe half-a-guinea to pay off the debt due to the Treasurer.

The minutes of the 6th of December, 1798, are interesting, as evincing the brotherliness prevailing between the members of this Lodge and another old Lodge meeting at the same house.

"Bro. William Virgoe, Master of the Lodge of Cordiality, No. 20, being present with several members of that Lodge (some whereof being also members of this Lodge), requested permission of the Master and Brethren of this Lodge to join and unite with the Brethren of this Lodge with their Furniture and all other advantages or disadvantages to be mutual to both Lodges. Whereupon Brother Roche moved and Brother Shaw seconded his motion—that the proposition made by Bro. Virgoe be accepted, and that all the members of the Lodge of Cordiality who shall declare their wish and intention, on or before the first Thursday in March next, and then paying up all arrears due to the Lodge of Cordiality, shall be considered and inrolled members of this Lodge, and that the fee of 10s. 6d. charged for the admission of members into this Lodge do not extend to the members of the Lodge of Cordiality, which motion being duly put, was carried unanimously in the affirmative—and the several members of the Lodge of Cordiality now present desired to have their names inrolled in this Lodge, which is ordered accordingly."

This appears to have been something like "a split" in the Lodge of Cordiality, but whether it was so in fact we have no means of ascertaining, as no further mention of the matter appears in the minutes. The Globe Lodge certainly had no lack of members, there being twenty present at the meeting in question, with eight members of the Lodge of Cordiality and another visitor. The last-mentioned Lodge removed to Walham Green in 1800, and was erased from the roll of Lodges in 1830.

At the regular meeting in August, 1799, it was "Resolved that the Lodge do adjourn this evening until the first Thursday in November next." This practice was continued for several years, but afterwards the adjournment was from June to October.

In May, 1800, the annual subscription was raised to £1 10s. At this meeting it is recorded that 6s. 8d. was paid to the clerk of the peace for registering the members.

Peter Gilkes seems to have been a sort of perpetual Senior Warden, being first appointed to that office in 1799, and re-appointed every year to the end of the book, in 1811.

In the records of a meeting in April, 1801, we get the first and only glimpse of the nature and quantity of the liquids consumed by the brethren. There were 25 present and if the record represents all that was consumed, their moderation is very commendable. "Wine, twelve bottles, one pint of Lisbon, and Punch, 5s." As the house bill for the evening only amounted to £7 5s. 9d., it is not improbable that the wine consumption is correctly recorded.

The minutes of a meeting on the 5th of November, 1801, contain the following:—"Brother Rawlins, a Past Grand Steward, and for many years a member of this Lodge, having been elected by the suffrages of his fellow citizens to the office of High Sheriff for London and Middlesex, the brethren of this Lodge drank his health, wishing that health and prosperity might attend him in the execution of his office, well convinced that his exertions would be always used for the benefit of his country." William Rawlins, Esq., of Old Bethlehem, joined the Lodge in 1796, and was Grand Steward in 1798. He afterwards received the honour of knighthood, and was appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1802.



THOMAS ALEX. ADAMS, GRAND PURSUIVANT, MASTER OF THE GLOBE LODGE, 1861.

At the regular meeting in May, 1802, he proposed "Robert Albion Cox, the other High Sheriff, to be made a Mason in this Lodge this evening." The election being unanimous, the candidate was introduced, duly initiated, passed, and raised at the same meeting.

In 1802, the old practice of electing the Master half-

yearly was discontinued, the elections and appointments henceforth taking place annually.

The minutes of the 3rd of February, 1803, disclose an unusually keen competition for the honour of the Red Apron.



BENJAMIN WEBSTER, GRAND STEWARD FOR THE GLOBE LODGE, 1818-19.

"This being the usual time for nominating a brother of this Lodge to succeed Br. Warwick as Grand Steward, and the list of members present who had not served the office being read over, and all having declined, Br. Robert Albion Cox, Esq., was proposed at his request by Br. Warwick, Br. Thomas Goodlake, Esq., was also proposed. After which Br. Hopkinson, J.W., declared himself a candidate. But on account of its having been omitted to be noticed in the summons, it was agreed to defer the ballot to the next Lodge night, and that special notice should be given in the summons to every member, and that those brethren who were absent this evening might be candidates for the same."

There was a very fair attendance at this meeting, 29 members being present. The Master, however, was absent, his place being filled by Peter Gilkes, and the Senior Warden's chair by Br. Hopkinson, Junior Warden, who was the only one of the three candidates for the Red Apron present.

Whatever difference of opinion may have existed at this meeting was amicably adjusted before the next lodge night, for, on the 3rd of March, Br. Samuel Cleaver was raised to the degree of a Master Mason, he having been initiated and passed at the previous meeting.

"Br. Roche proposed Br. Samuel Cleaver to succeed Br. Warwick as Grand Steward for 1804, seconded by Br. Sir

William Rawlins. There being no other candidate, it was carried by a show of hands."

It seems probable that the brethren objected to being represented by either Cox or Goodlake on account of their indifference to the affairs of the Lodge, neither of them having attended since, at the request of Sir William Rawlins, the three degrees were conferred on them on the night of their initiation, nor, so far as the minutes show, did they ever attend the Lodge again.

On the 7th of April, 1803, there being no particular business before the lodge, "The R.W.M. and brethren worked part of the first lecture," and this subsequently became a general practice when time permitted.

At the end of 1803, there being a small sum due to the Treasurer, the brethren having been rather more indulgent than heretofore, it was agreed, in 1804, to raise the initiation fee to £5 5s., the joining fee to £1 1s., and the annual subscription to £2 2s., the visitors' fee having been raised from 2s. 6d. to 5s. in 1799.

On the 4th of June, 1807, "Br. Shaw made a motion that the initiation fee of this Lodge be three guineas-and-a-half, which was seconded by Br. Gilkes and carried unanimously." As there was at this time a balance of £7 8s. 3d. due to the Treasurer, and the Lodge seems to have been fairly well attended, the idea of lowering the initiation fee appears, on the face of it, rather strange.

In 1810 there appears to have been again some little difficulty in disposing of the Red Apron, as the election of a Grand Steward was postponed at the February and March meetings, and is not again mentioned until May, when the Senior Warden (Br. Gilkes) proposed "Bro. Worsley Holmes, Esq., of the Somerset House Lodge, to become a member of this Lodge and to receive the Apron from Bro. Manson."

The above-named brother, who subsequently became Sir Leonard Worsley-Holmes, Bart., was duly elected a member of the Lodge and Grand Steward at the next meeting, but does not appear to have paid a joining fee nor attended a single meeting of the Lodge while this book was in use. He, however, appears in the Grand Lodge reports as Grand Steward for the Globe Lodge at the Grand Festival in 1811.

The 3rd of May, 1810, was the last occasion in this Lodge when the three degrees were conferred on a brother at the same meeting. Hitherto it had been a common practice to confer the first and second degrees on candidates on the same evening, but it was only in cases of emergency that the three degrees were given, the "emergency" in some instances being more imaginary than real, as in the case of the brother just referred to, who attended the next meeting of the Lodge as well as several other consecutive meetings, and was apparently appointed Junior Warden on the following installation night, but as the Secretary omitted to enter the minutes of that meeting, the cash account and the names of those present only being recorded, we are not quite clear on that point; his name, however, appears amongst the officers as J.W.

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well for the conscientious work of investigating committees and proper use of the ballot.

"But there is danger that Masonry will become too popular. The average profane, who has ambition to join the fraternity, views it as one rather more dignified than others that might be named and which appear to him as direct competitors for his membership; as one possessing superior social advantages, and therefore likely to give greater individual distinction. Apart from these things, Masonry is to many prospective candidates nothing more than the other fraternal and beneficiary societies. Of the wonderful esotery, the philosophy, history, and traditions of Masonry they have never heard. They are not prepared in heart or mind for the lessons to be taught, and are, therefore, content to receive the working tools of the Craft without instruction or desire to know their real uses. They wear the insignia with pride, talk glibly and often indiscreetly of the mysteries to which they have not even approached, and immediately cast about to find others who may travel the same road in like ignorance with themselves. From a financial standpoint they are excellent members; in other organizations they have learned that the money obligations assumed are of prime and almost sole importance. In matters pertaining to the business of the lodge they are intelligent and shrewd, as becomes their training. They are capable of planning and carrying through a social affair, perfect in detail and enjoyable in every particular. So far these members are a direct benefit and the pride of energetic and anxious Masters.

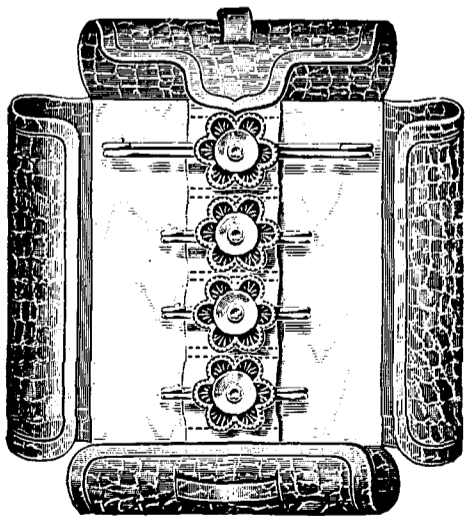
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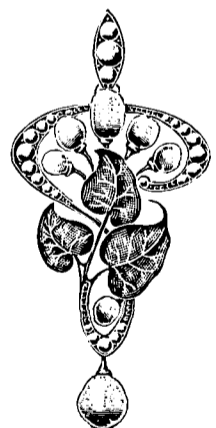


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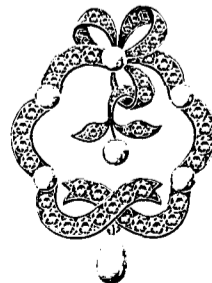
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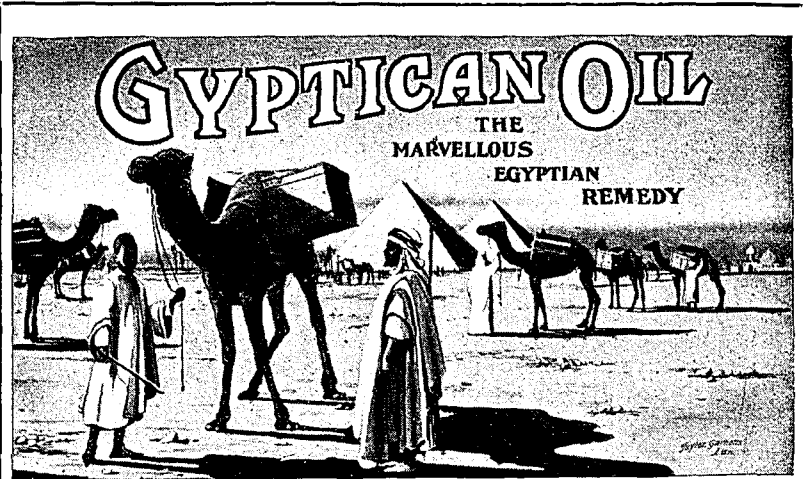
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