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*The Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay,
Most Worshipful Grand Master of Scotland.*

United Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Festival.

THE annual festival of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, April 27th. The Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. Thomas F. Halsey, M.P., presided, and the limited accommodation provided by the Temple was insufficient for the large number of brethren present. After the reading of that portion of the minutes relating to the election of the Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P. Dep. Grand Registrar, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst, and the Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., were similarly proclaimed.

The Deputy Grand Master announced that the M.W. Grand Master, in exercise of the power given him by the Constitutions, had been pleased to empower Provincial and District Grand Masters during the ensuing year to confer Past rank in certain proportions, according to the number of lodges in each province or district.

The Deputy Grand Master also announced that the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to restore to the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, the privilege of annually nominating a member of the lodge to serve as Grand Steward for the ensuing year, thus increasing the number of lodges so privileged to nineteen.

The Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. The Earl of Malmesbury	S.G. Warden.
„ Viscount Grimston	J.G. Warden.
„ The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich	G. Chaplains.
„ Rev. James Holme Pilkington, M.A.	
„ Fitzherbert Wright... ..	G. Treasurer.
„ John Strachan, K.C.	G. Registrar.
„ Mr. Justice Warrington	Dep. G. Registrar.
„ Sir Edward Letchworth	G. Secretary.
„ Col. Sir Henry M. Hozier, K.C.B.	S.G. Deacons.
„ George Charles Fitzwilliam	
„ F. Holme Sumner	
„ S. H. Tatham Armitage, M.D.	J.G. Deacons.
„ G. Parker Wilson	
„ Herbert F. Burrows	
„ Henry L. Florence... ..	G. Sup. of Wks.
„ Frank Richardson, P. Dep. G. Reg.	G.D.C.
„ Henry Times	Dep. G.D.C.
„ Alfred Page	Asst. G.D.Cs.
„ Rev. C. L. Roco	
„ J. W. Gieve	
„ Lt.-Col. E. Newnham Davis	G.S.B.
„ Major Frank Griffith	Dep. G.S.B.
„ Harry Nicholls	G. Std. Brs.
„ Robert D. Cummings	
„ Fredk. J. W. Crowe	G. Organist.
„ William Lake	Asst. G. Secretary.
„ Gotthelf Greiner	A.G. Sec. Ger. Cor.
„ James Graham	G. Purst.
„ Charles G. Hatt	Asst. G. Purst.
„ Henry Sadler	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand rank was also conferred on the following brethren:—

P.G. Chaplains	Bro. Rev. Augustus Jackson, M.A. „ „ H. T. Hayman, M.A. „ „ C. E. Roberts, M.A.	
P. Dep. G. Registrar... ..		E. James Castle, K.C. „ Sir Simeon H. L. Stuart, Bart. „ J. E. Greaves. „ G. S. S. Strode.
P.G. Deacons (Senior)		Sir Thomas Brooke-Hitching. „ F. T. Elworthy. „ Lt.-Col. Henry Whitehead. „ Lt.-Col. R. W. Inglis.
P.G. Deacons (Junior)	„ Chas. Sheath. „ Henry Slade Childe.	
P.G. Supt. of Works... ..	„ Walter J. Ebbetts. „ Spencer W. Morris. „ William Cock. „ J. Campbell Maclean, M.D.	
P.A.G.D. of Cers.	„ F. H. Corder. „ Edwin Fox. „ A. Simner. „ A. G. Hayman. „ C. C. Wakefield.	
P.G. Swd. Br.	„ Lt.-Col. Davies Sewell.	
P. Dep. G. Swd. Br.... ..	„ F. G. Swinden. „ Arthur Blenkarn. „ Walter Glazier.	
P.G. Std. Brs.	„ Mark Whyley. „ J. J. C. Turner. „ T. S. Carter.	
P.G. Organist	„ William H. Stocks.	

The list of Grand Stewards nominated by the respective lodges and approved by the Grand Master, was then read by the Grand Secretary, viz.:—

Bros. Percy Leftwich, No. 1; Pridham H. Pridham-Wippell, No. 2; Albert Ellis, No. 4; Reginald Harrison, No. 5; John Abercrombie, M.D., No. 6; Samuel Chalkley, No. 8; George Phillips Parker, No. 14; William John Lancaster, No. 21; Thomas Stephenson Cooke, No. 23; Thomas Greenwood, No. 26; Temple Septimus Brodie, No. 28; Gilbert Bartholomew, No. 29; William Ridley Whitley, No. 46; Stanley W. Dutton, No. 58; Alexander Burnett Brown, No. 60; William Alexander Perry, No. 91; Alderman Howard Carlile Morris, No. 99; Wells Hood, No. 197; and Spyridion Mavrojani, No. 259.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The Grand Stewards of the year afterwards entertained the Grand Officers and brethren to the number of about 300, as well as a large number of ladies, to an excellent banquet, followed by a concert in the Temple, which was conducted by the retiring Grand Organist, Bro. Wetton.

The New Grand Officers.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Earl of Malmesbury, on whom the M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to confer the collar of Senior Grand Warden, was initiated in the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, in 1901, and in the same year joined the Boscombe Lodge,

No. 2158, also, in 1903, the United Lodge, No. 1629, and in this year was elected Master of his mother Lodge, No. 195. Provincial Grand rank was conferred on him in 1903, he being the Senior Grand Warden of that year. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Hengist Chapter, No. 195, in 1903. Our distinguished brother is a Life Governor of the



BRO. THE EARL OF MALMESBURY.

Girls' School and a Life Subscriber to the Boys, and served as Steward for the former at the 1903 Festival. The Earl of Malmesbury is the son of the 4th Earl, and was born December 18th, 1872. He is captain of the 3rd Battalion Hants Regiment, and was formerly a lieutenant of yeomanry. His seat is at Heran Court, Christchurch, Hants.

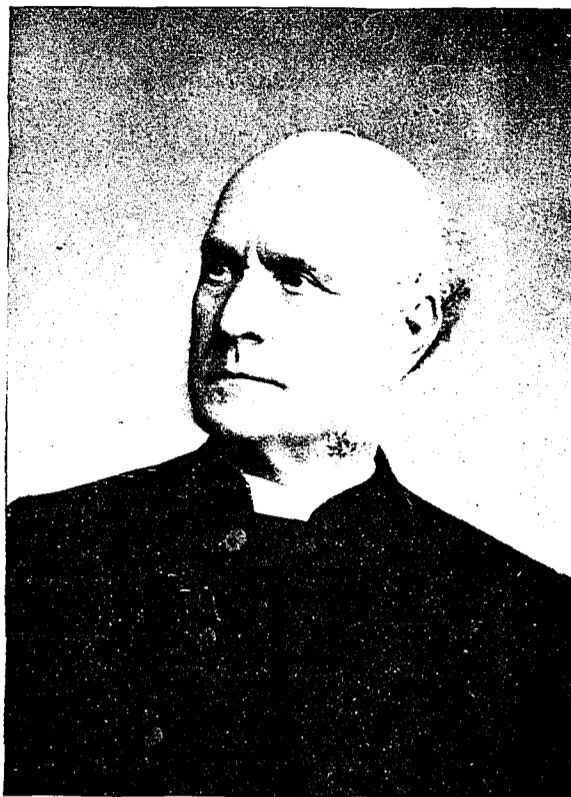
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Viscount Grimston was initiated in the Medina Lodge, No. 35, Cowes, in 1902, and joined the Apollo University Lodge at Oxford, as well as the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, in the same year. When appointed to Grand office he was W.M. elect of his mother lodge, and has since been installed in that chair. Bro. Viscount Grimston was exalted in Apollo University Royal Arch Chapter last year. He has served as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and is a Life Governor of that Institution.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

The Very Rev. Dean Lefroy, D.D., whose distinguished career as a scholar and divine, rather than length of services in Masonry, has been recognised by his appointment as Grand Chaplain, was initiated in the Union Lodge, Norwich, in 1899, and joined the Norfolk, No. 2852, London (of which he was a founder), in 1901 becoming Worshipful Master in 1903. He was appointed Provincial Grand Chaplain of Norfolk soon after his initiation in 1899. It has been given to few men to render such services to the church as the present Dean of Norwich. He has raised large sums of money for church purposes, has built several churches in Liverpool and in the Alps, and the many learned appointments held by him and the enumeration of his numerous theological and historical works would fill a large space in

our columns. The Dean is an enthusiastic mountaineer, was a member of the Alpine Club and spends every vacation in



BRO. THE VERY REV. W. LEFROY.

the Reffel Alps. He is also a great lover of music, and is regarded as the originator of the Clergy Sustentation Fund.

The Rev. J. Holme Pilkington has a longer record in Masonry than his distinguished colleague, having been initiated in 1888 in Fidelity Lodge, No. 555, Framlingham, of which he became Worshipful Master just ten years later. He has also held office in Provincial Grand Lodge as Prov.



BRO. THE REV. JAMES HOLME PILKINGTON.

G. Chaplain in 1892, Senior Grand Warden in 1901; and in 1902, was appointed Deputy Grand Master by the Earl of Stradbroke on the occasion of the Earl's installation as

Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk. Bro. Pilkington was exalted in the Royal Arch Degree in Fidelity Chapter, No. 555, in 1889, and became First Principal in 1899, his Provincial appointments being Grand Organist in 1893, Principal Grand Sojourner in 1899, and Grand Superintendent in 1901. He is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and of the Girls' School, and has served two Stewardships for the first named, acting as President of the Board of Stewards in 1903.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. Fitzherbert Wright, who was elected Grand Treasurer at the Quarterly Communication in March last, has been so recently the subject of notice in our columns, that it is unnecessary to recapitulate his many services to the Craft.



BRO. FITZHERBERT WRIGHT.

His selection for the distinguished office has been a subject for congratulation to a large number of brethren, both in London and the Provinces.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Mr. Justice Warrington—whose appointment to the vacant judgeship almost coincides with his appointment to Grand office—as a member of the Chancery Bar, was appropriately initiated in the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2546, in 1893, and became Worshipful Master in 1901. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter, No. 1118, in 1894. Bro. Warrington is a Life Governor of the Boys' School and an annual subscriber to the Girls' School.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Col. Sir Henry Montague Hozier, K.C.B., was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, so long ago as 1861, and afterwards joined the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789; the National Artillery Lodge, No. 2578; the United Service Lodge, No. 1361; and the Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2 (S.C.). He was installed as Worshipful Master of the Ubique Lodge in 1863. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Ubique Chapter, 1789, and now occupies the chair of H. Col. Hozier is a distinguished officer of artillery and

has seen considerable service. He was Military Secretary to Lord Napier of Magdala in the expedition to Magdala, and served with the Royal Artillery in the expedition to Peking with the German Army in the war of 1866, and was



BRO. COL. SIR HENRY M. HOZIER.

Assistant Military Attaché in the war of 1870-1, receiving the decoration of the Iron Cross from the German Emperor. He is the author of several military works, and at present occupies the position of Secretary of Lloyds.

Bro. F. Holme Sumner, on whom the collar of Senior Grand Deacon has been conferred, was initiated in the United Lodge of Prudence, No. 83, in 1890, and joined the



BRO. F. HOLME SUMNER.

Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, the same year. In 1899 he founded the Hatchlands Lodge, No. 2756, which meets in Hatchlands Park, Bro. Sumner's Surrey residence. He

subsequently joined the Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, in 1901, and the Astolat Lodge, No. 2858, in 1903. In Provincial Grand Lodge he is a Past Senior Grand Warden. Bro. Sumner is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Brunswick Chapter, No. 159. He has served two Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Life Subscriber of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. George C. W. Fitzwilliam was initiated in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, in 1887, and subsequently joined the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347; St. Peter Westminster Lodge, No. 1537; and the Fitzwilliam Lodge, No. 2533, of which latter he was a founder. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Fitzwilliam was exalted in the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. S. H. Tatham Armitage, M.D., commenced his Masonic career under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, he having been initiated in that ancient lodge, Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, Edinburgh, so long ago as 1864, and having migrated to Scarborough in 1865, he at once joined the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200. On establishing himself in London some years after, he joined the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, meeting at Cheshunt Great House, in Hertfordshire, and afterwards the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127. In 1903 he founded and became the first Master of the University of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 2974. Previously to this he had



BRO. S. H. TATHAM ARMITAGE.

occupied the Master's chair twice, viz., in the Denison Lodge, No. 1248, Scarborough, and the Gresham Lodge, Herts. He is also a Past Senior Grand Warden of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, to which he was appointed in 1871. As a Royal Arch Mason Bro. Armitage was exalted in Canongate Kilwinning Chapter, No. 2 (S.C.), and joined the Denison Chapter, No. 1248, becoming Z. of the latter in 1871. He was appointed Prov. G.D. of C. of North and East Yorkshire in 1868. Bro. Armitage has served five Stewardships for the Charities and is a Life Governor of each.

Bro. J. H. Parker Wilson is a Mason of some thirty years' standing, having been initiated in the Weyside Lodge, Woking, in 1873, afterwards joining the Prince of Wales'

Lodge, No. 259, and the Lanesborough Lodge, No. 3029, of which latter he was a founder and the first Master. He has also filled the chair of his mother Lodge, No. 1395, and the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259. His exaltation into Royal Arch Masonry took place in St. George's Chapter, No. 370, in 1875, and he became M.E.Z. in 1886. He has since filled the chair of First Principal in the Prince of Wales' Chapter, No. 259. Bro. Wilson has served three Stewardships, one for each of the Charitable Institutions.

Bro. Herbert F. Burrows was initiated in the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, meeting at Sutton, Surrey, in 1881, and joined the Croxteth United Service Lodge, No. 786, in 1889; the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, in 1898, and Imperial Lodge,



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BRO. HERBERT F. BURROWS.

No. 2711, of which he was a founder and Past Master, in 1898. He is also a Past Master of the Croxteth United Service Lodge. In the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon in 1897. Bro. Burrows has taken an active part in the charity organizations of his province, and is the Treasurer of the Alpas Benevolent Fund for widows of Freemasons. He is also the joint Secretary of the fund being raised in West Lancashire for erecting a Chapter House in connection with the Liverpool Cathedral in memory of the late Lord Lathom. In the Royal Arch Bro. Burrows was exalted in the Sefton Chapter, No. 680, and was installed as Z. in 1896. In Provincial Grand Chapter he has filled the offices of Grand Scribe N. and Grand D.C. He has served three Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Life Governor of each, as well as a Life Governor of each of the four West Lancashire Charitable Institutions.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Henry Times was initiated in Lodge Honour and Generosity, No. 165, in 1891, and was installed in the Master's chair in 1894, since which date he has filled the office of Secretary. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Orpheu's Chapter, No. 1706, in 1892, of which chapter he is

a Past M.E.Z. Bro. Times is a Life Governor of each of the Charities, and has served as Steward on nine occasions. Mrs. Times also takes a great interest in the Masonic



BRO. HENRY TIMES.

Charities, and is a Life Governor both of the Girls' and Benevolent, and is a Steward for the next Girls' Festival.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Alfred Page has a Masonic record of over forty years, having been initiated in the Commercial Lodge, Nottingham, No. 594, now 411, in 1862, and in 1883 he took part in founding the Duke of Portland Lodge, No. 2017. He



BRO. ALFRED PAGE.

has twice filled the chair of Worshipful Master, viz., in 1867 and 1884. In Provincial Grand Lodge he has been honoured by appointment to the office of Senior Grand Warden. As

a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Commercial Chapter, No. 411, of which he was elected M.E.Z. in 1890, filling the chair of J. the following year in Provincial Grand Chapter. Bro. Page has served as Steward of the three Institutions, and is a Life Governor of each.

Bro. the Rev. C. L. Roco's appointment to Grand Office will be received by our Jewish brethren with much satisfaction. He is the popular Rabbi of a Hebrew Church in London, and has been a member of the Order for nearly twenty years, having been initiated in the Joppa Lodge,



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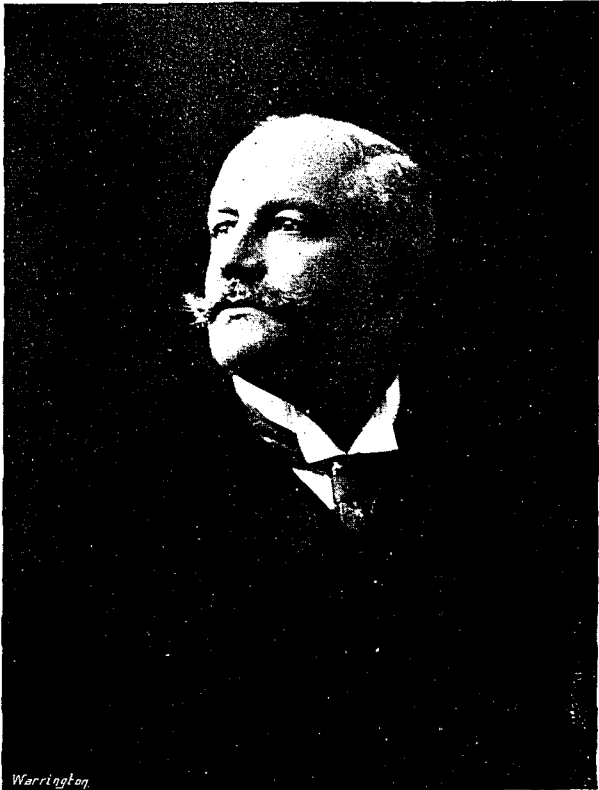
BRO. THE REV. C. L. ROCO.

No. 188, in 1885, becoming W.M. in 1896, afterwards joining the Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540, in 1900. He acted for many years as Chaplain of the lodge, but resigned his membership in 1900, and is now acting in that capacity in the Chaucer Lodge.

Bro. John W. Gieve, whose Masonic career extends over a quarter of a century, was initiated in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, in 1879, and was installed as W. Master in 1888. He subsequently joined the Lodge of Emulation, No. 1990, becoming W. Master in 1893; the Border Lodge, No. 2475; and the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Harmony Chapter, No. 309, Fareham, in 1880, and was installed as M.E.Z. in 1889. In the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. Gieve enjoys the distinction of having been annually elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer for the past sixteen years, having been first chosen for that office in 1888. In the same year he received the appointment of Grand Scribe N. in the Provincial Grand Chapter. He is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions and Treasurer of the Hants and Isle of Wight Educational Institution, in which he takes the greatest interest, and in the formation of which he took a leading part. Bro. Gieve does not confine his interests to the local charitable organisations, for he has served twenty Stewardships for the Central Institutions, namely, seven for each of the Schools, and six for the Benevolent Institution.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Newnham Davis is a well known and popular figure in journalistic and sporting circles, his contributions to the press being numerous, as well as piquant and racy. He was initiated in the Victoria Lodge, No. 1026,



BRO. LT.-COL. E. NEWNHAM DAVIS.

Hong Kong, and on returning to England joined the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, in the year 1893, and was installed as W.M. 1901. He also joined the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, in 1897. Bro. Newnham Davis is also a Royal Arch Mason, and has served as Steward for each of the three Charities.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major Frank Griffith was initiated in the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, in 1891, and successively joined the Ralling Lodge, No. 2508; the London Lodge, No. 108; the National



BRO. MAJOR FRANK GRIFFITH.

Artillery Lodge, No. 2578; and St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817; two of which he assisted to form. He filled the Master's chair of the Ralling Lodge in 1899. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, 1894. His services to the Charities have been two Stewardships, one for the Benevolent Institution in 1895, and one for the Boys' School in 1900. Bro. Griffith is Captain and Hon. Major in the 2nd Kent R.E. Artillery Volunteers, and is at present Mayor of Bromley.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. Harry Nicholls, the well known and popular actor, and who was for so many years associated with the late Sir Augustus Harris at Drury Lane Theatre, appropriately made his first appearance as a Mason at Drury Lane Lodge in 1886, and has since then successfully filled many leading parts. He joined the Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190, in 1888; the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, in 1897; and the Green Room Lodge, No. 2957, in 1903; and in each of which, after filling various offices, he has been elected to the Master's chair. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Nicholls was installed in the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, in 1887, and became M.E.Z. in 1898. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions and has served a Stewardship for each. A portrait of Bro. Nicholls appeared in our last issue.

Bro. Robert D. Cummings is a well known and popular metropolitan Mason of some 34 years' standing. He was initiated in the Camden Lodge, No. 704, in 1870, and



BRO. ROBERT D. CUMMINGS.

subsequently joined the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677; the Derby Allcroft, No. 2168, of which he was also a founder and for many years Secretary; and the Hampden Lodge, No. 2427. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the United Strength Chapter, No. 228, in 1870, and afterwards joined the Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, becoming M.E.Z. in 1889. Bro. Cummings is a member of the Board of General Purposes, of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, and of the Committee of Management of the Benevolent Institution. He has been a liberal contributor to the Charities, being a Vice-President of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School, serving several Stewardships for each.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. Fred. J. W. Crowe, although a cathedral organist of acknowledged ability, is perhaps better known to the Fraternity as a Masonic writer and archæologist. From his first introduction to Masonry he has enjoyed the intimacy of our veteran Masonic historian, Bro. William J. Hughan, of Torquay, and under such a "guide, philosopher, and friend," his literary predilections could hardly fail to be directed into a Masonic channel. The result has been the production of several useful and interesting works on Masonic subjects, and the acquirement by Bro. Crowe of a perfectly unique collection of ancient Masonic documents and other relics. Bro. Crowe was initiated in the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, in 1887, and on coming to reside at Torquay in 1893, joined



*Fraternally yours
Fred. J. W. Crowe*

Warrington.

BRO. FREDK. J. W. CROWE.

St. John's Lodge, No. 328, of which he became W.M. in 1898, and was re-elected in 1899. In recognition of his literary services he was elected in 1898 a full member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. He was also the founder and first Master of the Three Pillars' Lodge, No. 2806, in 1900, and has since joined the Lodge of Unions at Chichester, besides being an honorary member of many lodges and chapters. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Crowe was exalted in Pleiades Chapter, No. 710, Totnes, and became Z. in 1901. He is a Past Provincial Grand Organist and G. Scribe N. of Devon, and last year was appointed Grand Organist of Supreme Grand Chapter.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. James Graham was initiated in the Holme Valley Lodge, No. 652, in the Province of West Yorkshire in 1889, and during the 15 years of his connection with the Craft has been a steady and consistent supporter of the Order and its Charities. He joined successively the St. James' Lodge, No. 1579; the Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750; the White Rose of York Lodge, No. 2840; the Cheshunt Lodge, No. 2921; and the King Alfred Lodge, No. 2945; in each of which, except the last, he has filled the Master's chair. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Graham was exalted in the Holme Valley Chapter, No. 652, in 1891, and joined the James Terry Chapter, No. 2372, in 1900, afterwards becoming First Principal. He has served no less than 17 Stewardships for

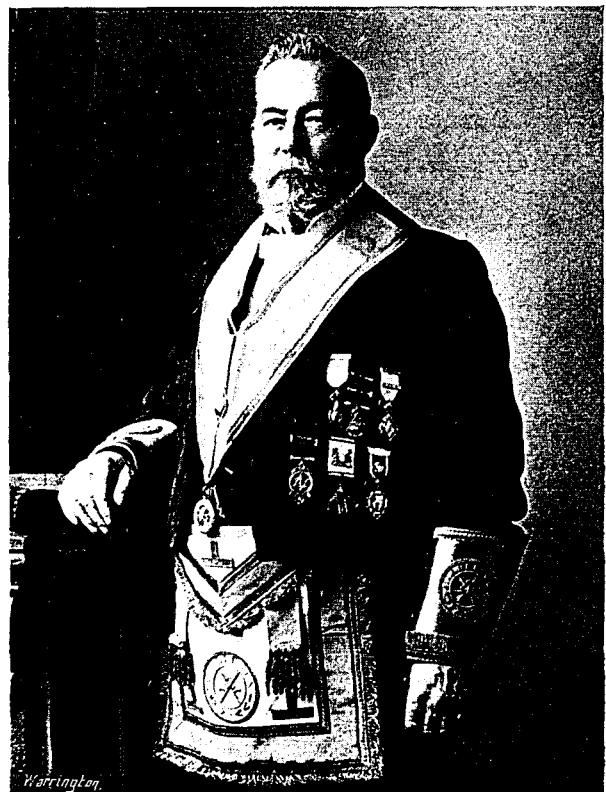
the Charities, and is a Patron of the Benevolent Institution and a Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools.



BRO. JAMES GRAHAM.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. Charles G. Hatt was initiated in the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, in 1887, and became W. Master in 1893. He joined the Kennington Lodge, No. 1767, in 1892, and took part in founding the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, in 1899, in both of which he has also filled the Master's chair.



BRO. CHARLES G. HATT.

In 1896 he was appointed to Provincial rank as Grand Director of Ceremonies of Middlesex. In the Royal Arch Degree he was exalted in the Westbourne Chapter, No. 733, in 1889, and was installed as Z. in 1896. He was also a founder and first Z. of the Earl's Court Chapter, No. 2765. Bro. Hatt is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served a Stewardship for each.

Installation Meeting of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394.

NOTWITHSTANDING the occurrence of the consecration of the Orchestral Lodge on the same evening, which prevented the attendance of many well known brethren, the annual installation meeting of the above lodge was very successfully held on Monday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall.

A successful year of office had been concluded under the guidance of Bro. T. H. W. Idris, and a new era was ushered in under the auspices of Bro. C. J. Strother, who was installed by Bro. Fred Bascombe, P.M. of the lodge and of 1287. Amongst members and visitors present were noticed:—Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P.; C. J. Strother, W.M.; T. H. W. Idris, I.P.M.; J. B. S. Lancaster, P.P.G. St. B. Surrey, Sec.; W. J. Rogerson, P.P.G.D.C. Notts, D.C.; Fred Bascombe, P.M., Steward; J. J. Arrow, S.W.; W. Jupp, P.M., J.W.; A. W. Gerrard, P.M.; J. H. Bidwell, P.M. 2120, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; W. Croucher, P.M. 534; M. Whelan, 343, Canada; H. Stokes, P.M. 834; J. Gerson, P.M. 185; C. James, P.M. 15; A. Dyson, W.M. 194; J. H. Arrow, S.D.; G. Peters, J.D.; T. Cleave, 2662; R. Lang Sims; G. R. H. Clark, Mus. Bac., P.M., Orgt.; J. H. Gradidge, Asst. Steward, and many others.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The proposition of a joining member terminated the lodge proceedings.

The subsequent banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, and was participated in by between forty and fifty brethren representing pharmacy and its kindred branches in many parts of London.

The toast of "The Grand Officers," in the absence of Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, who had attended the lodge for a short time only, was responded to by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.G.P.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Strother," was the occasion of complimentary remarks by Bro. Idris, the I.P.M., on his successor. The sight of Bro. Strother always reminded him of the Galen motto, "Lift up your hearts," for one could always do so in Bro. Strother's company.

In reply, the Worshipful Master felt, he said, much diffidence in responding to the toast of his health, which was induced not less by the flattering remarks made by the preceding speaker, than for the reason that he was extremely sensible of his comparative inexperience in Masonry, surrounded as he was by so many Past Masters of experience. He did not yet feel sufficiently an autocrat, he said, to rule his lodge without the full assistance of his junior officers. He hoped they would all, like a team, fall into their places, and that it would not be long before the lodge work would have attained such excellence as to be an example for other lodges.

In proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past and Installing Masters," the W.M. said they had on the one hand a brother—Bro. Bascombe—so well versed in his work that he felt some temerity in presuming to speak of it, while on the other they had in the I.P.M. a brother well known both in and out of the lodge, that he had often been asked if Bro. Idris was so elastic as to be able to fill with credit so many positions at the same time. The brethren knew that Bro. Idris had not once been absent from his place in the lodge during the time he had filled the chair. It was with the assistance of such capable brethren that he looked forward with hope to the coming year.

In reply, Bro. T. H. W. Idris, I.P.M., said that to be of service in Masonry, no less than in pharmacy, composed the highest aspirations of his life.

Bro. Fred Bascombe, P.M., the Installing Master, in his reply, expressed his pleasure at having been able to instal a fourth Master into the chair of that lodge. His assistance was always, he need hardly say, at the disposal of the Galen Lodge. In alluding to the excellent performance of the lodge in its assistance to him as a Steward for the last Benevolent Festival, he congratulated it on giving him more support than he received from his mother lodge, although the proportion of London members in that lodge was two to their one.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Dyson, Croucher, Cleave and others, while Bro. J. B. S. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. St. B. Surrey, answered to the toast which stood in his and the Treasurer's name. He regretted that the last-named brother was not present by reason of illness, and in well chosen words assured the brethren of his willingness to continue at his post.

"The Healths of the Officers of the Lodge" was next drunk and fittingly responded to by the Senior and Junior Wardens, bringing to a close an evening in all respects befitting the excellent character of the lodge.

Bro. Charles John Strother, the newly-installed Master, has had a somewhat exciting and interesting life. Left an orphan within his first decade, having lost his father at the age of four and his mother at nine, at the instance of his guardian, the late Samuel H. Lindley, Editor of the *Naval and Military Gazette*, he went abroad both to finish his education and earn his living. At twenty-three he was assistant to M. Depaix, the King's chemist in Brussels, at the time when every effort was being made to keep alive the young Prince Royal, only son of the King of the Belgians. Afterwards employed in Germany and Paris, he lived with three French pharmacists until the commencement of the Franco-German war, when he volunteered for the ambulance. He was in the Siege of Paris, and received the bronze cross for services on the field and in the ambulance of the French Red Cross Society. In 1872 he returned to London, becoming the manager of E. R. Hartnell, the first "all-night" pharmacy in London. As correspondent for his guardian he was at Camden House, Chisellhurst, on the coming of age of the Prince Imperial, and was one of those who received a bunch of violets in the death chamber of Napoleon III.

Installation Meeting of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455.

THE installation meeting of this important West End lodge was held at the "Grand Hotel," Charing Cross, on Wednesday, March 23rd. The outgoing Master, W. Bro. H. Bristow Wallen, installed his successor, Bro. Robert J. Godson, in the same dignified, impressive, and perfect manner in which he has discharged the whole of his active duties as Master for the past year.

The new Wor. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Essex, S.W.; E. L. Vinden, J.W.; Wor. Bro. E. W. Browning, Treasurer; Bros. C. F. Part-ridge, Secretary; Rev. J. Arnold Harrison, Chaplain; C. R. Enever, S.D.; R. W. R. Stokes, J.D.; W. Challice, I.G.; Herbert Hodge, P.G.O. Middlesex, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., and F. G. Sanders, Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., Organists; Wor. Bro. Chas. W. Cole, P.M. 2105, 2455, Prov. D.G.D.C. Middlesex, D.C.; Bros. A. E. Podmore, A.D.C.; H. W. Saward, F. J. Walker, T. H. Randolph, A. G. Hamilton, Stewards; H. Jarvis, Tyler; and from the duties which we witnessed these brethren perform, we think we are safe in saying that a more highly qualified staff of workers could not be brought together in any one lodge in the metropolis.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The Wor. Master showed an earnest of his abilities by initiating four candidates immediately after his installation in the presence of a large number of members and visitors.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to an admirably served banquet in the marble hall.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was replied to by Wor. Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B.?

W. Bro. H. Bristow Wallen, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said he was sure he was expressing the feelings of every member of the St. Martin's Lodge when he said how genuinely delighted they all were to see Bro. Godson in the chair of his mother lodge, and they heartily congratulated him upon the distinguished position he had attained. It was now eleven years since Bro. Godson's initiation, but he was one of those men who from the first took Freemasonry seriously, and they could testify to the fact that both by his life and conduct he had upheld the highest traditions of their Order. The brethren in lodge that evening had the best evidence that

their W.M. was well up to his work, for he had performed the ceremony of initiation after his installation in a manner which left nothing to be desired. Bro. Godson had proved himself a true Mason by the earnest aid he had rendered the three Masonic Charities, and it would doubtless interest the brethren present that evening to learn that the W.M., in his capacity as Secretary of the Emblematic Benevolent Association, had been instrumental in raising the sum of £1000.

The Wor. Master, replying, remarked that the man that was not stirred by the hearty acclamation of his fellows must be without a soul. The hearty reception the brethren had given his toast had deeply stirred him. He was, he hoped, justifiably proud of the position he was occupying, and he took it for granted that he would not have been placed there if he had not succeeded in gaining their confidence and respect. He trusted that at the end of the year he would have retained their esteem and affection. A brother's installation as Wor. Master was certainly a red-letter day in his Masonic life, and that day was one which he personally would never forget. He was an admirer of the beautiful ceremonies of the Craft, and he hoped they would give him plenty of work to do. The lodge bore a good reputation, and it would be his constant endeavour to preserve it. They must not look for perfection in him, as that was not to be found in any man, but he would, to the best of his skill and ability, so carry out the work of the lodge, that at the conclusion of his term they might be able to say, "Well done." He anticipated a year of perfect harmony, and the good examples of his predecessors he would try to imitate.

In proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past and Installing Master," the Wor. Master congratulated him upon the successful year of office he had had, and assured him that he left the chair having gained the love, esteem, and admiration of the brethren. None had been more popular than he. A man, who having principles, was not ashamed of them. He stuck to, and acted up to them. The magnificent manner in which he had installed his successor had caused admiration to all who had witnessed it, and in the name of the lodge he presented him with the Past Master's jewel which he had so well earned, and which he trusted he might be long spared to wear.

Wor. Bro. H. Bristow Wallen, in replying, was warmly received. He said he would be as brief as possible, as he thought they had heard his voice sufficiently often during the last twelve months. He thanked the Wor. Master for his kind flattering reference to the way he had worked the ceremony of installation, which was quite reward enough for the labour it had taken to work it up. He greatly appreciated the valuable jewel which the lodge had so kindly presented to him, and in wearing it he should always be reminded of the generous support he had received during his year of office.

The Wor. Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates."

Bros. William Hawke, Ernest James Stockwell, Sydney Toms, and William Evans Bowen fittingly responded.

The Wor. Master proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and called upon Wor. Bro. E. L. Berry, P.M. 1321, P.P.G.D. Surrey, a member of the Committee of the R.M.I. Boys' School, to respond.

W. Bro. E. L. Berry, in response to the toast of "The Masonic Charities," spoke of the great work being done by the three Institutions, of the magnificent buildings lately opened for the boys, and of the splendid education given there to them, and the great successes in all the public examinations, the enlargement of the Girls' Schools at Clapham and the good educational work carried on there. Also the increased number of annuitants which were now enabled to secure the benefits of the Benevolent Institution. He also spoke of the increasing success of the Benevolent

Association formed by so many lodges, chapters, and lodges of instruction, the latter especially. The Emblematic, 1321, which had in the last few years subscribed over £1000 through the energy and zeal of the W.M. of the evening, Wor. Bro. Godson. Bro. Berry particularly pointed out the easy way they could become Life Subscribers and Governors, and also mentioned how by five brethren subscribing one guinea each, or ten at half-guinea, and balloting for same, the successful one having that amount placed to his name. In conclusion, it was sincerely hoped that the W.M.'s list for the Girls' Institution would excel all others and be at the top of the London list, so as in some measure to recompense Bro. Godson for his great labour for the grand Masonic Charities.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given and was responded to by Wor. Bro. Kennaby, P.M., and Wor. Bro. Godson, P.M., brother of the Wor. Master.

The toasts of "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and were duly responded to.

A very high class musical entertainment was provided under the direction of Bros. Herbert Hodge, P.G.O. Middlesex, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., and Francis G. Sanders, Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., and among the artistes were the well known names of Madame Somers-Cocks, Miss Cissie Bushell, Bros. Edwin Wareham and John Sandbrook.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful evening to a close.

Installation Meeting of the Borough of Bethnal Green Lodge, No. 2896.

A LARGE gathering of the members of this lodge and fifty-three visitors assembled at the Great Eastern Hotel, Bishopsgate Street, E.C., on the 15th March, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. A. Hudson, an esteemed and popular member of the lodge. Bro. J. W. Moorman, P.M., W.M., presided.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Bro. Hudson was installed in a most able manner by Bro. Moorman, after which the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. R. H. Dabbs and E. B. Evans. The excellent working of the ritual was much appreciated by the very large gathering. The W.M., in presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. W. Moorman, I.P.M., remarked that his great services to the lodge would never be forgotten. Bro. Moorman acknowledged the jewel in brief but feeling terms.

Other business followed, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which fully maintained the reputation of the Great Eastern Hotel.

During the banquet the string band of the East London Royal Engineers (V.) by kind permission of Bro. Lieut.-Col.

D. de Lara Cohen, V.D. (conductor, Bro. T. Jarvis, B.M.), performed a beautiful selection of music, which was much appreciated and deservedly applauded and several of the pieces were encored.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. J. W. Moorman stated they had a W.M. they were all proud of. He was endeared to the hearts of all the members, as he was also with the members of the St. Ambrose Lodge, which was testified by the presence of so many of its Past Masters. He would be able to do everything asked of him in the lodge, and its prosperity would not suffer in any way during the time he was in the chair.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Hudson, W.M., in thanking them all sincerely for the way the toast had been proposed and received, said that it would fortify him for his year of office. When he was admitted he was inspired with an ambition to become W.M., and now that he had attained that high office he could hardly realise it. He would do his best to uphold the dignity of the Borough of Bethnal Green Lodge, and he hoped, with their kind assistance, to carry out his duties to their satisfaction.

Other toasts followed, and that of the Tyler brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

The W.M., Bro. W. A. Hudson, who is thirty-seven years of age, was initiated in May, 1895, in the St. Ambrose Lodge, of which he is now J.W. He, in conjunction with several brethren (Councillors of Bethnal Green), assisted in founding the Borough of Bethnal Green Lodge in March, 1902, and he was invested as the first J.W., which was a wise selection, as was proved by the manner in which he carried out the duties of W.M. at his installation. The lodge had twenty-one founders, and now boasts of seventy-two members, showing what a popular lodge it is in the East End of London. Bro. Hudson intends to take an interest in the Charities, and will represent the lodge as a Steward. He is a most active and enthusiastic Freemason, and the Borough of Bethnal Green Lodge is quite safe in his keeping.

The Farrar Memorial Committee has laid before the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury a proposal to fill in the west window of the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral with stained glass as a memorial of the late Dean. The renovation of this building, which was in a dilapidated condition, was one of the purposes for which the restoration fund raised by Dean Farrar was applied. The Freemasons of Kent provided a sum of £1000 for the filling in of the east window, and designs were prepared and approved for like treatment of the west window, but the funds did not permit of this being carried out. The Chapter agreed to accept the offer of the Memorial Committee.

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The Masonic Veteran.

THE question is often asked, and remains unanswered, "What becomes of the Past Masters?" Every year a fresh addition is made to the ranks of those brethren who ought to adorn the line of seats to the left of the Worshipful Master, and yet, for some unexplained reason, those seats are never crowded. On the contrary, unless there be some special function in progress, the Worshipful Master and his immediate predecessor in office, are, as often as not, the only occupants of the dais.

It is worth while considering very seriously to what is to be attributed this continued neglect of their duties by these distinguished members of the lodge. All of these worshipful brethren were once keen, alert, exact, and diligent in the discharge of their duties, and that they should all at once become lax and indifferent, demands explanation.

Is it because they consider they have no duties to perform? This will have to be considered, but meanwhile

there is a certain defect in the Masonic bringing up of many of our young brethren that may be held accountable. The young Mason is told at the outset of his career, and it is being continually impressed upon him, that as the climax, the goal and summit of his Masonic ambition, he must constantly keep in view the chair of K.S., and it is not impossible that he may grow to conceive that it is to be the end of his ambition also. He may honestly think that when he has passed the chair the lodge has no further use for him and no further claim on his services. When, therefore, he has attained that honourable position and worthily maintained its traditions, and has handed an unsullied Charter to his successor, he begins to consider himself a Masonic veteran, talks about having borne the heat and burden of the day, and says that he will now stand aside and "let the younger brethren have a chance."

Is it true that there is no Masonic future for these self-styled veterans? No duties, no privileges? We cannot think so. A brother only attains his Masonic prime when he has served the office of Master. To dismiss him or let him dismiss himself as superannuated is a culpable waste of the greatest force in Masonry. What can be done to convince the Past Masters that they are among the most valuable assets of the Order?

For the few there is a career in Provincial Grand Lodge, but unless the brethren whom the P.G.M. delights to honour regard their attainment of provincial rank as giving them increased powers for usefulness, we are no further on.

Besides, the lodge, and not the provincial assembly, is the natural unit in Masonry. Now, in the lodge, there are two classes of officers. There are those constitutional offices which we expect to be filled by those brethren who hope, that by patient continuance in well doing, they may some day attain the chair. We should be sorry to see these filled by Past Masters. They can be so well filled by juniors. The duties are so precise, so cut and dried, that there is no opportunity, or, at all events, no excuse for turning either to the right hand or the left. But there are other offices which give scope for originality which can be magnified or belittled by the brethren who hold them. There is the Chaplain. Perhaps there is not a reverend brother on the dais, but the Constitutions do not prescribe that the Chaplain's duties are to be confined to the apostolic succession. The present practice of appointing none but a minister of religion to this office often entails injustice, because it comes to pass that a young brother full of Masonic ambition finds himself confined, year after year, in an office which has no Masonic outlet.

Moreover, the Chaplain has, on occasion, to be the lodge orator, and a brother is needed who can grasp a proper idea of the responsibility involved. Brother Secretary's office is often practically a freehold. It is not for the good of the lodge when such is the case, but there is less to be said against it when the brother who adorns it is a trusted Past Master.

What a comfort it is to have a Tyler who knows his business. Should it not be the exception to find outside the lodge a brother who has to learn his business?

There are the Almoner, the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies. Here, then, are spheres of activity for at least five P.M.'s. What about the rest of the unemployed?

There should be a systematic division of labour. That the Master should go through the process of conferring one degree after another without assistance may be a tribute to his endurance and his knowledge, but hardly to his tact or wisdom. It often occurs that the occupant of the chair has spent much time and trouble in making himself efficient in work, which it turns out he has very limited opportunities of performing. The idea must cross his mind that he has wasted his time, if, after quitting the chair, he never has another chance of showing his efficiency.

How much more impressive it must be for the candidate to find half-a-dozen of the leading members of the lodge taking part in his admission. And, incidentally, how much additional lustre it sheds on the chair. It strikes the imagination if nothing else.

And, last of all, there may be conditions under which there will still be many P.M.'s for whom no employment can be prescribed. Cannot they find employment for themselves? Our lodges ought to be valuable, social, and even constitutional factors of the community at large. Without interfering either in politics or in religion, there are many ways in which the dignity of the Order can be advanced, and the lodge come to be regarded as a real force in the life of the community.

Just as the unemployed are likely to become a danger to the State, the existence of a large number of distinguished brethren in the lodge for whom there is no prospect open is bound in the long run to have a prejudicial effect upon the fortunes of the lodge. When their Masonic zeal impels them to be regular in their attendance they not unnaturally become critics, and cases are not unknown where the Master finds his worst troubles come, not from those below the dais, but from those who are on it. The east is the home of matured and thoughtful wisdom, and throughout all history the world has been illumined by wise men who have come from the east. Therefore our Past Masters must not think that because their hands have ceased to wield a gavel their opportunities for usefulness are gone, never to return. On the contrary, they have but closed one chapter of their Masonic experience, but there are many more before the book be closed.

We have not considered at any length the wearers of the purple, but it ought to be understood that the distinction they have attained to only strengthens the obligation under which they lie to their lodges. The honour has not, as a rule, been due to the Provincial Grand Master's perception of their singular merit, but to his sense of what was due to the worth of the lodges they represent, and at the very least it may be said that one good turn deserves another.



The M.W. Grand Master, accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and the Princesses Margaret and Patricia, paid a visit on the 19th April to the Masonic Boys' Orphanage, Clonskeagh, Dublin, where they were received by Sir James Creed Meredith, Deputy Grand Master of Ireland, and shown over the buildings. Her Royal Highness afterwards inspected the boys, numbering 90, and it was announced that they would be given a holiday when the King visited Dublin.

The coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 11th May, to be presided over by the Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., will, we trust, prove a success, although, judging from the number comprising the Board of Stewards this year, a falling off from last year's amount must be expected. Although numbers do not always represent strength, such a reduction as 360 to 370 from the figures of last year cannot but be indicative of a smaller total of subscriptions. There is still, however, time during the next week to recover much of the lost ground, and we trust that in the result our misgivings will have been proved to be unjustifiable.

The appointment of Mr. Justice Warrington as Deputy Grand Registrar comes to him almost at the same moment as his elevation to the bench, and his reception at Grand Lodge, when he with the other Grand Officers of the year

was appointed, was distinctly enthusiastic. The new judge has, since the retirement of Mr. Renshaw, K.C., had the largest practice in Mr. Justice Kekewich's Court, and he had almost, since he first took silk in 1895, divided the bulk of business with that gentleman. At the most there were only about half a dozen "eligibles," two being members of Parliament and two ex-Liberal M.Ps.—so small is the field of choice according to present methods of selection. The new judge has the advantage of what on the bench is considered youth, being only some fifty-two or fifty-three. Educated at Rugby and Trinity College, Cambridge, he was bracketed first in the second class of the Classical Tripos in 1873.

The installation of Major G. C. Davie as Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, will take place at Exeter on Wednesday, June 13th. The brethren have been anxiously waiting this announcement, and the great respect in which the new ruler is deservedly held will probably ensure a record attendance from all parts of the province. The ceremony will be performed by the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Deputy Grand Master, who will be accompanied by several other distinguished Grand Lodge Officers. The installation of Bro. F. B. Westlake as Deputy will immediately follow that of the Provincial Grand Master.

The announcement in the press that the veteran Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, who has, as usual, with Lady Leigh, been wintering on the Riviera, is in the best of health, will give much satisfaction to all the brethren of his province, as well as the Craft generally. He is returning this week, and has already made several public engagements in connection with Birmingham Charities and Masonic functions. It will be remembered that Lord Leigh celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire about two years ago.

Lord Grenfell, who is to succeed the Duke of Connaught as commander of the English forces in Ireland, is descended in the female line from the piratical St. Legers, whose bloody accomplishments in Ireland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries earned for them a most unenviable reputation among the native Irish. Lord Grenfell's grandmother was granddaughter of the Elizabeth St. Leger who was initiated as a Freemason in a room in Doneraile Court, which is part of the property Lord Castletown received with his wife, the daughter of the last of the St. Legers, Lord Doneraile.

The Scientific Lodge, No. 58, Cambridge, celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Monday, April 11th, in a manner which will be memorable to all who were privileged to take part in its proceedings. After the transaction of business and the initiation of a candidate, an exhibition of Masonic curiosities and properties of the lodge from 1760 to 1904 had been arranged by Bro. A. R. Hill, P.M., and was of an interesting character. The central exhibit was a beautifully bound volume of manuscript records of the lodge's proceedings from 1760 to 1803, which contained many quaint entries. Two of the old minute books were exhibited, showing particulars of the initiation of many distinguished brethren, including the Duke of Devonshire when Lord Cavendish (in 1853), his Grace's grandfather (in 1802), and Sir John Gorst (in 1855). Further records opened for inspection related to the visit of the late Duke of Sussex to Cambridge when his Highness was Grand Master of the Order in 1818, and the stylish uniform worn by members of a Cambridge lodge (now extinct) in 1793. Other objects of interest were an old copper plate presented by the late Bro. Place when Secretary in 1770 (and it is interesting to note that the front page of the lodge summonses is still printed therefrom); a Masonic punch ladle, presented by the late Bro. John Swan in 1830; some Masonic champagne glasses,

of about 1800; a silver snuff-box presented to the lodge by Lord George Bentinck when J.W. in 1843; a fine old Book of Constitutions dating back to the close of the eighteenth century; the banquet ticket issued for the centenary celebration of No. 88 in 1854, and a number of other valued possessions of the lodge.

Shortly after half-past five the brethren repaired to Great St. Mary's Church, where a special service was conducted. A large number of ladies had previously assembled and helped to swell the congregation, which otherwise would have been limited almost entirely to members of the Order. The brethren wore their full regalia. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Carey Crump, and in the course of his remarks the Rev. brother gave some interesting particulars of the lodge history.

"Originally constituted in London on 29th March, 1754, the 'Scientific' Lodge was removed to Cambridge seven years afterwards, and has ever since been honourably associated with the annals of this centre of intellectual light and learning. Doubtless the lodge has from time to time experienced fluctuations and vicissitudes; but we may be rightly proud of its almost unbroken records and its long roll of Masters and officers. Most of these have long ago been received into the cold bosom of the grave. Their doings for the most part belong to the dusty past of libraries and book-worms. But, I ask, have they therefore no claims on the practical living, thinking, high-pressure-working members of to-day? Are we to just leave the dead past to bury its dead? Must we regretfully admit that there is neither good nor force, hope nor inspiration to be derived from it? Far from it brethren! Such an idea were alien to the spirit of our ancient Institution. And the present has need of such a stimulus. To-day, as we lay the record of another 50 years beside that of its preceding century, there is scope for the animating power of the past. Those marauding Moabites are no strangers to us. They have their counterparts in the carking cares and ceaseless struggles of daily life. They keep us in a condition of constant anxiety and chronic restlessness. Oftimes they rob us of peace and press us sorely. Shall we not then gladly welcome that inspiration which the past history of our lodge can furnish? For its members it has been the embodiment of those grand principles which underlie our Craft."

The "Ladies' Night" of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was held last month at the Criterion, Piccadilly. The Gallery Lodge is the only press lodge in the Craft. The W.M., Bro. Henry Lewis Bell, presided, and presented to Mrs. George Robbins, wife of the Immediate Past Master, a handsome watch-bracelet in recognition of the great services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Robbins as W.M. during the past year. About 110 of the brethren, with ladies and visitors, were present at the banquet, which was followed by an excellent musical entertainment.

The *Aldershot News*, apropos of the laying of the foundation stone of the Soldiers' Institute by Sir Augustus Webster, thus describes the popular Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He is just a few days over 40 years of age. He is the eighth baronet, and he succeeded his father in 1886. Two years before that he was lieutenant in the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards, and subsequently he retired as captain. Sir Augustus is a handsome man, with an olive complexion and close curling hair, tinged with grey. He has a rich, deep voice, and a most dignified and impressive way of performing the Masonic ritual.

The Masonic banquet given on the 29th March to Bro. Sir Henry Thoby Prinsep, retiring Grand Master of Bengal, was a fitting tribute to greet personal worth, administrative excellence, and unbounded tact in the government of the

lodges in Bengal, which he leaves in an exceedingly prosperous condition after over a quarter of a century's rule.

The District Grand Master was supported on his right by Lord Kitchener, District Grand Master of the Punjab, and on his left by Wor. Bro. Cruikshank, on whose left sat Mr. Justice Burkitt who had journeyed all the way from Allahabad.

Bro. Cruikshank, in proposing "The Health of the District Grand Master," remarked that in order to understand and appreciate the value of R.W. Bro. Prinsep's services to Masonry in Bengal, it was necessary that they should have some knowledge of the extent and nature of the work that he had done, the difficulties he had encountered and overcome, and the splendid success that had crowned his labours. With regard to the extent of the work, he would remind them that for the last 26 years R.W. Bro. Prinsep had administered the affairs of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal with hardly a break in the continuity of his administration. In the years 1878 and 1897, when he did not hold the actual position of District Grand Master, he ruled the district for a great part of the time as Deputy District Grand Master. But, as many of them knew, the work of the present District Grand Master had not begun and ended with the rule of the District Lodge only. Bro. Prinsep had been a member of seven lodges in the district, two of which he founded—that he had filled the Eastern chair of three of them, in one instance no less than four times. In the Royal Arch Degree Bro. Prinsep had held the office of Grand Superintendent almost contemporaneously with that of the District Grand Mastership, and he had filled the First Principal's chair in two chapters of the Order.

After giving in detail an account of the many and great services rendered to Freemasonry in India by Bro. Prinsep, Bro. Cruikshank said that Sir Henry Thoby Prinsep was not only the foremost Mason in Bengal, but he was also an honoured servant of the Crown and a distinguished citizen of Calcutta. His career in the public service had been characterised by rapid promotion culminating in the high appointment which he adorned, and from which he was now about to retire. His public services had been acknowledged by the honour of knighthood, which was conferred upon him in 1894, and by the Order of Knight Companion of the Indian Empire, which had been conferred upon him quite recently, while the estimation in which he was held by the Government, by the bench, the bar, society generally, had been manifested to him in various ways.

In the course of an exhaustive speech covering much ground of Masonic interest, Bro. Prinsep dwelt on what he considered the peculiar attractions of Freemasonry in that country. In other parts of the world, and especially in highly-civilised places like England, Freemasonry was apt to be constituted by clubs or members of the same grade of society and of the same habits. In India it was otherwise. He himself could speak with the greatest satisfaction that from the earliest days when he became a Freemason in 1860 to the present time, he had found the greatest satisfaction in meeting and knowing brethren who but for Freemasonry would not have been found even an object of interest and would be absolutely unknown. Even in India the essence of Freemasonry was that not only different classes but men of different creeds and colour could meet on terms of equality and friendship.

"The Health of the District Grand Master of the Punjab" having been proposed, Lord Kitchener, in reply, paid a warm tribute of praise to Bro. Prinsep, and expressed a hope that some one would arise among them to carry on the principles of Masonry as worthily as he had done.

There was a very large gathering of the Craft at Tyne Dock, Durham, on the 26th April, on the occasion of the opening of a new Masonic Hall, which has been built by the Lord Barnard Lodge, No. 2935, the opening ceremony being performed by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Lord Barnard. The officers of the Province of Durham, the officers and members of the lodge, and a numerous concourse of visiting brethren assembled in the building, and the W.M., Bro. Geo. Beattie, on behalf of the brethren, expressed the pleasure they felt at having the presence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master on the occasion. He was sure his lordship would feel proud to see the progress that the lodge, which was consecrated by him within the previous two years, and the name of which was his title, had made.

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Bro. Geo. Harland, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.D., then, at the request of Bro. John Page, the architect, presented to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master a handsome gold key with which to open the hall. The key bore the following inscription:—
“Presented to the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Barnard, by W. Bro. James Page on the occasion of the opening of the Masonic Hall, Tyne Dock, April 26th, 1904.”

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Lord Barnard, in accepting the key, said it was with great pleasure he was present that afternoon to witness that move forward on the part of the first lodge he had the honour of forming after he took over the reins of office in the Province of Durham. It was with gratification he noticed the great progress the lodge had made, and he trusted that it might continue its prosperous career. His lordship then performed the opening ceremony.

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The Lodge of Instruction appears not to have taken root so generally as an established institution in America as in this country, but the *Masonic Voice Review* says that the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Illinois is pursuing a wise course by annually holding a series of schools of Masonic instruction. It is very important that officers and other members of lodges be properly instructed in the ritual by duly authorized brethren, and the Illinois brethren are amply provided for in that respect. They have official instructors who are as familiar with the ritual as they are with the English alphabet, and who thoroughly comprehend the ceremonies and skilfully confer the degree. Of course, this implies that the instructors inculcate standard work and promote uniformity, and that is precisely what they should do. During fully thirty years this work has been going on, and the good accomplished by it has been experienced and enjoyed by every Mason in Illinois; also by many who have gone elsewhere and received Masonic honours.

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One of our American contemporaries, in referring to the brethren who idle away their time in the ante-room, says that the ante-room of a Masonic lodge is no loafing place. A most reprehensible habit obtains in some—yes, many—of

our lodges, of tolerating the congregating of idlers about the Tyler's room. These brethren are prone to consider it a part of their prerogative as Masons to sit around the stove, upon chairs, benches or tables, tell stories and conduct a “smoker” during the time the lodge is in session on the other side of the outer door. These conventions partake of the nature of the old-time country store meeting, and often discussion is carried on in such a loud tone of voice as to disturb the brethren in the lodge room at their labours. “If every W.M. whose work is interrupted by these ante-room meetings will give orders to the Tyler to send such brethren either into the lodge room, where they belong, or home to their families, a crying nuisance will be abated.”

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Secretaries and members of lodges on the look out for summer outings who are tired of the regulation launch party, should suggest to their fellow Craftsmen the novelty of taking a peep into Shakespeareland. For the sum of 12s. a head (about one-half the cost for a launch trip per head), that most enterprising of all railways, the Great Central, will provide a rail ticket from London to Stratford-on-Avon and back, a luncheon at the “Golden Lion” Hotel, known as “Ye Peacocke Inn” in Shakespeare's time, and a dinner in dining car express train on the return journey to London. These most delightful trips are made on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, throughout the season.

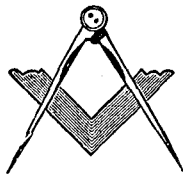
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One can start at 10 a.m. and arrive at Marylebone at 10 p.m. The journey taken is over the new direct route, and occupies about two hours. We strongly advise Secretaries to consider this matter, as we are confident that a journey into Shakespeare's country would prove both a delight and novelty.

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Installation Meeting of the Willing Lodge, No. 2893.

THE third installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place on Thursday, April 7th, at the Hotel Cecil, when Bro. Willis H. Wilson was installed Wor. Master by V. Wor. Bro. W. S. Penley, the Grand Treasurer. The dignity and impressiveness of the ceremony left nothing to be desired.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The Wor. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Albert A. Gilmer, S.W.; A. H. Maddocks, J.W.; V.W. Bro. J. Speller, Treasurer; W. Bro. J. J. Chapman, Secretary; Bros. H. Shirreff, S.D.; H. E. Willing, J.D.; J. R. Hill, I.G.; J. O. Schuler, D.C.; W. D. Willing, Steward; P. Willing Tibbs, Asst. Steward; J. W. Harding, Tyler, in a manner which gave evidence of his proficiency in the ritual.

In graceful terms the Wor. Master presented the P.M. jewel voted by the lodge to Wor. Bro. T. Vansittart Bowater, the outgoing Wor. Master, and after the usual business the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Replying for the Grand Officers, V.W. Bro. George Everett said that their Wor. Master was so full of the milk of human kindness that he had enlarged considerably upon the merits of the Grand Officers, but it was a great satisfaction to them always to find the toast received with such cordiality. The Grand Officers present wished prosperity to the lodge and a pleasant year under the genial sway of their new Master.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. T. Vansittart Bowater, who congratulated the lodge upon having a Master who was such a genuine good fellow. He was confident that he would make one of the best of rulers, and he had the good wishes of them all for a hearty and prosperous year.

The Wor. Master, replying, stated that he wished the speeches that evening to be brief, and he would set an example. He appreciated the proud position they had placed him in, he thanked them sincerely for their kindness, would do his best, he hoped for success, and that he may give satisfaction.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Wor. Master extended to them a hearty welcome, and trusted they would come again and witness the work of the lodge, and called upon W. Bro. Maj. O. Papworth, P.P.G.W. Cambridgeshire, and W. Bro. W. H. Swain, W.M. of the Rickmansworth Lodge, to reply.

Wor. Bro. Maj. O. Papworth, responding, felt particular pleasure in doing so as the Wor. Master had been a resident in his county. It was a honour to have seen him installed, and by such a perfect worker as V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley.

W. Bro. Swain, also responding, stated that he had known and respected the Wor. Master for twenty-five years, and knew that he would do credit to the Willing Lodge.

The Wor. Master then proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, and the Past Masters." He felt confident that the reception the mention of this toast had met with was an evidence that it was one which appealed to them all. Personally he had been much impressed by the dignity and earnestness of V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley's work, and was fortunate at having been installed by so distinguished a Mason. Their I.P.M., Wor. Bro. T. Vansittart Bowater, was highly popular among them, and well deserved the jewel he had pinned upon his breast that evening.

V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, replying, had experienced great pleasure in being present. He was very fond of Masonry and went thoroughly into it, but he would not speak of himself as the Wor. Master had said so much. He had received his instruction from the late Bro. John McLean, and felt that they all owed much to the old Masons who had gone before them. He thanked them for their appreciation of his services, and knew that the brother whom he had installed had accepted the position for the benefit of the lodge.

The I.P.M., Wor. Bro. T. Vansittart Bowater, replying, had not yet much experience of a Past Master, but his year of office had been a most pleasurable one, and he thanked them for their kind token, the P.M. jewel.

Wor. Bro. James Willing, junior, was happy that the lodge bearing his name was so prosperous, and he thanked the brethren present for the £70 they had placed upon his list for the R.M.I. for Boys that evening. The Board of Management were doing their best to make the boys good men and creditable citizens.

The Wor. Master next proposed the toast of "The Officers," whom he knew would rally around him to make his year of office a successful one. He particularly had to thank the Secretary, Wor. Bro. J. J. Chapman, a capable and zealous officer, who was a great strength to a new Master, and who had already given him valuable assistance.

The toast was responded to by the Senior Warden, Bro. Albert A. Gilmer, the Treasurer, V.W. Bro. J. Speller, and the Secretary, W. Bro. J. J. Chapman.

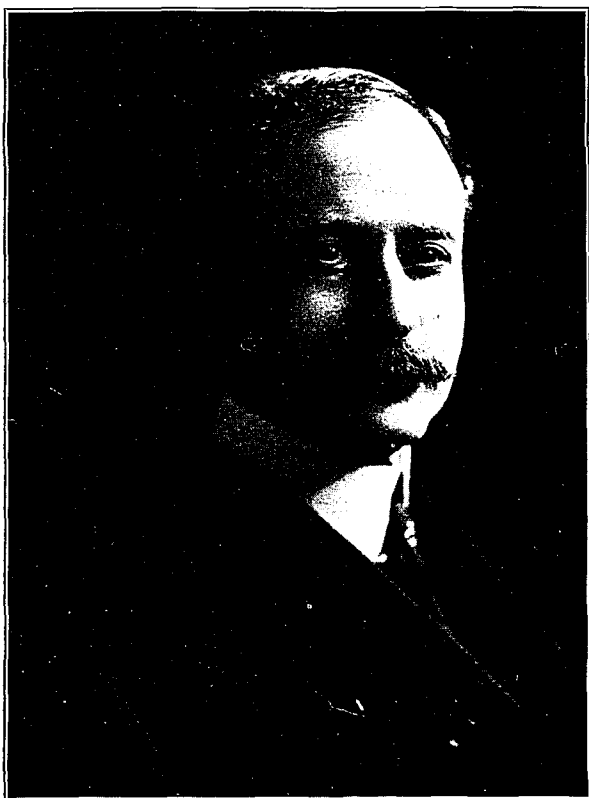
The Tyler's toast terminated a very enjoyable evening.

The new Wor. Master, Bro. Willis H. Wilson, is an active Mason, having been initiated in the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012; is a member of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572; founder of Willing Lodge, No. 2893; J. elect, Royal York Chapter, No. 7; member of Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1572; Vice-Patron of Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Governor of Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

We congratulate Bro. Hedges and the Committee of the Girls' School on having secured as Chairman for the 1905 Festival so popular a Provincial Grand Master as Col. Lockwood. Backed as he is certain to be by the loyal support of the Province of Essex, the success of the one hundred and seventeenth anniversary is already assured.

An American Host.

AT the Imperial Restaurant on Monday, the 28th March, Sir Knight M. Martin Kallman gave a dinner to a party of Knight Templar friends, among whom were a number of the delegates to the Triennial Knight Templar Conclave, which will be held at San Francisco in September next. The table was profusely decorated with American beauty roses, and all the arrangements were carried out with that thoroughness and thoughtfulness which so distinguishes our American brethren.



SIR KNIGHT M. MARTIN KALLMAN.

After dinner an excellent entertainment was given by the following artistes:—Miss Millie Lindon, Miss Alice Venning, Mr. John Le Hay, Mr. Chas. Coborn, Mr. Walter Graham, Dutch Daly, and the "Follies Quartette," Mr. Sinclair Mantell, accompanist.

During the evening several toasts were proposed.

Sir Knight Strachan, in speaking on behalf of the guests, said that from the gathering he had learned some new thoughts in Masonry. The arrangement of the table and the sumptuous repast of which they had partaken were evidences of the brotherly love which Sir Knight Kallman felt for his brother Sir Knights in this country. If the dinner and entertainment were a specimen of the hospitality which the

delegates would receive on the other side, there was a danger that they would not return. He concluded by drinking "The Health of the Host" and wishing him health, long life, and prosperity.

Sir Knight Kallman, in responding, expressed the pleasure which he felt in having some of his friends around him that evening, and to have the opportunity of reciprocating the many courtesies which he had received at their hands during his sojourn amongst them. He desired that they should spend a pleasant evening, and if they did that royally he should be more than satisfied. He went on to say that he desired to avail himself of the occasion to present to Eminent Sir Knight R. Clay Sudlow a banner as a token of the esteem in which he is held by himself and his brethren in the Knight Templar Order. He hoped that the banner would wave and float over him for many years, and that he would be able to look back upon that occasion as a manifestation of a desire which was ever in their hearts to show their appreciation of the beautiful work he had always given them. In a few words he then thanked them all for their company that evening, and specially mentioned the name of Eminent Sir Knight Sudlow, to whom he wished a most hearty and prosperous future.

Sir Knight Sudlow, in reply, said that if be the rule that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," he was certainly an exception, because when his heart was full he found it very difficult to express what he felt in an adequate manner. He was overwhelmed by the kindness shown to him. In the lives of most men came red-letter days—days which, by reason of some exceptional event or pleasant experience, stood out from others and were treasured in the memory, never to be forgotten. Such a day was this to him, and he thanked Sir Knight Kallman most sincerely and from the bottom of his heart for his exquisite gift. He would value it, not only because of its intrinsic beauty, but because of what it symbolized to him. He might not be able to say, like our Grand Master of old, that the "banner over me is love," but he was sure he might claim that it is true friendship. He thought he knew almost all there was to know about Masonry, that he was saturated with its principles and its teachings, but his intercourse with their host had taught him that there were higher ideals in Masonry than he had hitherto realised, and to which as yet he certainly had not attained. Recognising this, he took this banner, "the banner with the strange device," and should endeavour to carry out the spirit of the word "Excelsior." Before he sat down he should like to say how much the pleasure of the presentation was enhanced by its being made in the presence of some of the high dignitaries of the Order, of E. Knight Kiralfy, who introduced him into Knight Templary, and of Knight J. D. Langton with whom he had been associated in Masonry for over a quarter of a century.

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Sir Knight Fraser proposed the toast of "The King Edward VII. Preceptory."

Eminent Knight Kiralfy, in responding, said he did not know why he had been singled out to respond to that important toast, except that he was the founder of the preceptory. He had been to many banquets and dinners, but the lavish hospitality with which they had been regaled that evening was absolutely unique. The success of the evening and the manner in which the toast had been received imbued him with confidence for the future of the preceptory.

The banner presented by Sir Knight Kallman consisted of a white field charged with the Red Cross of the Order, on which was super-imposed the coat of arms of E. Sir Knight R. Clay Sudlow. It was richly embroidered in silks, the whole forming a beautiful specimen of the needle worker's art.

Consecration of the Vincent Lodge, No. 3031.

THIS lodge, which is named after the late Bro. William Vincent, P.G. Std. Br., was consecrated at Freemasons' Hall on 28th March by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, who was assisted by Bros. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Surrey; James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C.; the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., P.D.G. Reg.; and William Lake, A.G. Sec.

After the Consecration, which was performed in the usual dignified and impressive manner, Bro. Leonard G. Cook, P.M. and Sec. of No. 1194, was installed into the Master's chair, and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Wm. Aitken Clark, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middlesex, I.P.M.; Fredk. Gill Rice, S.W.; Thos. Chas. Walters, J.W.; Edwd. Monson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works Middlesex, Treasurer; Stephen Arthur Morris, Secretary; Alfd. Jas. Philcox, S.D.; William Taylor, J.D.; Alfd. Joseph Campbell, I.G.; Henry Thos. Stubbs, P.M., D.C.; Henry Wm. Clarkson, Organist; Edgar Usher, Herbert Hookey, Stewards; John Whiteman, Tyler.

The Officers having been invested, the W.M. proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that the Consecrating Officers be elected honorary members. The Grand Secretary

gracefully acknowledged the compliment on their behalf and accepted jewels in commemoration of the event.

The lodge having been closed the brethren dined together under the presidency of the W. Master, who was supported by the Grand Secretary, Asst. Grand Secretary, Bros. Nightingale, P.G. Purst.; A. C. A. Higerty, L. A. Francis, and others. The music was under the direction of Bro. Kift.

Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A SPECIAL communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 14th April, for the purpose of considering alterations in the constitution and laws recommended by a committee which has had the subject before it for over a year. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master, the Hon. Charles Maule Ramsay, and Bros. W. Munro Denholm, Glasgow, and A. A. Speirs, of Elderslie, were the Grand Wardens. There was an attendance of nearly 400 Masons from all parts of the country.

The most important matter involved in the revision, perhaps, was the fixing of the minimum fee for admission to the Order. The committee proposed that the amount be increased by one guinea, and this was opposed by Bro. Caldwell, who favoured the present amount, but his amendment was rejected by 200 against 166 votes. A new rule was passed to permit of honorary rank being conferred upon brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft, more particularly in India and the Colonies. Another new rule passed was to the effect of strictly forbidding the use of any of the emblems of Freemasonry on a sign or in connection with any business advertisement, unless such advertisement be for strictly Masonic purposes.

There was some discussion on some of the proposals, but the business was generally gone smartly through, and the 196 rules were disposed of in three-and-a-half hours. The Grand Master was thanked for this and the committee were complimented for their labours.

A handsome bronze tablet, mounted on a grey marble slab, has just been placed in the south aisle of Great St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth, which is inscribed:—"In loving memory of Rowland Alston, Esq., of Pishiobury, Herts. Served as Ensign in His Majesty's 30th Regiment of Foot Guards on the expedition of Copenhagen, 1807; Member of Parliament for this county, 1835; Deputy-Lieutenant for Herts, Essex, and Beds; J.P. for Herts and Essex; Chairman of the Quarter Sessions, and in Masonry Provincial Grand Master for Essex. Born June 7th, 1782; died Nov. 21st, 1865. Also of Rose, his wife, eldest daughter and heiress of Jeremiah Mills, Esq., of Pishiobury. Born May 24th, 1782; died February 19th, 1824. Erected by their surviving children, Sir Francis B. Alston and Caroline Case."

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Some Memorials of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, and of the "Red Apron."

(By HENRY SADLER.)

THIS year, 1810, there appears to have been some little trouble with the landlord, probably the house had changed hands, and a motion was made in April to remove the Lodge, which motion was eventually negatived at the June meeting, when "Br. Gowing proposed that this Lodge do pay the landlord three shillings for each member for supper, and to include S. Beer, Bread, &c., which was seconded and carried in the affirmative." "S. Beer" probably meant strong beer, served as a sort of appetizer, many of the dinner bills of Lodges in the 18th century being headed, "strong beer and bread."

On the 7th of February, 1811, we read that "Br. Gill proposed Br. John Waterhouse, Esq., who was initiated into Masonry in the Society held under the sanction of the Duke of Athol, to be admitted a member of this Lodge, which was duly seconded and carried unanimously. He was then introduced and duly obligated in the different degrees, and admitted a member accordingly."

At this period the Secretary appears to have been particularly careful in not committing too much of the transactions of the Lodge to writing, leaving very little worth transcribing. Having, however, given the minutes of the first meeting recorded in this book, in extenso, it seems but right that the last transactions should be treated in like manner.

"Friday, April 5, 1811.

Members Present.

Br. Millett, R.W.M.	Waterhouse.
Gilkes, S.W.	Serjeant.
Richardson, J.W.	Gill.
Miller, P.M.	Manson.
Gowing, Sec.	Wood.
Vale, Steward.	Hawes.
Abram.	Tiley.

"The Lodge being opened in due form, the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed.

"Br. Frampton proposed Mr. Alexander Wm. Mills, of Great Shire Lane, to be made a Mason on the next Lodge night, seconded by Br. Tiley, and referred for ballot to the next Lodge night."*

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There is now a wide and lamentable gap in the records of the Globe Lodge, embracing a period of twenty-three years, during which an event of supreme importance in the history of English Masonry had taken place—the union of the former rival Societies under one Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex—and had the minutes of the Lodge been still available, they would probably have thrown much light on this auspicious occurrence. Unfortunately we have nothing in the shape of Masonic journalism to refer to for assistance, as the first Masonic periodical in England was not started until the beginning of the year 1834, while the minute book now under examination was begun on the 13th of November of the same year. We know, however, that the Lodge had been making satisfactory progress from the fact of the Grand Stewards and Masters having been regularly returned to the Grand Lodge.

* Alexander W. Mills was a Law Stationer, who for a long period supplied the Grand Lodge with Warrants, Patents, &c.

From a printed copy of the Lodge by-laws, revised in 1821, we learn that the regular meetings were then held on the second Thursday in the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, November, and December. That there were 52 subscribing members, including W. C. Clarkson, Past Grand Treasurer; Robert Gill, Past J.G. Warden; James A. Frampton, Past S.G. Deacon; and W. D. Cummins, Grand Sword Bearer, the list being headed by the name of John Abram, Past Treasurer, who had been a regular member of the Lodge from 1784.

The initiation fee was five guineas, exclusive of the fees for registering and Grand Lodge certificate; the joining fee three guineas, the annual subscription four guineas, and the visiting fee fifteen shillings.

Having transcribed the first minutes in the earlier book I will do the same by the second one.

"GLOBE LODGE, NO. 23, FREEMASONS' TAVERN,
NOV. 13TH, 1834.

Present,

Br. Langley, W.M.
" Bell, S.W.
" Roberts, pro tem., J.W.
" Fenn, P.M.
" Morgan, P.M.
" Hazard, J.D.
" Fell, I.G.
" Bulmore.
" Kemball.
" Walmsley.

"Lodge opened in due form in the 1st Degree. Minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed.

"Lodge opened in the 2nd Degree.

"Lodge opened in the 3rd Degree.

"Br. A. C. Kemball was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

"A letter was received from Br. Mills tendering his resignation, which, on the motion of Br. Clarkson, seconded by Br. Morgan, was accepted.

"Br. Bell proposed for initiation, and to become a member of the Lodge, Mr. Charles Moreing, of Great Marlborough Street, Architect, seconded by Br. Walmsley.

"Lodge closed in harmony."

"Dr. Treasurer.

Cr.

"To Balance from Old Book, £84 5s."

We gather from the above that in 1834 the preceding minute book, since missing, was then in possession of the Lodge, that the attendance of members was smaller than heretofore, that the receipts and expenditure were not recorded in the minutes of each meeting, and that the Treasurer had a good balance in hand.

The regular meetings were held on the same days as in 1821, and at the next meeting on Dec. 11th, at which, notwithstanding that it was election night, only six members were present, the sum of five guineas is entered as having been paid in March to the Gilkes' tribute—a monument erected by subscription in St. James' Church, Piccadilly, to the memory of Peter Gilkes.

At the installation meeting, Jan. 8th, 1835, eleven members attended and one visitor. The accounts are fully recorded, and we find that the tavern bills from Nov., 1833, to June, 1834, inclusive, amounted to £89 13s. The annual subscription appears to have been reduced since 1821 from four guineas to two guineas-and-a-half, and the visitor's fee increased to one guinea. Br. Knowles, S. Warden and Grand Steward, was elected Master on Dec. 10th, 1835, but

having died before the installation meeting in Jan., 1836, the Lodge elected Br. Bell, the preceding Master, to continue in the chair for another year, and Br. Hazard was at the same time elected Grand Steward in the place of Br. Knowles.

At the meeting on March the 8th, 1838, Br. Clarkson stated that he had been 48 years a member of the Lodge, but according to the Grand Lodge Register it should have been 49.

In June, 1841, it was agreed to adjourn the Lodge till December next, thus reducing the meetings to six, and in the following year they were further reduced to five, by omitting the June meeting.

In January, 1842, it was resolved "That a cash account showing the then state of the funds of the Lodge be submitted for the inspection of the brethren at each future meeting of the Lodge." Notwithstanding that this motion is said to have been carried unanimously, it appears to have been ignored so far as the minutes are concerned, although it *may* have been read from the Treasurer's book, but nothing in the nature of a cash account is entered in the minute book until 1848, in which year several changes were made in the Lodge as will appear hereafter.

At the meeting in May, 1843, the Secretary called the attention of the Lodge to the fact that the name of Br. Paine had not been submitted to the Pro Grand Master at the last Grand Festival, as the Grand Steward elected to represent this Lodge at the ensuing Festival, and states that to the best of his belief he had left at the Grand Secretary's office in March last a letter containing the usual return with the name of Br. Paine as Grand Steward elect. The Grand Secretary, however, said he had not received any such letter, and it was thereupon resolved to memorialize the Pro Grand Master immediately explaining the circumstances.

The memorial is duly entered in the minutes of the next meeting, Dec. 14th, together with a reply thereto from the Grand Secretary, in which he stated that the Pro Grand Master had fully considered the circumstances set forth in the memorial, and had been pleased to receive the nomination of Br. John Davis Paine as Grand Steward for the year 1844.

For several years past the Lodge appears to have been on the decline, a considerable amount of arrears being on the books, very few members attending, and the officers seldom at their posts at the time for commencing business, notwithstanding that efforts had been made to bring them up to the scratch by means of fines for their absence.

In May, 1844, the Rev. Dr. Knapp and four other members sent in their resignations, the former referring to some "irregular, illadvised, if not un-Masonic proceedings which have taken place."

At the installation meeting in January, 1845, only nine members and one visitor were present, and on the next Lodge night there not being a sufficient number of members present the Lodge was not opened, but "the brethren adjourned to the banquet." Something appears to have been amiss with the Master installed in January, 1845, J. D. Paine, for he does not appear to have attended any subsequent meeting of the Lodge.

In January, 1846, there not being three Past Masters of the Lodge present, the installation was postponed until the next monthly meeting, when the Master was installed but only appointed the Wardens, Secretary, and Deacons, two of whom appear not to have been present at the meeting.

In 1847 the appointment of officers was again deferred until February, when the Wardens, Secretary, and Deacons were appointed, the Junior Deacon having been previously raised at the same meeting. Instead of an Inner Guard the Master appointed Br. Marsden "Orator." This appears to have been the only occasion on which an Orator was appointed in the Globe Lodge, although in some of the old country Lodges the office was known as far back as 1761.

In February, 1848, there being only a Past Master and the Secretary present the Lodge was not opened. No attempt appears to have been made to hold a meeting on the usual day in March, but on the 24th of that month a Lodge of Emergency was held, seven members being

present, with the former Orator as Inner Guard. From this meeting may be dated the return of the prosperity of the Lodge, eight joining members were elected headed by William Watson of the Robert Burns Lodge. "The W.M. expressed his desire to be relieved from the duties of the chair, and requested the brethren would, at the next meeting of the Lodge, elect a successor," the Treasurer also giving expression to a similar desire.

At the next regular meeting the new members were all elected. Br. Watson was chosen Master, and Br. Thomas Tombleson, a celebrated worker, also of the Robert Burns Lodge, Treasurer. Br. Watson then proposed six other members.

This infusion of new blood having been previously noticed little need be said about it, except that Bro. Watson and his friends continued for many years the main support of the Lodge. The by-laws were revised, the meetings fixed



FREDERICK A. POWELL, PAST G. STANDARD BEARER,
W.M. of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, 1863-4.

for the 3rd Thursday, and the annual subscription reduced to two guineas. The new members included the most famous Masonic workers in London, and as a natural sequence lectures and sections in the Globe Lodge became the order of the day, when time admitted, as they had been in the earlier period of its career when Peter Gilkes was to the fore. At an emergency meeting on the 3rd of October, 1849, the sanction of the Lodge was given for a Lodge of Instruction to be attached to it, and to hold its meetings at *The Turk's Head*, Motcombe Street. It subsequently met at *The Red Horse* in Old Bond Street, and was noticed in the Grand Lodge Calendar down to 1869, when we assume it had died out.

On the 18th of March, 1852, it was proposed and carried that a P.M. jewel of the value of £3 3s. be presented to Br. Blackburn for his efficient services as W.M. for the memorable year, 1851. This is the first occasion recorded of the presentation of a P.M. jewel by the Globe Lodge, and the practice appears to have been continuous. In 1853 the annual subscription was raised to three guineas.

In 1857 another Masonic veteran entered the ranks of the Globe Lodge in the person of Thomas Alexander Adams the well known bandmaster—equally celebrated in the musical world and in the Masonic—he joined from the Domestic Lodge and was appointed Senior Deacon the following year. In 1859 he was promoted to the office of Junior Warden. While in that chair he was elected Grand Steward for 1859-60, and was duly presented at the ensuing Grand Festival as the representative of the Globe Lodge, but at a meeting of the Lodge on the 17th of November following, "A communication from the Grand Secretary was read requesting the Lodge to proceed to the election of another member to fill the office of Grand Steward in place of Br. T. A. Adams, whom the M.W. Grand Master has appointed to the newly created office of Grand Assistant Pursuivant." Br. John Bennett, P.M., was thereupon elected in his stead. "Tommy Adams's Band" was for many years as popular in West End circles as was its conductor in the various old Lodges of Instruction in the same locality. In 1860 he was promoted to the office of Grand Pursuivant, and served the Globe as its Master in 1861. He died in 1880.

On the 20th of December, 1860, Matthew Cooke of the Egyptian Lodge was elected a member and requested to undertake the duties of Secretary pro tem. This brother, who seems to have been an efficient Secretary, although sometimes injudicious, was duly appointed at the following installation meeting.

The minutes of an audit committee, held January 3rd, 1861, include what was intended for an "Inventory of the effects of the Globe Lodge," but after the above heading is a blank space on the folio, the inference being that the "effects" were to have been catalogued at some future time. Lower down on the same folio is another heading, "In the Secretary's hands," followed by a list of books and documents, many of them being of neither value nor interest, but the two first mentioned may be considered worthy of notice.

The number 14 on the cover of the old minute book was the number of the Lodge at the time it was commenced, and does not, as the Secretary seemed to infer, indicate the number of the volume.



CHARLES E. COLLINS, P.G.S.,
Secretary of the Globe Lodge, No. 23.

THE FIRST LISTS OF MEMBERS OF THE
GLOBE LODGE RETURNED TO THE
GRAND LODGE.



CHARLES MARTIN, P.A.G.D.C.,
Treasurer of the Globe Lodge, No. 23.

"A minute book (numbered 14) commencing April 4th, 1793, ending April 5th, 1811. The present minute book." I think it only fair to mention this as I believe Matthew Cooke has been credited with having lost, or otherwise disposed of, the earlier records of the Lodge, whereas unless he subsequently obtained them he could never have had them in his possession.

1725.		1730.	
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MR. GEO. MARKHAM	} Wardens	.. WILLIAM HOPKINS,	} Wardens
MR. RICHD. LOYDE		.. CHARLES BIGNALL,	
RICH. COOK		.. WILLIAM BRIDGES	
JOSEPH BIRD		.. RICHARD DANN	
EDWD. FRY		.. JOHN ALDRIDGE	
JAS. GATLIFF		.. WILLIAM SMITHERS	
WM. LEWIS		.. MATTHEW HUSSEY	
THO. COXETER		.. JOSEPH STAR	
JOHN NAPP		.. EDWARD YEARDLY	
CHA. TRINQUAND		.. EDWARD GREGG	
PHIL. CARTERETT WEBB		.. RICHARD BALCIEN	
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ROB. CHAMBERLAIN		.. GEO. THORNHAUGH	
JOHN HILLS		.. JOHN SORRELL	
THO. CHURCHER		.. JOSEPH LEICESTER	
JOHN PHILLIPS		.. EDWARD SATCHEL	
		.. MICHL. MARTINDALE	
		.. DANIEL KEDDEN	
		.. JOHN BECKWITH	
		.. WILLIAM MARCH	
		.. JOHN WILLIAMS	
		.. CHARLES TRINQUAND	
		.. JOHN ROLPH	
		.. POSTON STARYE	
		.. MAJOR SMITH	
		.. JOHN DERRY	

(To be Continued).

A Concise History of Freemasonry.

THE advent of "A CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY" is a noteworthy event in relation to the literature of the Craft, and by students generally its publication will be hailed with delight, having been written by ROBERT FREKE GOULD, who beyond question is the best qualified for such a purpose as *the* Masonic historian accepted by the Fraternity throughout the wide world.



BRO. ROBERT FREKE GOULD.

This compact volume is the chief single book on the subject—as a complete and reliable presentation of a general history of the Craft—ever issued, and of its kind, in my opinion, is without either an equal or a rival.

As respects certain branches of this enticing study, as good work has been done by other gifted brethren, the important results of whose labours with due acknowledgment have been utilized by my friend. In regard, however, to a comprehensive treatise on the Society from the earliest evidence of its activity to the present time, extending over many centuries, in which all the attested facts are noted, untenable theories and fancies discarded, and the evolution of the Grand Lodge era traced to sources dating back to the

14th century (the genealogical proofs being then exhausted), the "CONCISE HISTORY" is by far the best work extant. It is simply invaluable to members of the "mystic tie," and of great interest to all who are wishful to understand the origin and character of the ancient and honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

The volume is a scholarly production, without being unnecessarily technical, and though written ostensibly for the Brotherhood, its conspicuous merits as a conscientious attempt to unravel the complicated history of this venerable fellowship, will assuredly be heartily acknowledged by all competent critics.

A word of explanation as to the term "Concise." The history is in no sense an incomplete account of the Society, for no one can possibly consult its pages and be disappointed; Bro. Gould's aim having been to give all particulars concerning the universal Craft that could reasonably be looked for in one volume, free from superabundant and exhaustive details. When more light is needed on any special branch of the subject, other works by distinguished writers (of a more or less sectional character), which are appreciatively referred to by the author, may be consulted with advantage; not forgetting his own great history.

As Bro. Gould invariably cites the grounds on which he bases his conclusions, the attractive work can be studied with all confidence alike by the Masonic neophyte or the more informed student.

My friend considers there is no proof that the customs of the Roman Colleges have directly continued in the modern Masonic lodges, for regarding the symbolism of the Craft as being chiefly directed to one point—the great doctrine of the immortality of the soul—we must go beyond these Colleges to that older type to be found in the Ancient Mysteries.

He thinks it possible "that about the 12th century the skilled Masons of the monasteries amalgamated with the Craft builders, and together formed the Society afterwards known throughout Germany as the *Steinmetzen*. After serving his time in that country the passed apprentice, was declared free of his Craft, and was termed a fellow, his selected mark was not to be altered, and the esoterics (if any) of the Sodality were to be concealed; but "the evidence is far from being conclusive that these stonemasons were in possession of a grip," and the same almost may be said as to a "word." Whilst there was a great outward similarity between the usages of the *Steinmetzen* and the Freemasons, "no sort of connection between the two Associations was set up as an article of belief until 1779," and then without justification.

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Commendable caution is exercised as to the Rosicrucians, the author being content rather to ask the question than to reply—"Were the brethren of the Rosy Cross or their immediate precursors, the Hermetic Philosophers, the last link in an invisible chain connecting early Freemasonry with some of the now almost forgotten learning of antiquity?" Undoubtedly some of our foremost students answer the query in the affirmative, for there is much to favour the supposition.

"——— Nothing stands alone,
The chain holds on, and where it ends unknown."

On mediæval operative Masonry, Bro. Gould is especially interesting and instructive, this second chapter being one of the most important of the ten, his opinions on many controverted points are emphatically expressed, and no portion is likely to be more read, because of its masterly presentation of facts. He believes that the English word "Freemason" has been inherited from a similar or, in part, identical class to the London Company (the first known to use the term in 1376), and not from the Masons who worked freestone; in which opinion I concur. He insists on the fact that the pure and ancient Freemasonry of Britain is *sui generis*, and possesses few points of affinity with the old Masonic customs of France and Germany. The following conclusion will be welcome to those who fear the result of a rational treatment of the question—

"The symbolism we now possess as Freemasonry has come down to us in all its main features from early times, and originated during the splendour of mediæval operative Masonry, and not in its decline."

Chapter III. is devoted to a learned and laborious disquisition on the "English Laws of the Middle Ages and

the Freemasons." I doubt if it will be valued as it deserves to be, save by a few of a legal turn of mind; but "the *Story of the Guild*" which follows will be greatly appreciated, and so also the able analysis and description of the *Legends of the Craft*, in which the grand "old charges" are treated to my complete satisfaction, and as no one else in this country is likely to do in my lifetime.

MASONS MARKS receive due consideration, and the opinions of recognised experts are noted and generally adopted.

Chapter VI., relating to the early Scottish Craft, the period of transition and the formation of Grand Lodges, is a model of conciseness and condensation, without the absence of a single important fact. The special interest, however, will centre in the section entitled "A DIGRESSION ON DEGREES," wherein the author states it is "settled beyond dispute, not only that what we now call the *Third Degree* existed before the era of Grand Lodges, but that having passed through a long decline, its symbols had become corrupted." I do not take this view myself, thus confirming Bro. Gould's frank admission that "what he may deem legitimate inferences will not be regarded in a precisely similar light by other students in the same branch of research."

Personally it gratifies me much to find myself in full accord with my friend, save as to this moot point, and all the more so as I have taken such an interest in the preparation of the work. In fact, we were practically daily correspondents for many months, and no one knows better than myself his anxiety to make the work equal to the high standard of excellence and thoroughness he had set before him. We discussed the degree question frequently, and finally "agreed to differ" thereon. His readers will be able to form their own conclusions on the evidence submitted, which is most fairly and fully stated from first to last.

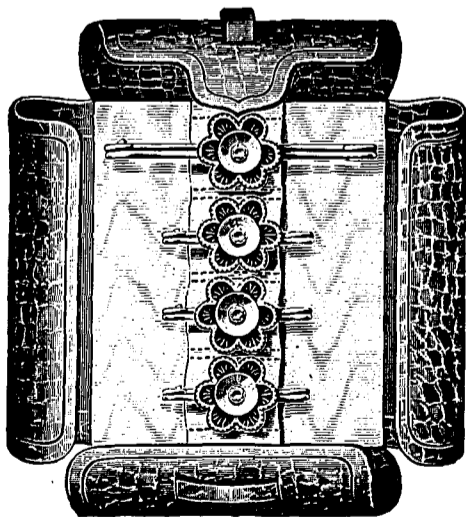
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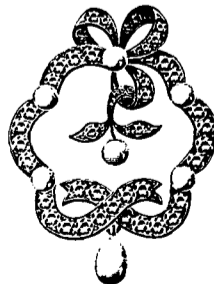


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A most useful index and a few choice and suggestive illustrations add much to the attractiveness of the history, the style of which reflects great credit on the publishers, Messrs. Gale and Polden, Limited, of London and Aldershot.

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A CONCISE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY. By Robert Freke Gould, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England. Author of "The History of Freemasonry," "A Commentary on the Regius MS.," "Military Lodges," etc., etc. London: Gale and Polden, Ltd., 2, Amen Corner, Paternoster Row, E.C. 1903.

Masonic Benevolence in West Yorkshire.

THE annual meetings of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire Freemasons and of the Provincial Educational and Benevolent Fund were held at the Masonic Hall, Dewsbury, recently, Bro. H. S. Childe, Wakefield, the Chairman, presiding.

The report stated that the subscriptions of the brethren of the province to the Masonic Charities during the past year had reached the unprecedented sum of £9203 8s., exclusive of the contributions to the West Yorkshire Fund. During the year two girls, three boys, three men, and one widow had been elected to the Masonic Institutions, and one girl, two boys, and one man had been presented. There were at present 71 children and annuitants for West Yorkshire upon the funds of the London Masonic Charities, and there were three annuitants, one widow, and one boy in receipt of grants from the West Yorkshire Fund. At the meeting on Saturday three additional girls, one boy, one old Mason, and three widows were adopted as candidates for the elections to the Masonic Institutions in April and May next.

Bros. W. S. Childe and W. P. Rayner, Huddersfield, were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Bro. C. Stokes, Sheffield; Bro. H. Bromet, Tadcaster; and Bro. Major H. G. E. Green were appointed a sub-committee to conduct the election of West Yorkshire candidates for the Masonic Institutions.

With respect to the West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Fund, Bro. R. Wilson, the Treasurer, stated that they had £2000 invested, and a balance of £300 in the bank. They had spent the interest in relieving necessitous cases, and in the past year their expenditure reached £120. The time had arrived when an energetic appeal should be made for the fund.



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