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*R. W. Bro. Lord Desborough,
 Junior Grand Warden.*

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United Grand Lodge of England—The Grand Festival.

THE Annual Grand Festival of Grand Lodge for the appointment and investiture of Grand Officers which is fixed by the Constitutions to be held "on the Wednesday next following St. George's Day" took place at Freemasons' Hall on April 25th, the M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, presiding, supported on his right and left by R.W. Bros. Col. Townley Caldwell, Prov. G.M. Cambs., and Lieut.-Gen. T. Wimburn Laurie, C.B., Prov. G.M. South Wales (W.D.). The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. the Bishop of Barking, P.G. Chap., and the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.G. Chap.

After the confirmation of the minutes relating to the election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was proclaimed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, by V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, with his full title and dignities.

Earl Amherst then said that he had the pleasure to announce that the M.W.G.M. had been pleased to re-appoint him as Pro Grand Master, whereupon he was proclaimed and saluted, and acknowledged the compliment.

Bro. Halsey having been proclaimed as Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Officers were appointed and invested.

Bro. Lord Lilford, the Senior Grand Warden was unexpectedly detained in Cornwall, and Bro. Lord Desborough was, as announced by the Pro Grand Master, engaged in upholding the athletic honour of England in the Olympian games at Athens. Bros. Sir G. H. Philipson, M.D., S.G.D., and Eaton Fanning, Mus. Doc., Grand Organist, were also absent, the latter being in Japan.

The following Grand Officers were then appointed and invested:—

S.G. Warden	Bro. Lord Lilford.
J.G. Warden	" Lord Desborough.
G. Chaplains	" Rev. Canon J.W.Horsley, M.A.
	" Rev. Prebendary Arthur Ingram, M.A.
G. Treasurer	" Louis S. Winsloe.
G. Registrar	" John Strachan, K.C.
Dep. G. Registrar	" Robert A. McCall, K.C., M.A., LL.D.
G. Secretary	" Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A.
	" Sir R. Biddulph Martin, Bart., M.A.
	" Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.C.P.
Senior G. Deacons	" Sir James W. Szlumper.
	" Fritz Reiss.
	" Robert A. Gibbons, M.D., F.R.C.S.
	" Henry Payton.
	" A. St. G. M. A. Laurie.
	" Arthur E. Stearns.
Junior G. Deacons	" Francis William Pixley, F.S.A.
	" John E. Dunn.
	" W. Pick Raynor.
	" George W. Jones.
	" Rev. A. G. Grisewood, M.A.
Asst. G. Chaplains	" Rev. J. Farrington Downes, M.A.
Asst. G. Registrars	" Ernest Ebbelwhite, F.S.A.
	" Charles F. Monckton.
G. Supt. of Works	" A. Burnett Brown.
Asst. G. Supt. of Works	" Walter Lawrance.
G. Dir. of Cers.	" Frank Richardson. P.D.G.R.
Dep. G. Dir. of Cers.	" Arthur D. Hansell.
	" George P. Parker.
	" Alexander Ritchie.
Asst. G. Dir. of Cers.	" T. A. J. Howell.
	" Henry J. Homer.
	" Edward Holmes.
	" Alfred Cockerill.

G. Swd. Bearer	Bro. Col. W. J. Bosworth, R.E.
Dep. G. Swd. Bearer	" Lieut.-Col. W. H. Bull, F.R.C.S. Edin.
Asst. G. Swd. Bearers	" Lieut.-Col. T. W. Heath.
	" John Smith.
G. Std. Bearers... ..	" E. Collens.
	" S. R. Anness.
Asst. G. Std. Bearers	" Charles C. Cruikshanks.
	" William Belchamber.
G. Organist	" Eaton Fanning, Mus. Doc., F.R.A.M.
Dep. G. Organist	" W. J. Kipps, F.R.C.O.
Asst. G. Secretary	" William Lake
Asst. G. Sec. for G. C....	" G. Greiner, P.A.G.D.C.
Grand Pursuivant	" R. Stimpson.
	" John Worth
Asst. G. Pursuivants	" John H. Cureton.
	" G. M. E. Hamilton.
Grand Tyler	" Henry Sadler.

The above list does not include the President of the Board of General Purposes or the President of the Board of Benevolence whose appointment takes place at the Quarterly Communication in June and December respectively.

The Grand Secretary then read the list of Grand Stewards for the ensuing year, and Grand Lodge was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Hotel Cecil, where the M.W. Pro Grand Master presided over about 300 brethren. The arrangements made by the Board of Grand Stewards, of which Bro. Dr. R. J. Reece was President, and Bro. R. Percy F. W. Simpson was Secretary, and Bro. Burnett G. Gardner, Treasurer, gave great satisfaction, and praise was bestowed upon them from all quarters for the success attending their efforts.

"The King" having been honoured,

The M.W. Pro Grand Master proposed the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught," and said that very few words were needed to recommend it. They all knew the benefit the Craft had derived during his Royal Highness's tenure of office, and last year they were able to recognise it by a wedding present to his daughter.

Bro. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Prov. G.M. Cambs., said the proud privilege that attached to the office he had the honour to hold was that it carried with it the right to propose a toast which would give pleasure to them all—"The Health of the M.W. Pro Grand Master," in the chair. They knew that Freemasonry flourished, and that H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master did a great deal for it, particularly in appointing an excellent set of Grand Officers, and, to the satisfaction of every member of the Craft, re-appointed the M.W. the Pro Grand Master. A subject upon which all the members looked with great satisfaction did not need eloquence from anyone. He knew the enthusiasm with which they would all receive the toast, and therefore asked them to drink to the health, happiness, and prosperity of the M.W. Pro Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master, remarked that what the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire had said was quite true. This was not the occasion nor the hall for long speeches, and, therefore, he hoped the brethren would not measure his gratitude for their hearty reception by the brevity of his response. He was proud indeed that during the years he had been Pro Grand Master he had won, he hoped he might say, the affection of the Craft. By their kindness he hoped to go on as long as His Royal Highness appointed him, and returned them his hearty thanks.

Bro. F. Freke Palmer, Grand Steward, said that at short notice the next toast had been entrusted to him—that of "The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers." The Deputy Grand Master's services to the Craft were well known, and Bro. Halsey was, moreover, frequently attending private lodges. In the presence of so many who knew the excellent work of the Grand Officers, no introduction was

required. If anybody wished to know the popularity of the Grand Officers, they had only to be present in Grand Lodge to witness the reception the Grand Secretary met with on his re-appointment, and the affection with which the G.D.C., Bro. Richardson, was received. At the last Grand Lodge the Grand Registrar, at great personal inconvenience and possibly at considerable loss to himself, came from Durham to attend the meeting, and this was but one instance of the attention of the Grand Officers to their duty.

R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General T. Wimburn Laurie, C.B., Prov. Grand Master South Wales (W.D.), expressed his acknowledgment of the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. Bro. Palmer, in mentioning the Grand Officers, had singled those out who had done wonderful service for the Craft. Might he say that each of the Grand Officers in his own place was prepared to take upon himself his own duty to the Craft and discharge it equally with those mentioned. He hoped that those present who had not received collars would before long be among the Grand Officers. He thanked Bro. Palmer for having spoken of the Grand Officers kindly, and assured the brethren that whatever they could do for the good of the Craft they could be relied upon to do.

Bro. the Hon. Mr. Justice Warrington, P.G.W., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said that in such an assembly the toast required no words. If there was one subject more than another which commended itself to the heart of a Mason it was Charity, and, therefore, without further preface, and feeling sure they did not wish to listen to speeches, but to something much better, he would confine himself to giving the toast.

Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Sec. R.M.B.I., who said his response would be brief, referred to the great work the institutions were doing, pursuing the even tenor of their way, and meeting the demands made upon them. Those demands were increasing, and the Craft recognised this in a corresponding manner.

The M.W. the Pro Grand Master proposed "The Grand Stewards," and said they would be ungrateful if they separated without a hearty acknowledgment of what the Grand Stewards had done. That body had entertained them right royally. Perhaps, as Pro Grand Master, he might welcome them in the future as receiving the honour of Grand Office. Be that as it might, they had nobly done their duty.

Bro. Dr. R. J. Reece, President Board of Grand Stewards, responded. He said that as a concert was then in progress in another hall, at which Bro. Henry Neville, P.A.G.D.C., had kindly consented to give a dramatic recitation, his reply would be brief, but he asked them not to measure his thanks by the length of his remarks. Since 1775 the Grand Festival had not been held outside Freemasons' Hall. The Board of Grand Stewards met as far back as last July to prepare for the present Festival. As representatives of the red apron lodges they spared neither trouble nor expense to make this Festival, held under exceptional circumstances, as successful as those preceding it. They had faith in the integrity of their purpose that success would be secured, and knew they could rely upon the brethren to cover up any shortcomings with the cloak of charity. With the knowledge that the Pro Grand Master would be chairman, they felt that success would be ensured, and the Grand Stewards asked Earl Amherst to accept their most grateful thanks for the kind way in which he had presided. Their thanks were also due, and they desired to express their deep appreciation of the great kindness and advice given by the Grand Secretary and Grand Director of Ceremonies, and also by Bro. Matthews, the secretary of the Grand Officers' mess. They also thanked Bro. Harvey, the manager of the hotel, for his personal attendance and assistance. Their hearts had been filled with gladness as they felt that their labours had not been in vain, that the Grand Festival of 1906 had been successful, and that the red apron lodges had justified their existence.

The brethren then joined the ladies in the music room, where a first-class programme was gone through.

The New Grand Officers.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. Canon J. W. Horsley, M.A., has led a busy and useful life and filled a large space in the religious and civic world, especially in South London, being associated with most of the movements having for their object the spiritual and material improvement of the people. His capacity for work and marvellous activity in these directions, however, have not prevented him taking the keenest interest



BRO. THE REV. CANON J. W. HORSLEY.

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in Freemasonry, especially in its literary and antiquarian aspects. He was initiated in the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, in 1891, in which he has filled the office of Chaplain. He afterwards joined the Saye and Sele Lodge, No. 1973, and after graduating as a Member of the Outer Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, became a Member of the Inner Circle in 1896, and in 1904 was elected to the Master's chair.



BRO. R. A. MCCALL.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. R. A. McCall, K.C., was initiated in a lodge under the Grand Lodge of Ireland in 1882, and afterwards joined the London Lodge, No. 108, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1885. He is also a member of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, and took part in founding the Erin Lodge, No. 2895.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Sir Richard Biddulph Martin, Bart., was initiated in 1861 in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and is the Masonic senior of all his colleagues who have been appointed to Grand Office this year. He joined the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, and became its Worshipful Master in 1865. He also took part in founding the White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506. In 1899 he was appointed Prov. S.G. Warden of Middlesex. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10.



Warrington.

BRO. SIR RICHARD BIDDULPH MARTIN, BART., M.A.

Bro. Martin is the Chairman of the well-known Martin's Bank, Ltd., a Fellow and former President of the Bankers' Institute, of which he was one of the founders, Fellow and Treasurer of the Statistical Society, Hon. Secretary to the Metropolitan Sunday Hospital Fund, and is associated with numerous other charitable institutions and learned societies.



BRO. SIR GEORGE H. PHILIPSON.

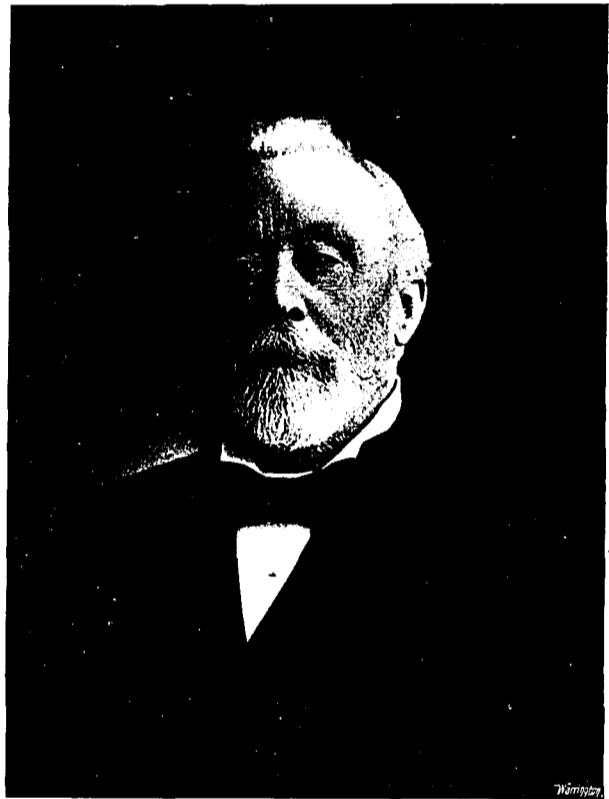
SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Sir George H. Philipson, M.D., LL.D., was initiated in the Universities Lodge, No. 2352, in 1891. Joined the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260, in 1892, and the Æsculapius Lodge, No. 2410, in the same year. He was installed in the Master's chair in the Universities Lodge in 1898, and in 1904 was a Founder and first Wor. Master of the University of Durham Lodge, No. 3030, meeting in London. In the Province of Durham he is a Past Senior Grand Warden. Bro. Philipson is a Life Governor of each of the Charities and has served five Stewardships.

Sir George Philipson occupies a distinguished position in the medical world, being the President of the Durham College of Medicine at Newcastle, and has been Professor of Medicine at the Durham University since 1876. He is the author of several treatises in connection with the science of medicine.

SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Henry Payton was initiated in St. James Lodge, No. 482, Handsworth, Staffordshire, in 1879, and in 1887 was installed as Worshipful Master. In 1882 he took part in founding the Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706. He is a Past



BRO. HENRY PAYTON.

Provincial Grand Registrar of Staffordshire, and in 1904 was appointed a Prov. Grand Warden.

Bro. Payton is a Life Governor of each of the Charities.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Lord Desborough, although a Mason of over thirty years standing, is perhaps better known as a sportsman and athlete than as a Craftsman. At the time of his appointment he was unable to be present at Grand Lodge, and the Pro Grand Master in apologising for his absence informed the brethren that Lord Desborough was at that moment engaged in upholding the honour of England at the Olympian Games in Athens. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, in his undergraduate days, and afterwards joined the Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, and the Grenfell Lodge, No. 3077, becoming Worshipful Master of the latter in January of this year. Lord Desborough is serving as a Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Alexander Ritchie, who this year occupies the position of Chief Commoner in the Corporation of London, was initiated in the Phœnix Lodge, No. 173, in 1887. He is also a member of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, the Scots' Lodge, No. 2319, of which he is Treasurer, the Lambeth Borough Council Lodge, No. 2941, as well as a Founder of the William Shurmer Lodge, No. 2374, the United Wards' Lodge, No. 2987, and the Guildhall Lodge,



BRO. ALEXANDER RITCHIE.

No. 3116. He is a Past Master of the United Wards' Lodge. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Phœnix Chapter, No. 173, and served as First Principal two years in succession, viz., in 1901 and 1902. Bro. Ritchie has served ten Stewardships—four for the Benevolent Institution, two for the Girls' School, and four for the Boys' School. He is also President of the Charity Fund of the Scots' Lodge.



BRO. HENRY J. HOMER.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Henry J. Homer was initiated in the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, in 1891, and subsequently joined the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, and the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, and in the two former has filled the Master's chair. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Eccentric Chapter in 1903.

Bro. Homer is a munificent supporter of the Charities, having served no less than twenty-three Stewardships and constituted himself a Patron of each of the three Institutions.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

COL. W. J. Bosworth's initiation took place in the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, in 1886, and he afterwards joined as a founder the Wandle Lodge, No. 2699, of which he became Master in 1899, the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, the Twelve Brothers, No. 785, and the Malmesbury Lodge, No. 3156, of which he was a founder and first Treasurer. He was



BRO. COL. W. J. BOSWORTH.

also for some time a member of the Empress Lodge, No. 2581. As a preceptor of Lodges of Instruction and in other ways Bro. Bosworth has rendered valuable services to the lodges he has been associated with. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, in 1897, becoming First Principal in 1904. He is also a member of the Connaught Chapter, No. 1971, and is a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Hants and the Isle of Wight.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Brigade-Surgeon W. H. Bull, V.D., F.R.C.P., has been a member of the Order for 30 years, having been initiated in the Watling Street Lodge, No. 1639, Stoney Stratford. He was appointed Prov. J.G.W. of Bucks. in 1883, and was one of the founders of the Taplow Lodge, No. 3111, in 1905. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the St. George Chapter, No. 840, in 1881, of which he became Z. in 1887, and in 1888 he was appointed to the office of Prov. G. Registrar.



BRO. BRIGADE-SURGEON W. H. BULL.

 ASSISTANT GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Lt.-Col. T. W. Heath was initiated in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, in 1878, and joined successively the Empress Lodge, No. 2581, the Alfred Newton, No. 2686, the Paddington Rifles Lodge, No. 2807, the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834, and the Kensington Lodge, No. 1767, the three



BRO. LT.-COL. T. W. HEATH.

former of which he assisted to found. He has filled the Master Chair in Lodges 1642 and 2807, the former in 1892, and the latter in 1901. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 19, in 1890, and became First Principal in 1896.

 GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. Edward Collens, who since 1899 has filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary for Worcestershire, was initiated in the Vernon Lodge, No. 560, in 1886, and occupied the

Master's chair in 1892, 1893 and 1896. In the Royal Arch Degree he was exalted in the Hope and Charity Chapter, No. 377, and became First Principal in 1903.



BRO. EDWARD COLLENS.

Bro. Collens is also a Past Prov. G.S.B. and P.Prov. S.G.W. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions and has served two Stewardships.

 DEPUTY GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. William J. Kipps was initiated in the Star Lodge, No. 1275, Greenwich, in 1888, and joined the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, in 1891, becoming Master of the latter in 1897. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, in 1892, becoming First Principal in April of this year. He has served as a Steward for the Boys School and is a Life Governor of all three Institutions.



BRO. WILLIAM J. KIPPS.

Bro. Kipps' musical qualifications for the appointment are indicated by the fact that he is a Professor and Examiner of the Royal Academy of Music, a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and Organist and Choir Master of the Church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. John H. Cureton was initiated in the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, and afterwards joined the Sterndale Bennett Lodge, No. 2182, becoming W.M. of both lodges in the year 1891. He was admitted to the degree of the Royal Arch in the Sterndale Bennett Chapter, and installed as First Principal in 1895. He served as Steward for the Boys School in 1896, and is a Life Governor of each of the three Institutions.



BRO. JOHN H. CURETON.

Bro. Cureton is an elected member of the Board of Benevolence and a regular attendant at its monthly meetings. His services also as a scrutineer at the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge have also been freely rendered.

*Consecration of the Kemes Lodge,
No. 3152, Fishguard.*

THE Consecration of the above Lodge marks in one sense an awakening life in Masonic matters in the western division of the South Wales Province. The southern division of Pembrokeshire has always been well known in Masonry, while this is the first lodge in the northern portion. The movement has been marked from the commencement by the enthusiasm of the Masons of the ancient borough from which the lodge takes its name.

Owing to the much-regretted ill-health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, General Laurie, the consecration ceremony was conducted by V.W. Bro. Canon Bowen, P.G.C., D.P.G.M., who was assisted by W. Bro. J. D. Perrot, Prov. S.G.W. (Aberystwyth), as S.W.; W. Bro. J. E. Jones, Prov. J.G.W. (Llanelly), as J.W.; W. Bro. F. Muncaster, Prov. S.G.D. (Tenby), as S.D.; W. Bro. B. M. Beer, Prov. J.D. (Pembroke Dock), as J.D.; W. Bro. W. Bowen, Prov. G.S.W. (Llanelly), as I.P.M.; W. Bro. D. Davies, P. Prov. A.G.C. (Nash), as Chaplain; W. Bro. T. G. Gregory, Prov. G.D.C. (Tenby), as D. of C.; W. Bro. R. Lock, P.P.G.J.W., as Acting Deputy Prov. G.M. The ceremony was conducted and carried out in Bro. Bowen's usual impressive manner, W. Bro. Gregory's duties also earning for him the praise of all present. The

usual oration was given by Bro. Rev. T. G. Marshall, P.P.G.C. (Walwyns Castle). He spoke upon *Deut. xxii. 8*. Bro. Marshall then compared the Masons' Lodge to an eastern house, drawing very interesting parallels. He declared finally "By building the battlements to the roofs, by keeping the lofty aim of our lives, by keeping plan, rule measure, plummet and line, by making our gateways lead to peace, our doors to righteousness, our windows to shed God's golden sunlight within, and our hearth bright and cheery to welcome the traveller from without, our walls to bear the trophies of good and useful deeds, we may, I trust, when we quit the temporal house, find an eternal one in the mansions of the great and loving Father."

After the consecration V.W. Bro. Bowen installed W. Bro. Cuthbert Thomas, P.P.A.G.P. (S. Wales N. Div.), P.M. and first Junior Warden of Forest Lodge, 2606. Bro. Thomas invested as his officers, W. Bro. Williams, I.P.M.; Bro. W. T. S. Tombs, S.W.; Bro. D. Evans Bonvonn, J.W.; Bro. T. Matthews, Sec.; W. Bro. Rees, P.M. 1217, P.D.G.P. (China), Treas.; Bro. T. Lewis, S.D.; Bro. Rev. W. Evans, P.P.G.C., J.D.; Bro. H. R. Felix, Organist; Bro. J. M. Owen, I.G.; Bro. T. H. Evans, Steward; Bro. John Lewis, Tyler. A most hearty vote of thanks was also accorded Bro. J. C. Yorke for the freehold of the site of the lodge. Letters of regret for absence were read, including one from the R.W. Prov. G. Master regretting his inability to be present wishing the Kemes Lodge every success. A stirring appeal was made by W. Bro. John, the Prov. G. Charity Steward, for the R.M.I. for Girls, and to this the brethren have made a suitable response, making the lodge a life subscriber.



BRO. CUTHBERT THOMAS.

At the banquet which followed, the toast to His Majesty was proposed by the W.M., Bro. T. Lewis singing "The King and the Craft." The usual toasts were drunk, and in proposing that of the R.W. Prov. G. Master, W. Bro. Thomas spoke of the sympathy the brethren had met from him, and of the great assistance he had been throughout. The feature of the evening was the answer of the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Canon Bowen, to his toast. After expressing his gratitude, he made a noble and a stirring appeal to all, especially the brethren of the new lodge, to abide by the great principles of the Order. It made a deep impression on all, and was not the least impressive of all the functions of the day. In the toast of the Visiting Brethren especial mention was made of the debt of the new lodge to the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge, Haverfordwest, for the kind and hearty support received from them.

The Tyler's toast closed a most pleasant evening.

Consecration of the Portland Lodge, No. 3159.

THIS interesting function took place at Pagani's Restaurant, Great Portland Street, W., on Friday, 27th April, 1906, in the presence of a number of distinguished visitors, including, in addition to the Consecrating Officers, V.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon Horsley, G. Chap. ; W. Bro. C. J. Knightley, P.G.S.B. ; and R.W. Bro. Wm. Chambers, D.D.G.M., 5th District Grand Lodge, Manitoba.

The ceremony was performed by V.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by W. Bro. Sir T. H. Brooke-Hitching, P.G. Deacon, as S.W. ; W. Bro. James Stephens, P. Dep. G.D.C., as J.W. ; V.W. Bro. The Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., P.G. Chap., as Chaplain ; V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P. Dep. G. Reg., as D.C. ; W. Bro. Edward White, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G. The W.M. Designate was W. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies ; S.W. Designate, Bro. Arthur Frederick Austin, and J.W. Designate, Bro. Ernest Harry Richards.

In his opening address the Consecrating Master stated the pleasure he and his colleagues had in consecrating the lodge, and congratulated the Founders upon having so distinguished a Brother as W. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies to preside over them, as he was confident that he would conduct the affairs of the lodge with credit and dignity.



W. BRO. F. TREHAWKE DAVIES.

An eloquent oration was delivered by V.W. Bro. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., P.G. Chap., in the course of which he said they had met to perform a solemn and interesting rite to consecrate a lodge which they desired to start well upon its career. They might ask themselves what had done the most in the world's history in the cause of civilisation, and in answering the question they would find it was not war or science, although essential, not art, although elevating, not politics, although necessary. If they read the pages of history carefully they would find the greatest factor had been brotherly love, which had a tendency to suppress war, assist art, walk hand in hand with science, and raise politics from wrangling to measures for the well-being of our fellow men. This new lodge would be a new centre for promoting brotherly love which carried with it relief and truth. Such would be a guide to their members and he wished them God speed. In an adjoining room he had seen written upon the wall some of the names of the greatest men and women in their walk of life, some of whom had been called to their rest but their work remained. All good work serves to lighten our poor lives and therefore could not pass away, and if the affairs of that lodge were conducted in a true Masonic spirit

their work also would not pass away but would conduct them to that Great Architect who lives and reigns for ever.

At the conclusion of the Ceremony of Consecration the Grand Secretary installed Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, who invested his Wardens and Treasurer, and appointed and invested the other Officers as follows :—Bros. Hy. John Ahern, Secretary ; Alfred Edwards, S.D. ; Henry Copley, J.D. ; Ed. Eyre Greenwell, D.C. ; Thomas Dudley Wakefield, I.G. ; George Chapman, Organist ; Henry R. Bright, 1st. Stwd ; and Horace Bantick, 2nd Stwd. The Consecrating Officers and His Grace the Duke of Portland, K.G., Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire, were elected hon. members, and the Founder's Jewel of the lodge, embodying the unique book-plate of the first W.M., three encircling hawks, with his monogram in the centre, was presented to the Consecrating Master.

The sum of £100 ros. was voted for the W.M.'s list, who was serving as Steward for the R.M.I. Girls.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master described them as really hard workers, and alluded to the task of the committee recently appointed to arrange a club or other home for Masons in London, worthy of the Craft. He called upon Bro. the Rev. Canon Horsley, G. Chaplain to respond.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Horsley, in replying, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present at a Consecration for the first time. It had been both pleasure and profit, and he hoped shortly to take part in such a ceremony which had been perfectly performed by the Grand Secretary, assisted by that veteran Mason, Bro. Frank Richardson, and ably supported by the others. For some time he occupied the unique position in his lodge of the only man who was not a Grand Officer, and he found it a great pleasure to notice the reverence and respect paid by the Craft to their Grand Officers, and also to notice that the spirit of Masonry was one of unity. Unity was the essence of the Godhead. Sir John Sloan had said with truth that, no two blades of grass, no two drops of water, and no two grains of sand were alike, yet, in that, as in Masonry, there was unity, not harsh uniformity, and differences, though they existed in every other walk of life, were practically unknown in Masonry.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," congratulated the lodge upon having so perfect a ceremonialist and so able a Consecrating Master as Sir Edward Letchworth, not only to consecrate their lodge but to remain with them at the festive board, which he esteemed a great compliment. He (Sir Edward) had already consecrated two hundred lodges during his term of office. On behalf of the Founders he tendered him their hearty thanks.

Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, replying, thankfully acknowledged the more than kind remarks of the Worshipful Master. He had in the lodge already thanked them for their kind recognition of the services the Consecrating Officers had rendered to the Lodge. Nothing gave them greater pleasure than starting into existence a new lodge, and in the present case one which he was certain would have a successful future. It had been a great pleasure to him to instal into the Chair an old friend and experienced Mason, under whose rule the lodge would be bound to prosper. A reference had been made to the duties of the Committee appointed to deal with the future of Freemasons' Tavern, a question which presented great difficulties. They had many suggestions before them, one of which, that a large hall should be built, capable of seating thousands ; another, that it should be turned into a huge Club for English Freemasons, with all the luxuries of a modern Club. The Committee would approach their task with the one desire of promoting the interests of the Craft. He again thanked them on behalf of the Consecrating Officers.

The Acting I.P.M., Bro. Siegmund Lichtenfeld, proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said the Founders appreciated Bro. Davies taking the important office of first

W.M., and knew that under his guidance and with his careful choice of officers the success of the lodge was assured, and they wished him every prosperity combined with health and happiness.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. F. Trehawke Davies, replying, thanked the brethren for the hearty way they had received the toast. His health had been far from good recently. He had feared that he would not be able to be present; he had come from a bed of sickness to the consecration, on that account he trusted the brethren would accept with forbearance any shortcomings. He would do his best to justify the confidence of the brethren, and he thanked the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, for the valuable help he had given him. As Secretary of three lodges he had come into very close contact with the Grand Secretary. He tendered his thanks to Bro. the Rev. Canon Horsley for his magnificent speech and for the kind encouragement he had given him. He then proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," thanking the lodge for having placed £10 10s. upon his list, and for the £15 15s. collected at the table.

Bro. James Stephens, P. Dep. G.D.C., responding, told the brethren he did not want to give them dry statistics. The Institutions were doing a great and noble work, and Masons were not unmindful of their duties. The King, when Most Worshipful Grand Master, said at the Royal Albert Hall that the fundamental truth of Masonry was

Charity. They had in the Girls' School three hundred admirably trained, both mentally and physically, to make them good wives. They were domesticated, which was a great consideration when added to a splendid education. The R.M.I. Boys had the finest school in the kingdom (covering sixty acres of ground) and over four hundred boys. Both of these Institutions were now quite full. They were hoping to evolve a scheme which would meet the increasing demands. He had the honour of being Treasurer for the last four years for the R.M.B.I., during which time he had been instrumental in putting on no less than 116 additional annuitants, in the first instance by as close a majority as his own casting vote. It was a grand thing to be able to provide, as they were at the present time, for seven hundred boys and girls and six hundred old Masons and Masons' widows. It proved that the Craft was not unmindful of their duties to the unfortunate.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was replied to by Bros. W. Chambers, W. Dennis (Mayor of St. Marylebone), Gerald Maxwell, P.M. 2127, and others.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded an enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. Herbert Schartau, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Org. Middlx., assisted by Miss Carrie Herwin, Bros. Frank Tebbutt, T. Powley, and C. W. Wreford; accompanist, Bro. Wharton Wells.

The Grand Master at the Mansion House.

THE official residence of London's Lord Mayor has for many generations been the scene of more varied and notable assemblages than perhaps any other centre of civic life. Religious, philanthropic and learned societies, mercantile and scientific associations, and representatives of institutions innumerable are from time to time entertained within its hospitable walls. The present genial and popular occupant, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, worthily continues the traditions of the House; and as an enthusiastic Mason, it was not to be doubted that the brethren of the Craft would, during his year of office, receive a more than ordinarily agreeable welcome at his hands. This assumed the shape of an invitation of the Duke of Connaught to a banquet, and the extension of the invitation to a large number of Grand Officers, present and past, to meet His Royal Highness the Grand Master.

The gathering was not without precedent, for in 1880 the Lord Mayor of that year, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, entertained the King, then Prince of Wales, at a similar function; but it was unique in this respect, that while the former assembly included many of the rank and file of the Order, at the recent gathering the invitations were, of necessity, confined to Grand Officers, the enormous increase in the numbers of the Craft during the quarter of a century rendering such a limitation unavoidable. The presence of representatives from different parts of the country was a distinct feature, there being no fewer than twenty-one Provincial Grand Masters present, while the wearers of the purple also included men of eminence in the Church, army and navy, science, literature, and art, to say nothing of politicians, who for a brief moment found a haven of rest under the banner of universal brotherhood.

After the formal introductions to the Grand Master and the host, the brethren proceeded to the Egyptian Hall, where the banquet was served.

In proposing the toasts, the Lord Mayor gave first "The King, Protector of the Craft," and then that of "The Queen and the other members of the Royal Family," remarking that they were all looking forward to receive an account from the Prince of Wales as to his visit to India.

The Lord Mayor, proposing "The Health of the Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Duke of Connaught," said they were all delighted to see His Royal Highness back among them. In South Africa His Royal Highness had

discharged most important duties, and he regretted to say that an ungrateful country had upon his return inflicted upon him an attack of influenza. They all hoped that His Royal Highness would soon rid himself of the attack.

The Duke of Connaught, who was evidently suffering from a severe cold, was loudly cheered, and in reply said he had done his utmost to follow in the footsteps of His Majesty the King, who was so long their Grand Master. No Grand Master had ever done more than His Majesty to uphold the high standard of honour, efficiency, and goodwill, and no Grand Master had been better supported or more kindly received than he had been. He had done his utmost to support the best interests of the Craft, and all those tenets which, as Freemasons, they held so dear. The Craft was flourishing in a surprising degree. They were never short of numbers anxious to join the fraternity, and they were never deficient in members willing to fill the position of Masters of lodges. Their charities were all nobly supported, a fact of which they were justly proud. In South Africa Freemasonry was flourishing in a remarkable degree. He had not been an hour in Capetown before his table was filled with telegrams from all parts of the country congratulating him upon his arrival. He was not there as a Royal personage, but as Inspector-General of His Majesty's Forces, and he was not able to do all he should have desired to do in the interests of Freemasonry; but English, Scotch, Irish, and Dutch Freemasons all united in doing him honour, and he was convinced that there was no more important element in the promotion of peace and goodwill between the British and Boer populations in that country than Freemasonry. Both were working together for the good of the Craft and the benefit of the Empire. His Royal Highness heartily thanked the Lord Mayor for the entertainment he had given them that evening.

Earl Amherst, in eulogistic terms, gave "The Health of the Lord Mayor," who heartily thanked the Grand Officers, past and present, for honouring him that evening. His only regret was that he was compelled to limit the number of his invitations.

A choice selection of music was performed during the evening by the band of the Coldstream Guards, and the company adjourned to the saloon, where they were welcomed by the Lady Mayoress.

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Over the Border.

THE Constitutions begin with the statement that pure and ancient Freemasonry consists of three degrees and no more, and these are defined to be "the entered apprentice, the fellow craft, and the Master Mason, "including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

In spite of the Constitutions, however, the average Freemason persists in regarding the last named as a separate degree, and if we interpret the word literally, that is what it is. Masonry is a flight of steps, whereof the Holy Royal Arch is the summit. But there are other flights of steps, however, of which Grand Lodge and the Book of Constitutions are not officially cognisant, and it is to these unrecognised Masonic ascents we have applied the term "Masonry over the border." There was a time in the history of Grand Lodge when this region was not only a *terra incognita* but a *terra clausa*. In June, 1872, Grand Lodge adopted a very drastic resolution, somewhat to this effect, "That whilst this Grand Lodge recognises the right of every brother to belong to any extraneous Masonic organization he may choose, it as firmly forbids now and at any future time, every salaried official under this Grand Lodge, to mix himself up in any way with such bodies as — under the pain of immediate dismissal. The blank was occupied with a schedule of the organizations referred to. Grand Lodge is more liberal minded now, and does not enquire what the Masonic aspirations of its salaried officials may be, so long as their connection with the other bodies referred to is not of a financial kind.

The Mark, the Knights Templars, the Knights of Malta, the Antient and Accepted Rite, the Secret Monitor, the Allied Degrees, the Cryptic Degrees, the Rosicrucians, the Royal Ark Mariners, the Royal Order of Scotland, Adon Hiramite Masonry, the Eastern Star, the Order of the Shrine, the Rite of Memphis, the Rite of Mizraim, all belong to what many brethren call "higher" Freemasonry. But there was a time when most of them were "side" degrees, that is the secrets were conferred upon deserving brethren who were taken "aside" for the purpose, there being no regular organization.

The practice of conferring the modes of recognition in this manner dates probably from the time when Freemasonry was more intimately connected with politics than it is to-day, or, at all events, when plots and conspiracies against government were debited to the account of the Order. Meetings in the regular routine would have been dangerous, as they would have attracted the notice of the enemies of the Order. To-day there are no "side" degrees in this sense, nor in any other sense, for they are all so many continuations of the Craft, and profess to assist the Freemason to carry out the injunction to make daily progress in Masonic knowledge. The term "degree" might very well, for popular purposes, be held to include every Masonic process attended with the conferment of new modes of recognition, and for the encouragement of the brother who proposes to thread every devious by-way of Freemasonry we might tabulate them. There are four distinct grades in the Craft and the same number in the Arch. There are three in the Mark and two in the affiliated Order of the Royal Ark Mariners. There are four each in the Allied and in the Cryptic Degrees. The two Orders of Chivalry comprise four steps, the A. and A. Rite, thirty-three, the Rite of Mizraim, ninety, and that of Memphis the same number. The Rosicrucians confer nine, the Royal and Select Masters and the Royal Order of Scotland, two each, the Secret Monitor, three, the Adon Hiramites, twelve, the Order of the Eastern Star or "Adoptive Masonry" (women), five, the Red Cross, reached through the Chivalric Orders, five. If we exclude the Eastern Star, which is a female organization, and the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, which are hardly taken seriously, these make up ninety-one distinct grades, each with its appropriate legend, its modes of recognition, and its jewel. In this tabulation we have regarded the ruler in each case as having taken a separate degree.

Quite apart from the satisfaction due to the acquisition of all this Masonic information, there is that which is due to the very imposing titles attached to the several dignities. In the Rite of Mizraim, for instance, Sovereign Grand Princes abound, and the happy brother who has been admitted to the sixty-second degree may describe himself (but not in a Craft Lodge) as Most High and Most Powerful. Previous to attaining this giddy eminence he has been Architect to the Sovereign Commanders of the Temple, but by way of compensation he has in the interval had to pass through the two offices of "Washer" and "Bellows Blower."

The ignorance of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of all these bodies is not shared by their supreme authorities. That is to say, the Grand Mark Lodge recognises the Templars as being a Masonic body, and a member of the Rose Croix may wear his jewel anywhere but in a Craft Lodge or Arch Chapter. This led to a very curious point of Masonic law being raised in connection with a Masonic ball held some years ago. A brother turned up adorned with nearly every jewel known to Masonry, and was directed to take them all off, except such as were known to the Craft. His reply was to take off the one or two jewels which he might have worn as a Master Mason, and to retain the rest. He then sent in an appeal to the District Grand Master, with the unforeseen result that every one present at the ball was censured for being present in Masonic clothing, and told he was liable to suspension. This was before the official disapproval of such exhibitions was promulgated.

Most of the concomitant orders, by which euphemism the properly organized extraneous grades are now known, possess votes in their corporate capacity in the great charities.

Assuming that an applicant might claim as a right the votes of every extraneous body of which he was a member, it is not inconceivable that he might be able to turn an election in his own favour. It is also conceivable that the impoverished condition which is responsible for his application is partly due to his having spent so much money that he could ill afford in this way.

A good many of concomitant Orders are inter-dependent. That is the degree for instance of Royal Ark Mariners can only be conferred upon a brother who has taken the Mark. The Orders of Chivalry, that is the Templar and Malta degrees, are only attained through the Royal Arch, whilst the Royal Arch itself, under certain jurisdictions, pre-supposes the possession of the Mark and the Cryptic degrees. And all of them demand testimony of an unblemished career in Craft Masonry. In fact many of these degrees only acquire the claim to being described as Masonic, by reason of membership being recruited solely from the Craft.

Of all these emanations from the original Order, perhaps the widest in extent is the Mark. As regards its impressive ceremonies and its lofty teaching, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem is not surpassed. The Antient and Accepted Rite recruits its highest ranks by selection, and this fact proves an attraction to the Masonic student. Moreover the brother whose object is to accumulate Masonic distinction, is attracted by the mystic figures which his membership of that Order allows him to attach to his name. Another curious feature in connection with this Order is that it represents to the popular and uninstructed world who are not Freemasons, the *ne plus ultra* of Freemasonry, in fact one of the popular conceptions of Freemasonry is that it comprises thirty-three degrees.

We propose to refer with more particularity to these Orders at future dates.



On the several occasions when Past Grand rank has, for some special reasons, been conferred on a number of brethren, Provincial and District Grand Masters have been permitted to follow the same course in their respective provinces and districts. The announcement in the agenda paper for the next Grand Lodge that permanent additions will be made to the number of Provincial Grand Officers is a natural corollary to the recent alteration of the constitutions with regard to the number of Grand Officers to be appointed each year. Considering the vast increase in the Craft since the last addition was made to the list, it cannot be said that the change was uncalled for or that it has gone beyond the reasonable requirements of the Order.



The unfortunate differences which have sprung up between the Grand Lodge of England and that of New South Wales are the subject of a paragraph in the Report of General Purposes, and a special report by the Grand Registrar, in which he ably, and to our minds conclusively, demonstrates the illegality of the means by which the so-called Grand Lodge of Queensland has been called into existence, and the irregular, not to say unfriendly action of the late District Grand Master of New South Wales in regard thereto. The report is somewhat too lengthy we fear to interest the ordinary Mason in the subject, but we are far from saying that this important subject should have received briefer treatment. If not read by many, it will remain as a complete justification of the action taken by this Grand Lodge as well as that of the Sister Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.

The notice of motion by Bro. Smithers that the resolution of Grand Lodge, acknowledging that the disqualification for holding the office of Grand Treasurer on the part of Past Grand Officers did not apply to Past Grand Stewards should be emphasized by a note to that effect added to Rule 19, would perhaps make assurance doubly sure, but in face of the resolution in question it would hardly appear to be necessary.



Grand Lodge will no doubt receive with the respect due to the distinguished brother who has given notice of motion to make the rank and office of Grand Registrar one of emolument, and if it comes to a decision in favour of the resolution it will be conceded by all that the present holder of the office is by virtue of his zealous and able services entitled to the fullest consideration at the hands of Grand Lodge.



It is to be assumed that the Special Committee appointed to deal with the question of the Freemasons' Tavern and the property of Grand Lodge is actively engaged in formulating a scheme for re-building, and for resuscitating the business which was so suddenly brought to a stop nearly a year ago, but there is no indication yet of their having arrived at any definite scheme to put before Grand Lodge. In the Agenda of Grand Lodge business for the 6th June, appears the following:—"The Committee has held several meetings and duly considered numerous proposals connected with the object of its appointment. It has also consulted with the Grand Superintendent of Works with a view to the preparation of a scheme which will best utilise our property for the benefit of the Craft. It has been found impossible, however, to complete this scheme in time for the approaching meeting of Grand Lodge, and the committee can do no more at present than thus report progress."



This being so, the Craft must possess its soul in patience until such scheme has been evolved. It is better, perhaps, so much time having been wasted on abortive plans that a little more time should be devoted to what it is to be hoped will prove a satisfactory solution of an apparently difficult problem.



A somewhat mysteriously worded anonymous circular has been in circulation during the last week or two urging all brethren who are eligible to attend Grand Lodge on June 6th next, and stating that it is expected that proposals of great interest to the Craft and of special significance for London Masons will be considered, adding that "probably the agenda may, when published, adumbrate the form of the proposals." We have read the Agenda, and although it contains many matters of general interest we can find no mention of anything of special interest to London Masons. Can it be that it refers to the attempt on the part of a section of Metropolitan Masons to revive interest in the question of the division of London into provinces? if so, the legal adviser of Grand Lodge has ruled that the discussion of the question in Grand Lodge would be out of order, inasmuch as the creation of provinces and districts is the prerogative of the Grand Master, and any intervention in such a question would be an interference with that prerogative. Apart from the merits of this question or of any other that may come before Grand Lodge, it is to be hoped that the London brethren will not be induced to attend in their thousands, seeing that the Temple of Grand Lodge is only capable of containing more than the normal number, usually about five or six hundred.



The Cornwall Masonic Charity Association has just attained its twenty-first year of existence, and marked the occasion by raising 600 guineas, an amount never previously equalled in one year. During its existence a total of £7,087 15s. has been raised by the Association, the St. Martin Lodge and Chapter, No. 510, Liskeard, taking premier position among the subscribers, with a total of £810.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Essex, Colonel the Right Hon. Mark Lockwood, C.V.O., M.P., has fixed Saturday, June 30th, for the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held this year at Harwich. A Saturday has been chosen as it is thought probable that many brethren may like to take the opportunity of availing themselves of the G.E. Railway Company's rail and hotel week-end tickets, or of the excellent accommodation and week-end terms offered by the hotels at Dovercourt.



Scottish Freemasonry has suffered a serious loss by the death of Bro. William Officer, who for many years has occupied a high position in the Grand Lodge, and was deservedly esteemed as one of its most able and zealous workers. His professional services were always at the disposal of the Order, and it will be remembered that so recently as last year he took a prominent and useful part in the meeting in London at which the representatives of the



THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM OFFICER.

Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland entered into an agreement in regard to certain matters mutually affecting their respective jurisdictions. The funeral took place at Edinburgh on the 14th April. At two o'clock the funeral service was held in St. Mary's Cathedral, where Dean Skinner Wilson and Chancellor Keating officiated. The congregation comprised a large attendance of Masonic brethren, each of whom carried a sprig of acacia, the symbol of everlasting life, to drop upon the coffin after it had been lowered into the grave. The deputation from the Grand Lodge was headed by Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Past Grand Master, and Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, Depute Grand Master, and among the other representatives were Bros. the Rev. Dr. John Glasse, the Earl of Cassillis, General Dalmahoy, Col. L. A. Hope; David Reid, Grand Secretary; E. A. Chisholm, Grand Treasurer; John Wilson, Greenpark and others. The lodge with which Bro. Officer was associated, Lodge of Edinburgh (St. Mary's Chapel) No. 1, was well represented, Bro. Councillor Inches, the Master, heading the deputation. Among the mourners were also a good many whose faces have become familiar as regular attenders of the Convention of Burghs meetings in Edinburgh. There were, for instance, such old friends of Bro. Officer as Bros. D. W. Kemp, Leith; Ex-Provost Gilmour, Linlithgow; and many more who little thought a few days previously when they looked upon Bro. Officer in his accustomed place in the Convention that they would so soon be called upon to follow

his remains to the grave. Bishop Dowden was among the congregation, and there were also several representatives of the legal profession present at the service. The procession from the Cathedral to the Dean Cemetery was headed by the choir of the Masonic bodies, who walked, the coaches following the hearse, with its wreath-covered coffin, conveying Bro. J. L. Officer, the son of the deceased, and the other relatives. The burial service was continued at the graveside, and the obsequies were concluded by the Freemasons passing round the grave, each dropping his emblematic sprig of acacia on the coffin.



It is expected there will be upwards of 3,000 individual subscribers to the presentation to be made by the Freemasons of the Province of Kent to Earl Amherst, late Provincial Grand Master.



On Tuesday, May 3rd, the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire (Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, J.P.), was the recipient of a touching mark of the appreciation of his Masonic brethren. Colonel Caldwell has recently been appointed Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and on May Day a deputation was received at Brook House, the Colonel's private residence, and the address was in the form of an album bound in antique parchment, with the arms and title of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire illuminated upon its first page. Inside, the address itself was illuminated upon two leaves of vellum, the wording conveying the hearty congratulations of the Craft on the high honour which had been worthily conferred upon him. The address continued:—"You have so won the confidence and affection of all Masons by your wise and kindly rule as our P.G.M., that we feel a personal interest in all that concerns your welfare, and claim a personal pleasure in your election to the Mastership of an ancient and distinguished college." The address was signed by the D.P.G.M. and by every present officer of the Province, and these signatures were followed by those of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Treasurers, and Secretaries of all the lodges in the province. The presentation was made by the D.P.G.M., and very feelingly acknowledged by Colonel Caldwell, who said that the brethren in the province could not have selected a more pleasing way of expressing their congratulations.



At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire at Sheffield, Lord Allerton, who presided, said that as a result of the effort recently made on behalf of the West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Fund, they had obtained promises amounting to £11,500 of which £10,000 had been paid. Of that sum, £1,200 had been devoted to a perpetual presentation of £40 a year for an aged Mason, and named the "Lord Allerton Presentation," and nearly £1,000 for a presentation of £32 a year for the widow of a Mason, and known as the "Richard Wilson Presentation."



The Glasgow Daily Herald has an amusing article in a recent issue anent the female organisations which have of late sprung up, having for their object the elucidation of certain mysteries hitherto considered to be the peculiar privilege of the mere man to deal with.

"Most people have heard of the devices alleged to have been adopted by inquisitive women for the discovery of the secrets of Freemasonry. These interesting efforts to gratify female curiosity were usually, if we mistake not, carried on by individual women of an inquiring turn of mind, and it may be supposed that they usually failed. It must be taken as an evidence of the enterprising spirit of the age, and of the development of co-operative methods, that the inquisitiveness of the eternal feminine is now being directed by a syndicate on almost scientific lines. If there is anything really worth finding out about the unknown doings of the creature man, it may be supposed therefore that it will speedily be brought

into the light of day. The Ladies' Guild of Francis St. Alban has, it is true, a strong suggestion of Wonderland or Topsy-Turveydom. Alice, it is safe to say, never met in the course of her excursions a more interesting person than the secretary of the Guild. She was raised to that honourable office unbeknown to herself, and, though the Guild has been in existence a year, she has still to discover what it wants to be at. 'Really,' she said the other day to an interfering interviewer—a man, no doubt—'I scarcely understand what is being done. It is all about Bacon and Shakespeare. We have been shown mystic signs on notepaper and other things, and their connection with secret societies has been explained to us.' It is pleasant to find that many women of high position and great intelligence can spare time for these deep matters, even though it may interfere with the adequate solution of the great hat question, and the equally great gown problem. 'It is all very interesting, you know,' said the Secretary, 'and quite a lot of ladies come to our afternoon lectures. It certainly gives them something to think about.'



"And the work of the Ladies' Guild calls for a great deal of quite hard thinking. The Guild, like all good Baconians, believes that Francis Bacon was 'the foundation stone and acme of the whole pyramid of learning.' But he was a great deal more than that. It has been discovered that he was 'the centre of a vast secret society,' and that 'this society (under various names) has existed until the present day.' The members of this body are, it seems, bound by 'tremendous oaths,' 'not to write, print, stamp, stain, hew, cut, carve, indent, paint, or engrave any of the art or arts, point or points of secrets received.' Obviously any association which seeks to bring these deep matters into the light for the benefit of the human race must be persons who 'cannot be prevented from speaking.' With inexorable logic the Guild declares that the only people that cannot be prevented from speaking are women! Whether this daring sisterhood will succeed in dragging forward the invisible brotherhood remains to be seen. If they do succeed, they ought to inquire not only what are the secrets, but what use the selfish creatures have been putting them to throughout the centuries. Meanwhile the one really definite thing about the Ladies' Guild of Francis St. Alban is that the membership involves payment of a subscription of a shilling a year, certainly a very modest sum for so great a purpose. The money will be well invested if it results in bringing about a conference of the sisterhood and the brotherhood, and ultimately perhaps the uniting in wedlock of the maiden ladies of the Guild with the shy and shrinking bachelors among the modern Rosicrucians. Then we may hope that the much-harassed shade of Lord Verulam will be allowed to take its ease in the Elysian fields."



As the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Prov. Grand Master Cheshire, who was one of the three brethren nominated by the Grand Master on the committee of nine appointed to deal with the question of the premises of Grand Lodge, had decided to continue his big game shooting expedition in South America, it was found necessary to appoint a substitute, and a choice has been made that will meet the general approval of the Craft, Sir Joseph Dimsdale, P.G.W., being the selected member. The other members of the committee are Bros. John Strachan, K.C., G. Reg.; Sir Arthur Collins, K.C., President of the Board of General

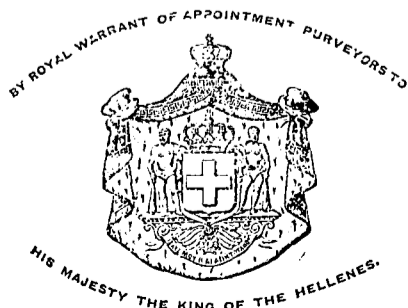
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Bro. Sir Harry Rawson, who was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales last year, attended the quarterly communication of that body on March 24th. Referring to the date of his installation to the office, the Governor said they all knew the reasons why he did not take office immediately following his election; he had been called to England. On his return to Sydney he had been approached by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. C. Remington, and asked to fix a date for the installation ceremonies. His reply had been to ask whether it was possible to wait until the next elections in Grand Lodge. Bro. Remington, however, pointed out that to do this would prevent the investiture of the officers of the Grand Lodge that had been elected, and he at once gave up the idea of postponement. He had fixed April 24th as the date on which he would be able to take office, and on which the ceremony of installation could be held. He would endeavour to do as much as he could for Freemasonry in the State, but they must not expect to get from him all the work that the retiring Grand Master had been doing; he had not the time to personally carry out ceremonies as had been done by Bro. Remington. While in England he had been able to tell the Grand Lodge there of the excellent working in Masonic lodges even in distant parts of the mother-State. A great deal depended upon the diligence of the officers of Grand Lodge in preventing the established customs and usages of the Order being departed from, and it was essential that these customs should be maintained. It would be his aim to forward the progress of the Craft, and he would be happy if he could accomplish this in the discharge of the duties he was about to undertake.



Bro. Joseph E. Morcombe, whose name as a contributor to the Masonic literature of the United States has become familiar, also to the brethren of the older hemisphere, is often the subject of criticism on the part of his brethren of his own and other American jurisdictions on account of his advanced ideas on many Masonic subjects. Bro. S. R. Wright of Florida takes occasion to say:—"Those who have read some of the recent articles by Bro. Morcombe in the *Tyler* cannot fail to have noticed his decided leaning toward the active participation of the lodge in secular and political affairs. The following, in his review of Minnesota, commenting upon the paragraph of the Grand Master, where it is urged that 'we as Masons and citizens must be prepared to uphold the strong arm of an executive,' etc., 'who dares to do something,' etc., and would otherwise take Masonry into civil life, Bro. Morcombe says: 'But, alas, these larger aspirations are but words to all except the very few. And because of this Masonry is treated as a negligible quantity in the history of our times. When such ideas shall have living force and value; when the mere work of the lodge shall take place as means rather than end; when men shall recognize Masonry as a great power ranged on the side of human freedom and against spiritual or political oppression; when the peace of nations shall be compelled by the weighty influence of a world-wide brotherhood—then, and not until then will the Craft have assumed its proper and predestined



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place. In the meantime time is wasted and strength frittered away in discussion over trivialities, and divisions in our forces are perpetuated because in minor things we disagree. The mechanism is in beautiful shape, works smoothly, is capable of producing vast power, but it is not propelling or moving anything except its own wheels—a mere exhibition engine.



The writer thinks such ideas and utterances more dangerous to our Fraternity than any before uttered by an American correspondent writer. It is such as will eventually lead to just such action as that of the Grand Orient of France, for which they have been Masonically ostracised, and which, in Peru and Mexico, caused them to do the same thing. Masonry cannot be made a political machine, or even a secular club, association, or of whatever name it may be known without its downfall, and all effort along this line should be promptly met and crushed in its incipency."



The brethren of Montagu Lodge, No. 665, Lyme Regis, Dorset, celebrated the jubilee of the lodge on April 5th last. An emergency meeting was held, which was attended by visiting brethren from De la Pole Lodge, No. 1181; St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707; Virtue and Honor Lodge, No. 494; Leinster Lodge, No. 387 (I.C.); Fidelity Lodge, No. 230; Oak Lodge, No. 190, etc.; as well as by numerous brethren of Lodge Montagu. After the usual business an interesting address on the "History of No. 665 and the Life of its Founder and first W.M., Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, D.P.G.M. Dorset, P.G.D.," was delivered by Bro. Jno. Radford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Dorset, and dedicated to the W. Master of Lodge Montagu, Bro. A. T. Mallock Bond. At the banquet which ensued the memory of the founder was drunk in silence.



The British Home Assurance Society, Limited, has just issued an abridged report of the proceedings at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Corporation which discloses gratifying proof of continuing prosperity, and considering the age of the institution the rapid growth of the premium income, as well as a steady increase in its accumulated funds. As

shown in the report, the premium income in the endowment certificates department in 1899 amounted to £38,918, which had grown by steady increases year by year to the relatively large sum in 1905, of £110,986. The life department showed an equally satisfactory increase, the premium income, which in 1899 stood at the most figure of £4,406, had risen in 1905 to the respectable amount of £23,123, the premiums of the two departments totalling in the past year £43,354, while the accumulated funds amounted to £306,439. Notwithstanding the dark cloud of commercial depression which is unfortunately still lingering in many districts, and keen competition, it is encouraging to note the large amount of new business secured by this association.



DAILY SEA TRIPS FROM LONDON.—With the approach of summer, the thoughts of thousands of Londoners turn to merry Margate and Ramsgate, and to the invigorating steamboat trips from London to those places, and if only the business people of the Metropolis knew what a marvellous pick-me-up a sea trip to Margate and back is—then, instead of there being about ten passenger steamers in the business, there would be three times the number, or the accommodation would be short for the big demand that would result. The New Palace Steamers "Royal Sovereign" and "Koh-i-noor," sister ships, each 300 feet long, and built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Limited, builders of the Cunard steamers "Campania" and "Lucania," will, as in former years, commence their regular sailings on Saturday, 2nd June, to Southend, Margate and Ramsgate. The steamers have been thoroughly overhauled and redecored, and are now cleaner and better found than ever before, and the only important alteration in the service from last year is that, on week days, the "Royal Sovereign" will leave Old Swan Pier at 9 a.m. instead of 9.20 a.m. as last season, this being arranged so that passengers shall be enabled to arrive back at London Bridge about 8 p.m. The catering is done by the Company on the same liberal scale as in previous years, contracts having been made with the best firms in Leadenhall Market, and everything of first quality will be supplied.

Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820.

ON Thursday evening, May 3rd, 1906, the members of the above lodge and their friends met at the Inns of Court Hotel, London, for the purpose of installing Bro. Frederick Handover as Worshipful Master of the lodge



BRO. FREDERICK HANDOVER.
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for the ensuing year. The Immediate Past Master (Bro. George Mortlock) performed the Installation Ceremony in a masterly manner, carrying out the ritual in all its details in a most impressive style.

After the appointment and investiture of the officers the W.M. proceeded to initiate a new member.

On the conclusion of the inner workings of the lodge, the members with their visitors sat down to an admirably served dinner.

In proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, the I.P.M., W. Bro. Mortlock, paid a warm and well-deserved tribute to his successor. W. Bro. Handover, in response, dwelt at some length on the ennobling tendencies and tenets of the Craft, the absolute necessity, particularly for young Masons, to religiously attend lodges of instruction, emphatically declaring that unless due attention was paid to his advice in this regard, proficiency in the Ritual was an utter impossibility. He deplored the death of P.M. Lindsay, whom, he stated, first induced him to take office in the lodge, therefore failing his ability to thank the late P.M. in the flesh, he desired to pay a sincere tribute to his memory.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was then proposed by W. Bro. Handover, and having been suitably responded to, that of the "Initiate" was given and enthusiastically received. The response of the Initiate was made in very happy terms, and the toast of "The Visitors" followed, which was responded to by Bros. Dehane, Comins, Cathie, and Barry O'Callaghan, the latter of whom made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the charities of the Order.

An excellent musical programme was provided, which, interspersed with the toasts, gave great satisfaction to those present.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

THE One hundred and eighteenth Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls which was held for the first time outside the precincts of Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, May 9th, at the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Sir Thomas Bucknill, Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, will rank amongst the most successful of the Charity Festivals. Apart from the centenary celebration it was the largest Board of Stewards on record, and the results was in proportion to the efforts made.

Upwards of eight hundred brethren and ladies were present, and after the dinner the Chairman, in giving the toast of "The M.W. Grand Master," referred to his Royal Highness as an enthusiastic soldier and sympathetic Freemason, who had lately come back from abroad. Since his return, his Royal Highness had spoken of the extraordinary enthusiasm which he found existing in South Africa for Freemasonry, whether Britons or Boers.

Bro. E. Terry, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers" in a characteristically humorous speech.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls"—said that although his time had been largely occupied in speaking, and, perhaps, in making the worse the better cause, he felt extremely nervous that evening. As he had said before, this was the 118th Anniversary. He could not, perhaps, remember the first, but he could go back forty years, for he had been nearly forty years a Mason. His family on his father's side

for generations had been Masons, and shortly after he attained his majority, unasked, he became a Mason; but, he was ashamed to say—and he accepted the full responsibility—that he had not up to now taken the same interest in those great Institutions that he ought to have taken, and he was very sorry for it. His visit to the great Girls' School three days previously had been a revelation to him. If anyone wanted to be enthusiastic about the Institutions, let him go and see what he had seen in that Institution. Happiness depicted upon each child, and a keenness in undertaking their duties, particularly in those charming evolutions called by that ugly name—calisthenics—in their music and singing, that one came away with a big lump in one's throat, when they remembered how each child came there. As he told the children, if they mentioned in after life where they were educated they would at once have the hand of friendship held out to them, and it would secure them a position as

sisters of the great brotherhood of which the brethren were members. Let them look into a few facts. At the first festival there were fifteen children, there were now nearly 300. The first festival produced less than £100, for Masonry was not then as now, for it had increased, by leaps and bounds. In 1805 they secured £1,000, and in 1879 £10,000. Since then it had never been under, except on three occasions, which could be accounted for. Many times it had been double, and he wondered what it would be that night. What did all that prove? It proved this. In the position in which he was so honoured—as Prov. Grand Master of Surrey—they were brethren of one of the greatest brotherhoods on earth. So long as a man had a religion he could be a member of their brotherhood. What an example to the House of Commons! It proved that whatever form of government

they had, and whatever their political opinions—and all were capable of them—they were bound in one common object and one common determination of benevolence to the children of their brethren. Let him tell them what the children could do. He was told they were as graceful as young porpoises in swimming. During the past seventeen years out of 623 who had entered for the Cambridge examinations 595 had passed. They would agree that these examinations wanted a bit of doing. Out of 1,600 children during the past year throughout the country, only twenty-two succeeded in getting honours in the first class, and the institution got one. Whether they took the College of Preceptors or examinations for music



R.W. BRO. SIR THOMAS BUCKNILL, PROV. G.M. SURREY.

and singing, the result was the same—success, which could not be brought about unless they went into it with a strong heart, trained by teachers who were once pupils in the school, and now in their turn were able to show sympathy and the greatest care and attention to their successors. Are they satisfied with what the children had done for them? They had a fine dividend for their investment. They paid their money down like men and were satisfied with the use made of it. He did not think any better use could be made of it. He was getting old, not too old to love, and he had fallen in love with the Girls' School. They had their house committee, matron, and governesses, and everything seemed to be a perfect piece of organisation in the right direction. As to the house committee, he should like to speak of one of them under whose wing he was taken down—Bro. Frank Richardson—who knew every child. Going into accounts, he found £2 7s. 6d.

for law charges out of pocket. Could they find any such institution where the law charges were of such an amount? The only person who could tell them how all the rest was done for nothing was Bro. Frank Richardson. It had been said by cranks, and, he believed, by bachelors, that the women of the future would be superior to men. He was looking for the banners from the gallery. He was told there was under discussion a question of out-education as distinct from that which they gave in the institution. For himself he only hoped that the question would be thoroughly thrashed out for the benefit of those who either were not qualified for election, or could not be admitted within the walls. He asked all to drink to the toast, and as they drank let their hearts go with it. Let them not forget the great good that was done, and ask the Great Architect to prosper it and all its undertakings.

After the announcement of the lists, Bro. Sir J. Dimsdale, P.G.W., returned thanks on behalf of the institution for the magnificent sum given.

The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, then announced the amounts of contributions from London and the provinces as follows :—

London	...	...	...	£12,109	13	6
Provinces	...	...	...	15,901	2	0
Total				£28,010	15	6

After the toast of "The Chairman," proposed by Sir E. Letchworth, G. Sec., and that of the other Masonic Charities, proposed by Major A. H. Bowles and responded to by Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., the company adjourned to the concert room, where an excellent programme of music had been provided.

West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Institution.

AN interesting gathering of West Yorkshire Freemasons was recently held in the Victoria Hall, Halifax. It was held to commemorate the completion of the first investment of £10,000 made on behalf of the Educational and Benevolent Institution of the Province, to celebrate which W. Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, P.G.D., entertained the members of the Charity Committee, the members of St. James's Lodge, Halifax (in which he was initiated in Freemasonry), and the principal officers of the sister Halifax lodges, to luncheon. Altogether the company numbered about two hundred, and Lord Allerton, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, presided.

Lord Allerton, in afterwards proposing "Success to the West Yorkshire Educational and Benevolent Institution," remarked that there were some things that never came to an end, and one of the things that never came to an end in West Yorkshire was the contributions for charitable purposes. That was a red-letter day for the province. When the Educational and Benevolent Institution was started, now about nine years ago, they contemplated the raising of a few thousand pounds for the purposes of providing assistance within the province for those who were connected, or had been connected, with the Craft upon whom times of distress and destitution had fallen. Their object was not to start for the province any rival scheme to the great Masonic institutions in this country, but rather, bearing in mind the old saying that "Charity begins at home," they desired, at all events in the first instance, to make safe those people for whom they felt especially responsible. To him it was a matter of great satisfaction that those enthusiastic members who dared to fix their ideals very high had proved to be sure, safe, and wise prophets. They were gratified to know, not only that the £10,000 they finally set themselves to raise had been reached, but that a considerably larger sum had been promised. Provincial Grand Lodge and the Province of West Yorkshire might be justly proud, not only of those who governed the province, but of those who had preceded them in office, for a more remarkable instance of fraternal co-operation he thought it would be difficult to find in the

annals of Freemasonry. He must refrain from apportioning credit in a matter of this importance, because they must never forget that to the brother who contributed £1 is. it might be just as much sacrifice, nay, even a greater sacrifice, than it was to the brother who gave his 50 guineas or 100 guineas. They could truly say that, so far as the brethren in the province were concerned, they had one and all assisted in this great movement. By this step they had secured to those to whom disadvantage might come, or evil times might follow, not only relief and benefit, but the kindly and sympathetic word of the committee responsible for looking after them, which gave double value to the contribution. He would remind the brethren that the fund cost hardly a fraction per cent. in administration, so that the money contributed went direct to the purpose they desired, and thus gave the fullest and the largest benefit. To W. Bro. Whadcoat they were greatly indebted for the words of counsel, encouragement, and assistance he had rendered.

W. Bro. W. P. Raynor, chairman of the Charity Committee, responded. One of the most significant features, he remarked, in connection with this special fund was the number of small subscribers, showing that the movement was popular among all sections of the province. He was pleased to announce that the sum of £11,500 had been subscribed to the fund, £4,000 having been contributed during the past year. During the ten years Sir Henry Edwards ruled the province, from 1875 to 1885, the sum of £22,211 was subscribed by the province to the Royal Masonic Charities. In the régime of W. Bro. T. W. Tew, from 1885 to 1893, £21,616 was the amount subscribed, or a total for the 18 years of £43,827. Since September 27th, 1893, the time Lord Allerton took command of the province, the sum of £46,500 had been subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institutions, and £11,500 for the special West Yorkshire Fund, making a grand total in 12½ years of £58,000.

Afterwards the annual meeting of the Charity Committee was held, under the banner of St. James's Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, St. John's Place.

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History of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.

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

DEC. 19th, 1825.—At this meeting on the motion of W. H. White, the sum of £5 5s. was voted towards the subscription on behalf of Mrs. Belzoni, widow of the late Bro. Belzoni the celebrated African traveller, the Grand Lodge having voted £50 a few days before to the same laudable object.

1827, Dec. 17th.—“A letter was read from B^r J. Deans, P.M., tendering his resignation, on which B T. E. White, P.M., Proposed, and B^r Joseph Taylor, P.M., seconded, ‘That in consideration of the high regard the Lodge entertains of his conduct during a period of 40 years, and in hopes that the members thereof may for many years to come have the benefit of his experience and enjoy the pleasure of his company,’ it be entered in the notice of the next meeting of the Lodge that he be ballotted for to become an honorary member.”

1828, April 21st.—The minutes of this meeting contain the record of a transaction which from the standpoint of our present day procedure will appear, to say the least of it, somewhat remarkable. The business of rather a long evening having apparently concluded, “The lodge was duly closed in



WILLIAM HENRY WHITE, GRAND SECRETARY, 1813—1857,
INITIATED IN THE LODGE OF EMULATION IN 1799.

peace, harmony, and brotherly love, and adjourned. After the Banquet the Lodge was opened in the first degree in due form. Bro. Hampton proposed that the thanks of this Lodge be offered to Brother Whisker for the fraternal and hospitable entertainment and for his kind attention on the occasion of his acting as Steward at the Dinner of the Female Charitable School, seconded by Brother White, P.M., and carried unanimously.

The Lodge was then closed in the first degree and adjourned.”

It is but fair to add that the seconder of the vote of thanks was not William H. White, the Grand Secretary, who was not present on the occasion, but Thomas Edward White, his younger brother, whom he had proposed and initiated in 1813.

Although it had been for many years customary to pass a similar vote, not only to the Stewards for the Charitable Festivals, but also the Grand Stewards, and the Stewards for

the Birthday Festival of the Duke of Sussex, this is the first instance on record of the Lodge being re-opened for that purpose.

1829, Jan. 19th.—At this meeting a very kind and brotherly letter was read by which William H. White tendered his resignation as a subscribing member of the Lodge, and offering his services, on all occasions, as Grand Secretary. Whereupon it was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the resignation be accepted, and that he be elected an Honorary Member, also that an Address be presented to him on his retirement after so many years service.

It is hardly necessary to state that Bro. White was unanimously elected an Honorary Member at the ensuing meeting.

The following Address, signed by the W. Master, and countersigned by the Secretary, was ordered to be transmitted to Bro. White :—

“RESOLVED

“That this Lodge, fully sensible of the great obligations which it has been under to Bro. W. H. White, P.M., for a period of Thirty Years, for the protection and support which he has afforded to its privileges and respectability in the Craft; for the numerous acts of kindness shown by him to its Members, and the valuable instruction and information which he has at all times been ready to bestow upon them, cannot but deeply regret the occurrence of any circumstance that should cause the secession of so invaluable a Member.

That in offering to Bro^r White the title of Honorary Member, the Lodge is aware of the inadequacy of the recompence for such eminent services, but trust that it will be received as a testimony of its grateful and affectionate feeling towards him, and of the anxious wishes of every one of its Members for his happiness and prosperity, and for his long enjoyment of the high station in the Craft, which he so usefully and so honourably fills.”

The Treasurer’s Report at this meeting contains the following :—

“Velvet for Pedestal ...	£2	6	6
“Lace for Do. ...	7	6	6
“Making Do. ...	1	2	0
“Box for Do. ...	0	5	10
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	£11	0	10”

Dec. 21st.—The following extract from the proceedings at a Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge holden on the 2nd September last was read, viz. :—

“The M.W. Grand Master stated that he had approved the Design for a Medal to be worn by the Brethren who had served the Office of Steward to both the Masonic Charities, viz. ‘The Royal Freemasons’ Female School,’ and ‘The Masonic Institution for Clothing and Educating the Sons of Deceased and Indigent Freemasons,’ and that those Brethren who had so served both Stewardships, and are desirous of possessing the Medal, must communicate their wish to His Royal Highness, through the Grand Secretary, on or before the 1st of February next, that the number wanted may be ascertained, because the price to be charged for the Medal must necessarily depend upon the number required to be struck off,—that is to say, the greater the Number, the smaller will be the cost of each Medal.

“The M.W. Grand Master remarked that he had observed, recently, some Brethren wearing Jewels or Medals designating their particular Lodges, such Jewels not having been sanctioned by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, which Proceeding is contrary to the Regulations of the Craft: His Royal Highness, however, refrained from naming the Individuals

or Lodges, in the Hope that this Notice would be sufficient to cause a Discontinuance of the Irregularity."

1833, Oct. 21st.—"Bro. Taylor having completed an Index of the Minutes of the Lodge from the earliest period extant to the present time, took this opportunity of presenting the same to the Lodge; whereupon it was

"Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this Lodge be given to Bro. Taylor for his laborious and able exertions in compiling an Index of the Lodge, and that a Medal be struck expressive of the high esteem in which he is held by the Brethren and their grateful thanks for this and the many other benefits he has conferred upon the Lodge."

The Medal, or Jewel, referred to was presented to Bro. Taylor, 18th Nov. following.

At this meeting "Bro. William Henry White, P.M. and Grand Secretary, requested permission to withdraw his resignation as a subscribing member of this Lodge, which being put to the vote, was carried unanimously."

Bro. White thus became again a regular member of the Lodge after having been an Honorary Member for about four years.

In January, 1834, the Audit Committee reported that there was a balance due to the Treasurer of £39 5s. 3d., and at



SIR POLYDORE DE KEYSER, LORD MAYOR 1887-8, INITIATED IN THE LODGE OF EMULATION IN 1862.

the December meeting following it was "Resolved unanimously—That the members of this Lodge do subscribe One Guinea each in addition to their Annual Subscription of Four Guineas for the ensuing year for the purpose of liquidating the debt of the Lodge."

1835, Dec. 21st.—"Bro. Taylor, I.G., proposed, That the thanks of the Lodge be given to Bro. Heneky, W.M. for his zealous attention to the welfare of the Lodge during the last year, and for his handsome gift of a Jewel for the M.C., 15 new Collars and a Case.

"Bro. Hampton, P.M., proposed, 'That the Lodge of Instruction under the sanction of this Lodge be revived,' which being seconded was carried unanimously."

1837, Jan. 16th.—A vote of thanks was again passed to Bro. George Heneky on the completion of his second year as Master of the Lodge, and it was also resolved to present him with a Past Master's Jewel, which was handed to him at the February meeting.

This is the first occasion of a presentation Jewel being described as a "Past Master's Jewel." Jewels or Medals had been presented by the Lodge previously but they are not described as of any particular office or distinction.

At an Emergency Meeting held July 10th, 1837, the following Vote of Condolence was passed:—

"To His Royal Highness, Prince Augustus Frederick, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, K.G., K.T., etc., etc., etc., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

"Most Worshipful and Royal Grand Master,

"We, the Master, Past Masters, Wardens and other Officers and Members of the Lodge of Emulation No. 21, in open Lodge assembled, beg most respectfully and dutifully to approach your Royal Highness for the purpose of tendering our sincere condolence in the great loss which your Royal Highness has sustained in the demise of your Royal Brother, His late Most Excellent Majesty, King William the Fourth. We rely upon the warm attachment which you Most Worshipful Grand Master have always manifested towards the Craft, that we shall still continue to enjoy the fostering care, which for a quarter of a century has cheered and forwarded our Masonic Labours. We humbly and fervently implore the Great Architect of the Universe to grant to your Royal Highness the enjoyment of Health, Peace, and Happiness for many years to come."

Signed, W. BOLL'S, W.M.,
Wm. KISLINGBURY, S.W.,
CHARLES WILLIS, J.W.,
T. H. FOX, Secretary.

1839, Feb. 18th.—The thanks of the Lodge was unanimously voted to Bro. Hogard, J.W., for a present to the Lodge of a handsome seal for the use of the Secretary.

March 18th.—"It was resolved that Books of the Bye-Laws be printed and the names of every member of the Lodge be inserted and that a Book be given to each member."

The Bye-Laws were first ordered to be printed and distributed to the members on 19th Nov., 1792, and again on 15th March, 1824. A copy of the last mentioned, containing a list of the officers and members, is in the Grand Lodge Library.

Oct. 21st.—"A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to Bro. S. C. Norris expressing the sympathy of the Brethren at the loss he had sustained by the demise of his excellent and respected Father who had been a member of this Lodge 41 years."

At the same meeting a vote of thanks was passed to "Bro. C. Willis, W.M., for his handsome gift of a set of splendidly carved Gavels in Ivory, and a Mahogany case."

1840, March 16th.—A circular letter from the Grand Master was read at this meeting cautioning the brethren against publishing or giving information of the proceedings in the Lodge for the purpose of publication, which letter was ordered to be inserted in the minutes, and is so inserted.

Oct. 19th.—"On the motion of Br Taylor, P.M., seconded by Br Unwin, P.M., it was resolved to discontinue the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*.

1841, March 15th.—A lengthy communication from the Grand Secretary, by command of the Grand Master, was entered in the minutes of this meeting. The document in question dealt largely with the duties of Masons generally and contained the following resolutions which had been passed nearly unanimously at a numerously attended Grand Lodge held on 3rd March, when,

"Previous to the Minutes of the last Quarterly Communication being read, the R.W. Deputy G.M. called the attention of the Grand Lodge to a Subject which he considered of the utmost Importance to the Integrity and Welfare of the Craft—a Breach of Masonic Privilege by the Publication, in a Work entitled the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and other Lodges. His Lordship stated that he felt himself at liberty to bring the Matter under Discussion without any previous Intimation; still, however, being unwilling to do so when an Opportunity occurred of giving Notice, he had caused Notice to be given at the General Committee last Wednesday.

"The R.W. Deputy G.M. then produced the Work complained of, and entered at considerable length into the Nature of the Offence, and concluded by moving as follows, viz.

"1st. That it is the primary duty of the Grand Lodge to view with the greatest Jealousy any Breach of the Privileges secured to the Masonic Body by the Legislature.

"2nd. That one of the most valuable of those Privileges, and that which constitutes the very Essence and Spirit of the Order, is the Secresy with respect to the Proceedings and Concerns of Masonry, which is enjoined in the ancient Charges, inculcated by the strongest obligations in every Stage of Masonic Degree, and rigidly laid down by the Laws and Constitutions.

"3rd. That the Publication by Masons of the Proceedings and Concerns of Masonry, or furnishing Materials for such Publications, are traitorous Violations of this most important Privilege, and deserving of the highest Punishment denounced against such Offences by the Laws and Constitutions, as such Publications, if not discouraged and suppressed, must ultimately destroy the Respectability, and may even hazard the Existence of the Craft.

"4th. That, with a view of checking this Evil, the Grand Lodge call on all Masonic Authorities and Masters of Lodges on their Masonic Allegiance to use their utmost Endeavours to cause all Brothers who may violate this Privilege by engaging in any such Publication as the late *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, or by furnishing Materials for such Publication by any Disclosure, without due Sanction, of the Proceedings or Concerns of Masonry, to be brought before the proper Tribunal to be dealt with according to the Laws and Constitutions of the Order.

"5th. That these Resolutions be forthwith transmitted by the Grand Secretary to all the Constituted Authorities of the Order, and the Masters of all Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

"6th. That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to communicate the same, in whatever manner he may deem fit, to the Grand Masters of Masonry in Scotland and Ireland, and of other Grand Lodges.

"7th. That the Master of every Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England shall cause these Resolutions to be read in open Lodge at the next Meeting after the receipt thereof, and to be entered on the Minutes of such Lodge; and that he shall, immediately after such Meeting, report to the Grand Secretary the compliance with this Resolution.

"And the Question being put thereon, the Resolutions were carried with only nine dissentients."

1842, Jan. 17th.—"A Letter from Bro^r. William Henry White was read, announcing his resignation, which was accepted of course."

A Committee was then appointed to prepare a suitable Address to Bro. White on his retirement from active membership of the Lodge and notice was given that he should be balloted for as an Honorary member at the next meeting.

The subject is not mentioned in the minutes of February 21st, but at the March meeting the proposed distinction was conferred upon the veteran brother and the following Address was approved and ordered to be transmitted to him.

"The Members of the Lodge of Emulation beg to offer for Bro. William Henry White's acceptance, the title of Honorary Member, to which they have this day in open Lodge unanimously elected him.

The Members are fully sensible of the Ties that have linked Bro. White to the Lodge of Emulation for so long a period as Forty-Two years, the longest probably that any member of the Craft has continued a subscribing member to his mother Lodge, therefore they cannot but lament that his various increased duties have deprived them for a considerable period of his society and ultimately necessitated him to retire; they hope however that he will honour them with his company whenever opportunity offers, and thanking him most sincerely for his unwearied past services, his protection of the rights and privileges of their Lodge, and his uniform kindness to themselves, particularly to those called upon to perform public duties in the Craft, trust that the Almighty will be pleased to spare him many years in Health and Strength to perform the duties of those offices he so honourably and so usefully fills."

The business of the evening was concluded by a vote of Ten Guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, one of the earliest lodge contributions to that excellent Institution, which had only received the sanction of the Grand Lodge at the previous Quarterly Communication.

Bro. W. H. White's reply to the Address was read to the Lodge on 21st November following, and entered in the minutes of the meeting.

He continued to fill the office of Grand Secretary until 1857, when he retired, having served in that capacity for nearly 47 years. The Grand Master (the Earl of Zetland), in proposing a pension passed a flattering eulogium on the faithful and distinguished services rendered by him to the Craft. "He knew of no one, and he believed there never was a Brother, who had done such eminent services for Freemasonry. He had been indefatigable and zealous in the cause, and he knew more of Masonry than any other man."

Bro. White attended the Lodge of Emulation on 16th April, 1849, as is stated in the Minutes, on the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation and the fortieth of his office of Grand Secretary. A testimonial consisting of plate was presented to him by the Craft on 20th June, 1850; the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and one hundred Brethren being present at the banquet given on the occasion. The last meeting of the Lodge of Emulation at which he was present was on 18th April, 1864. His death occurred 5th April, 1866. During his long connection with the Lodge, he had on several occasions resigned as a subscribing Member, and had been elected an honorary one, and again resumed active Membership. For many years he was a Member of the Grand Stewards Lodge, the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, the Lodge of Friendship, No. 6, the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, and the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259.

In 1840 Bro. W. H. White presented sixty-three volumes and an ancient manuscript to the Grand Lodge, thus assisting in forming the nucleus of the magnificent collection of books, at Freemasons' Hall, known as "The Grand Lodge Library."

The following lines were published in *The Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror* of April 14th, 1866, in which journal appears also a full and carefully written obituary notice of the Masonic career of the venerable and distinguished Brother :—

In Memoriam.

BRO. WILLIAM HENRY WHITE,
PAST GRAND SECRETARY OF ENGLAND.

Born Nov. 10, 1777. Initiated April 15, 1799.
Died April 5, 1866.

At last the subtle thread of life is broken—
The venerable mason sleeps at last—
Death came and signalled him with mystic token,
To join the phantom brethren of the past.
Bowed with the weight of nearly ninety years,
Our patriarch passes from this vale of tears.

Born when Columbia's flag was first unfurled,
When Washington's was yet an unknown name,
And long before Napoleon shook the world,
Or Nelson soared upon the wings of fame.
Through the long vista of his life we gaze,
O'ercome with visions of those bygone days.

Empires and States have had their rise and fall
Since he appeared upon this stage of time;
But Masonry—his pride—survives them all,
Fixed on foundations heavenly and sublime.
Age has not dimmed its lustre, nor effaced
The principles on which its power is based.

Peace to the dead—his pilgrimage is done,
And requiems at his sepulchre we sing.
For him the fight is fought, the battle won,
Yet this last tribute to his tomb we bring—
That Masonry he long and ably served,
And never from the path of duty swerved.

Then may the acacia o'er his ashes bloom,
His memory still be cherished warm and bright,
Till the last trump shall call him from the tomb,
Again to mingle with the sons of light,
In that divine, celestial lodge above,
Where the world's Architect presides in love.

Although the author of the foregoing tribute, with characteristic modesty, concealed his identity under a *nom de plume*, there can be no harm in stating that to the best of my belief it emanated from the pen of the late talented brother, Robert Wentworth Little, formerly in the Grand Secretary's Office, and later, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

1843, April 27th.—A Special Lodge was held for the purpose of passing a resolution of sorrow and regret at the demise of the Duke of Sussex on the 21st instant, which resolution was entered on the minutes of the meeting.

1848, Jan. 13th.—At the audit meeting held this day there was due to the Treasurer the large sum of £45 os. 9d. The Committee therefore recommended that each member should at once subscribe 40s. to reimburse the Treasurer for the advances he had made. The Committee further recommended, that, in consequence of the state of the funds, the banquet in May and October be dispensed with for the ensuing year. Both of these recommendations were adopted by the lodge.

1849, Jan. 12th.—The report of the auditors contains the following:—"The Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge having objected to the collars worn by the Masters and Wardens of this Lodge from the colour of them being much darker than those worn by other Lodges, we would suggest the propriety of purchasing an entire new set, as those now in use are very old and have been cleaned and dyed until the original colour is quite lost."

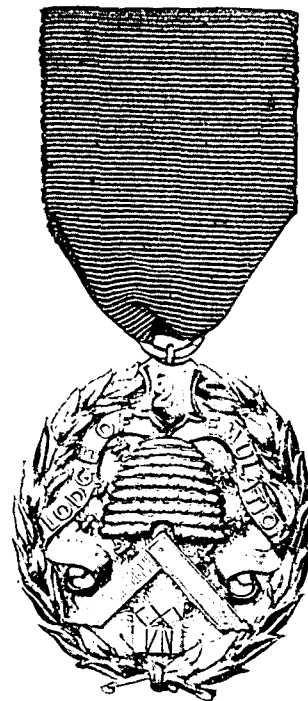
Feb. 19th.—At this meeting a letter from Henry Shute, P.G.M., Bristol, was read and entered on the Minutes, the purport of which was, that he had intended visiting the Lodge in order to personally thank the brethren for their very liberal donation towards the purchase of an annuity for the late most respected and venerable Brother Husenbeth, many years Deputy Provincial Grand Master of that province, whose death had occurred before the subscription could be completed. Being, however, unable to remain in town for the meeting of the lodge, he had left the £5 with the clerk at *The Albion*, for delivery to the Master, and desiring an acknowledgment by post.

"The Secretary was ordered to reply to the above note and state that it would give the Lodge much pleasure to see Bro. Shute at their next banquet."

May 21st.—A most unusual event is chronicled at this meeting. "There not being sufficient Brethren present the Lodge was not opened." This had only occurred thrice in the history of the Lodge, the last occasion being on Oct. 19th, 1807, when five brethren attended, but there being no particular business, the Lodge was not opened. On this occasion the Master, a Past Master, and the Secretary only, put in an appearance. I don't like to suggest that the omission of the banquet had anything to do with the absence of the members.

1850, Jan. 7th.—The auditors again reported a deficit, £66 12s. 9d. being due to the Treasurer, and the usual "whip round" of £2 per head was recommended and adopted.

May, 21st—"At the close of the Banquet, Bro. Taylor, P.M., on behalf of himself and the friends of Bro. S. C. Norris, Treasurer, presented him with a watch as a mark of their esteem. On the back of the watch the following was inscribed:—"Stephen C. Norris, P.J.G.D., from the Brethren of the Lodge of Emulation, as a mark of their personal regard and esteem."



PAST MASTER'S JEWEL OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION,
Designed by Thomas H. Grylls, Esq.

L. J. S.

1852, April 19th—"An important letter was read of which the following is an exact copy:—

"Royal Freemasons School for female Children, St. George's Fields, 25th March, 1852.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"On examining the registry of this Institution I find the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, is entitled to three Life Votes by the payment of the following sums within the specified time of three years:—

1811	£ 10 10s.)	£21. 1 Vote.
1814	" 10 10s.)	
1828	" 10 10s.)	£21. 1 Vote.
1831	" 10 10s.)	
1835	" 10 10s.)	£21. 1 Vote.
1838	" 10 10s.)	

"I am, Dr. Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"To the W.M.

of the Lodge of

Emulation, No. 21."

"FRANCIS CREW, Supt.

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