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*R. W. Bro. Henry Martyn Kennard,
 Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire.*

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Installation of the Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire.

THE installation of R.W. Bro. Henry Martyn Kennard as Provincial Grand Master for Monmouth, in succession to the late Bro. Colonel Charles Lyne, took place at Monmouth on the 20th February. The ceremony commenced with a convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter,



BRO. C. R. LYNE, DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

in the Freemasons' Hall, at which E. Comp. Kennard was installed as Grand Superintendent by E. Comp. Marmaduke Tennant, Grand Superintendent of South Wales (E.D.), and the officers of the year were appointed.

In the meantime the brethren of the province and visitors had assembled at the Rolls' Hall, where the principal business of the day was to be carried out. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock, Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, acted as Installing Master, and he was supported by a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

After an address by the Installing Master on the objects of the meeting, the R.W. Provincial Grand Master was introduced and the installation and investiture were impressively completed. The R.W. brother, having taken his place as Provincial Grand Master, appointed his Deputy, W. Bro. C. R. Lyne, who held office under his late father, and after investiture and proclamation, W. Bro. L. E. Webb, W.M. of the Kennard Lodge (founded by and named after the Provincial Grand Master), was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden; while W. Bro. Charles Cullum was appointed a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in commemoration of the installation of the M.W. Grand Master of England, and presented with a jewel subscribed for by the brethren of the Albert Edward Lodge. The remaining officers having been appointed and other formal business having been done, votes of thanks to the Installing Master and others were passed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

A luncheon afterwards took place at the Beaufort Arms Hotel, when R.W. Bro. H. Martyn Kennard presided, supported by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Langattock, Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. R. Lyne, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and the majority of the brethren who had been present at the installation.

In proposing the toast of "The King and the Craft," the Provincial Grand Master said it was well understood that among loyalists Masons claim to be the most loyal; and in that loyal town of Monmouth, in that Loyal Monmouth Lodge, he was very sure that the toast of the King and the Craft required no prompting on his part to call forth a hearty and genuine response. As their High Sheriff, he would not say how many years ago, he had the privilege and the honour of presenting to his Majesty the King the congratulations of the county on his auspicious marriage. And he was also fortunate enough to witness the entry of his Queen Alexandra into the metropolis, when she captured all British hearts, and, as they are aware, imprisoned them for life. He had therefore a peculiar interest in that toast, and as it was the first time he had the honour to propose it as their Provincial Grand Master he would ask them to respond to it with all honours.

The invitation was accepted with much enthusiasm.

The other loyal and Masonic toasts having then been disposed of,

R.W. Bro. Lord Llangattock, who was received most enthusiastically, proposed "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Martyn Kennard." No one, he said, had had better opportunities of becoming acquainted with Bro. Kennard than himself. He had known him for more than forty years in every station of life—as a loyal Mason, as a good sportsman, and as a most delightful companion. He was conspicuous for good work during his long life in Monmouthshire, and for his loyalty to the county. He was sure they would one and all heartily support the Provincial Grand Master, and help him to show the world what Masonry really was—to show them that they endeavoured to carry out



BRO. CHAS. CULLUM, PAST PROV. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

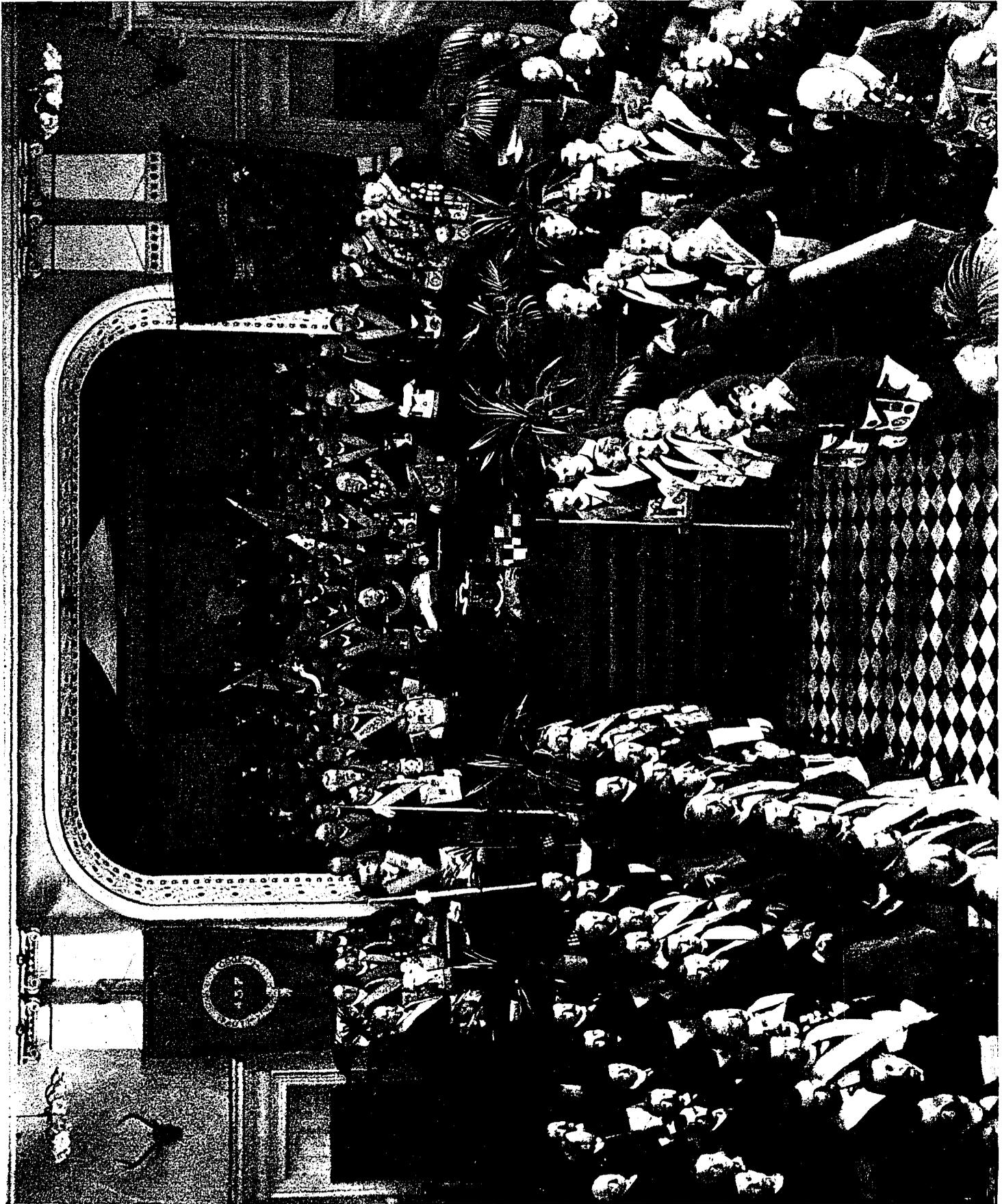
the principles of the Craft, which they knew were founded on the Volume of the Sacred Law. They belonged to a society—the oldest on record, one which demanded of them

to be firm and faithful in their allegiance, to walk uprightly in the world, respecting themselves, and thereby ensuring the respect of others.

The toast was received with musical honours.

The Provincial Grand Master, in response, said he was utterly at a loss to express the gratification he felt at the very complimentary manner in which the toast had been given

would all be very good friends. It had been said that once a Mason, always a Mason; and he was under the impression that he could claim a position in Masonry which had not been conferred upon him, and one which would not be coveted—it was that he was the senior Mason within the borders of the province. He would ask them to view the Provincial Grand Master as their elder brother, and he at



THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MONMOUTHSHIRE.

and received. How was it possible, after a long absence from the county, to find phrases generous enough to express his pleasure at the way they had received the toast, and the hearty welcome they had given him? It was with intense pleasure that he found himself once more in the good old county. Although he must appear to many of them as a stranger, he prophesied that at no very distant date they

once claimed their fealty and their friendship. He thanked them one and all for the very hearty way in which they had received him.

“The Installing Master, R.W. Bro. Lord Llangattock,” and other toasts followed, and the proceedings, which throughout were of a most enthusiastic character, were closed.

Consecration of St. Catherine's Park Lodge, No. 2899.

THE consecration of the above lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall on the 25th of March, and was attended by a large number of Grand Officers and about seventy brethren. V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand



BRO. W. H. BALE, W.M.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, and the following brethren were appointed as officers:—Bros. W. H. Bale, P.M., as W.M.; W. F. Lamonby, P.A.G.D.C., acting I.P.M.;

J. Reynolds, S.W.; S. E. Young, J.W.; R. W. Benms, P.M., Treasurer; R. Gabell, P.M., Secretary; R. Fitch, S.D.; C. G. Butler, J.D.; F. A. Bint, P.M., D.C.; E. Hancock, I.G.; and G. H. Russell, Steward.

The Consecrating Master and his assistants were elected honorary members of the lodge, and the Grand Secretary was presented with a founder's jewel of the lodge.

At the banquet which followed,

Bro. Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it was, he was sure, the ambition of every Freemason to aspire to the honour of being appointed Grand Officer, and he would not be surprised if the W.M. of St. Catherine's Park Lodge found himself amongst the "purple world."

Bro. W. F. Lamonby, in proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," told the brethren of a very interesting incident that happened to him in the Australian Bush some years ago, when he performed the duties of consecrating officer at a lodge 200 miles from Melbourne.

The Grand Secretary, in responding, wished the lodge every success.

Bro. Col. G. J. Parkyn, P.G.S.B., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and said he was sure the lodge was most fortunate in having the right man in the right place.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, assured the brethren he would do his best to bring the lodge to success. It was their intention to class it as a non-dining lodge, as he felt sure everyone realised the true spirit of Masonry was centered in its workings and Charities.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master mentioned they had forty-four guests, and he called upon Bros. Major Walls, P.G. Std. Br., Robins, Lake, Clayton, and several others to reply.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Worshipful Master referred to the merits of each individually, after which the Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.



FOUNDERS OF THE LODGE.

Consecration of Defence Lodge, No. 2839.

THE inception of the idea of a volunteer officers' lodge for Calcutta dates back several years ago, but circumstances did not favour its inauguration at that time as the status of the various battalions in that city was undergoing change. Early, however, in 1900, the scheme was again brought forward, and as the idea met with considerable encouragement it was put into practical shape. A petition was drawn up and signed by twenty volunteer officers representing the various Calcutta corps.

Bro. John Richard Maples, Lieut.-Colonel of the 1st Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, was chosen as the first Worshipful Master, with Lieut.-Colonel Binning, then Senior Warden of 218 (E.C.), as first Senior Warden, and Capt. W. J. Bradshaw, Port Defence Volunteers, P.M. 232 (E.C.), as first Junior Warden.

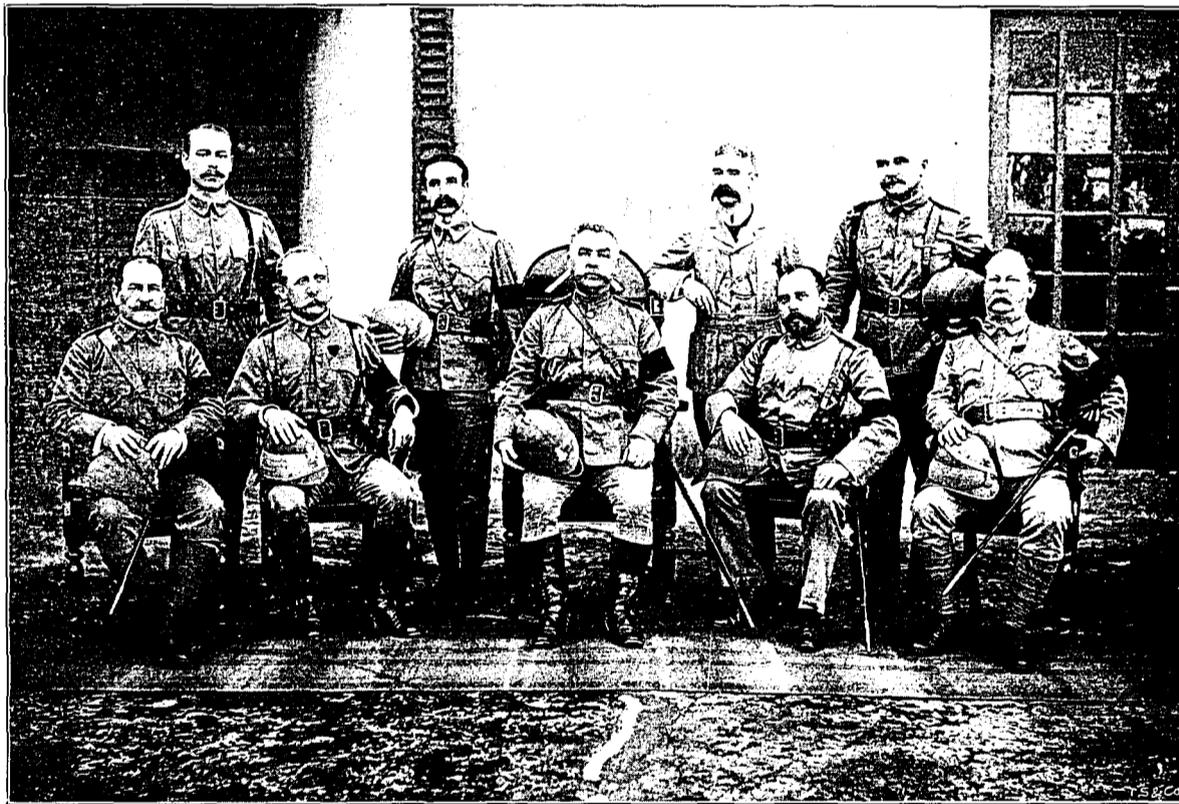
Owing to the death of the late Queen and the consequent change in the Grand Mastership, some considerable delay was experienced in procuring the charter, and when it did arrive the Worshipful Master elect was on his way home, as

Bros. Field Marshall Earl Roberts, Lord Kitchener, General Sir Charles Warren, Sir Power Palmer, and General Sir E. Collen.

The consecration meeting of the lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, on Friday, January 3rd. Bro. the Hon. Sir H. T. Prinsep, D.G.M. of Bengal, assisted by Bros. W. B. Colville, as D.G.S.W.; G. W. Lees, D.G.J.W.; the Rev. Canon Luckman, D.G. Chaplain; H. M. Rustomjee, D.G. Secretary; E. G. Sinclair, D.G.D.C.; and C. H. Mead, D.G. Organist, performed the ceremony before a fairly large attendance of brethren, the founders and promoters.

On the conclusion of the consecration Bro. Lieut.-Colonel J. Binning was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, D.G. Secretary of Bengal, in his well known able manner.

The following brethren were appointed to offices in the lodge:—Bros. Boughton Chambers, I.P.M.; W. J. Bradshaw, S.W.; H. E. Girard, J.W.; C. W. Batho, Treasurer; W. T. Grice, S.D.; W. M. Jones, J.D.; and T. Herbert, Tyler.



A GROUP OF FOUNDERS.

it proved, for good. This necessitated a re-election of chief officers, when Bro. Binning was chosen Worshipful Master, and Bros. Bradshaw and Girard Senior and Junior Wardens.

Membership of this lodge is open to all volunteer officers, past and present, and regular officers of the Indian Staff Corps. The subscription has been fixed at a reasonable limit to enable eligible brethren all over India to join without adding a great deal to their Masonic dues. Absent brethren are admitted at half the usual rates, and it is anticipated this concession will bring members who are volunteer officers from every part of India, so that in time a huge lodge will be the result. In connection with the lodge there will be an officers mess, so that Mofussil brethren, if they happen to be in Calcutta, will be able to meet their brother officers both in Masonry and at the social board.

A feature in the lodge is the roll of eminent soldiers who cordially approved of the scheme and consented to nomination as honorary members. Their names are as follows:—

The appointments of Secretary and Inner Guard were held over for a subsequent meeting.

Other routine business was then proceeded with, after which the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The usual toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, who was particularly felicitous in that of "The District Grand Lodge of Bengal," whose ruler, Bro. Sir Henry T. Prinsep, was the most distinguished guest of the evening. In the course of his remarks the Worshipful Master alluded to the eminent services to Freemasonry by their Right Worshipful District Grand Master, and expressed his opinion that the proposed new Masonic Temple must be a memento of his rule.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Bro. Sir H. T. Prinsep responded in a few well-chosen words. He briefly alluded to the building scheme and the main reasons of his disapproval of it, which were based upon

the inexpediency of incurring debt for their successors to pay off, who would probably condemn the action of those who had left them such a legacy.

The next toast was that of "The Newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Binning, and his Officers." This was proposed by Bro. Captain Boughton Chambers, who, in the course of his remarks, alluded to the long and meritorious service in the volunteer cause of the Worshipful Master, and of the merits of those he had appointed to assist him during his year of office. As the originator of the scheme of a volunteer officers' lodge, he (Bro. Chambers) naturally felt the most earnest interest in its welfare, and he urged upon the members of the lodge to use their best endeavours to make it thoroughly successful and a credit to the great auxiliary branch of the service they represented as well as for the good of Freemasonry. In conclusion, he referred to certain doubts that had been expressed as to the ultimate success of the scheme, and it thus behoved one and all to work loyally for the lodge and vindicate the position it assumed among Calcutta lodges.

Bro. Binning, W.M., in replying to the toast, mentioned that his volunteer experience dated back to the beginning of the sixties, so that he could well claim the position assigned to him by the proposer of the present toast as one of the oldest (if not the very oldest) volunteer in Calcutta. He thanked the brethren on the part of his officers and himself for the very cordial manner in which the toast was received, and felt that he could rely upon his officers to help him to make the lodge successful.

Bro. Capt. W. T. Grice proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Capt. T. E. Madden, I.S.C., responded. In the course of his remarks he alluded to their District Grand Master's work in the Order, and said that he hoped some day that there would be a Grand Lodge of India with the eminent brother named at its head.

On the conclusion of his remarks, Bro. Sir H. T. Prinsep asked permission to say a few words with reference to Bro. Madden's idea of a Grand Lodge for India, and to express his opinion that such a scheme (which had, however, been mooted some years ago) was undesirable.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Binning then rose and proposed as a special toast that of "Bro. Capt. Boughton Chambers," and in the course of a few words eulogised his hard work and energy in bringing the present scheme into existence. He had been the originator of the idea, and it was entirely owing to his efforts that it had assumed a practical shape. He also alluded to his general zeal in the cause of Freemasonry as evinced by the several lodges he had been instrumental in starting, one being the Kidderpore Lodge Federation, opened early in December, and of which he was W.M.

Bro. Chambers expressed his gratitude at the unexpected eulogy bestowed upon him by Bro. Binning, and for the extremely hearty way in which the toast was received by the brethren. He felt that he reaped full appreciation for any services he had rendered the Order if brethren would think that he did all from a genuine love of the Craft and not from any interested motives.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

The late Bro. Sir Andrew Clarke, P.D.G.M. of Victoria.

IT is with regret that we have to record the death of R.W. Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Andrew Clarke, G.C.M.G., R.E., Past District Grand Master for Victoria, which was almost coincident with our recent article on Victorian Freemasonry.

Born seventy-eight years ago, our late distinguished brother, although he inevitably outlived the fame which belonged to the achievements of the most active part of his life, left behind him a record which for length and brilliancy in many capacities will not easily be surpassed.

Soldier, administrator, governor, were some of the many roles he played with such success, but it was while he was representing Melbourne in the Victorian Ministry, in which he afterwards became Minister of Lands, that he was

appointed to the office of first Prov. Grand Master of Victoria, which was then formed under the English Constitution.

It is interestingly noted by a contemporary that the late Bro. Sir Andrew Clarke was the first governor to name our late Queen Victoria "Empress of India," which was afterwards endorsed by Lord Beaconsfield.

It is remembered by many amongst us that the late Past District Grand Master for Victoria was present at the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that his contribution was not absent from the list which was announced on that occasion. He also attended at what was not improbably the last public Masonic gathering at which he was present, namely, the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master at the Albert Hall.

The Water Finder.

WE have long shared the scepticism of the public as to the powers of certain individuals who have claimed to possess the gift of discovering, by means of what is termed a divining rod, the existence of water beneath the soil; but we must frankly confess that the evidence which in recent years has accumulated in support of their contention has gone a long way to lessen our doubts, if not to altogether dispel them. There are many now whose claims are recognized by practical men as possessing this power, and prominent among them is Mr. B. Tompkins, of Chippenham, Wiltshire. His achievements in this direction are certainly of an extraordinary and convincing kind. One out of his numerous "finds" was on the estate of the late Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney. This particular spring was found near a roadway in the corner of a field on the top of a hill, and conveniently situated for supplying the farm; it was estimated to be at a depth of twenty to thirty feet. The well was sunk

on the spot marked, and at a depth of twenty-five feet was found a spring of water which gave an ample supply. Mr. Tompkins made his first attempt at water finding in 1886; since then he has made a great number of experiments with different kinds of wood, but he finds the white thorn or hawthorn the most reliable. He says the ashwood is too sensitive, whereas the oak is too sluggish.

He went to South Africa in 1886 on a water finding expedition, where he met with his usual success. At the conclusion of his tour he had discovered about twenty-five springs on the property.

Mr. Tompkins has been successful also in finding saline and sulphur springs with the aid of the rod, one notable instance being the discovery of such a spring in the recreation grounds of Llandrindod at a depth of forty-five to fifty feet, and capable of yielding 1000 gallons per day.

Knight Templary in Sussex.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Priory of Sussex was held by command of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, G.C.T., Grand Master of the Temple in Ireland, Provincial Prior, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, 10th March. Owing to his numerous military and other engagements His Royal Highness was unable to be present, and the meeting was presided over by the V.E. Knight Richard Clowes, K.C.T., the Sub-Prior, and largely attended by many visitors and knights.

After the Provincial Priory was opened the following Great Officers were announced and received under the arch of steel:—V.E. Knight C. F. Matier, K.C.T., G.V.C.; V.E. Knight Chas. Belton, K.C.T., G. Marshal; E. Knights F. West, Past G. Herald; the Rev. Wm. Oswell Thompson, P.G.P.; Herbert Garvey Giles, R.N., P.G.S.B.; T. P. Dorman, P.G.C. of Gds.; Dr. Alf. King, P.G. Org.; Wm. Seymour Burrows, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Pearson, P.A.G.D.C.; and Knight Thos. Fraser.

The Provincial Registrar read a gracious letter from His Royal Highness, the Provincial Prior, in which His Royal Highness desired to express to the brethren his sincere regrets that, in consequence of the pressure of his military duties in Ireland, he was unable to preside. His Royal Highness hoped, however, to have an opportunity ere long of visiting the Priory, and again meeting the members, though he felt confident that the interests of the Order might be safely entrusted to his Sub-Prior, the V.E. Knight Richard Clowes, whom he had again appointed to that office.

His Royal Highness also desired to say that he had observed with much concern that several resignations had occurred in the Senior Preceptory of the Province—"The Sussex"—and he was of opinion that possibly the alternate meetings of the Preceptory—at Eastbourne and Hastings—were not conducive to its welfare. He would further observe that while there is no desire to unduly extend its numbers, His Royal Highness trusted that every effort may be made to enrol in its membership such persons as would add distinction to the Order.

The appointment of Provincial Officers then took place, and the V.E. Knight the Sub-Prior, by command of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, invested as follows:—

Knight Richard Clowes, K.C.T.	...	Prov. Sub-Prior.
„ Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle	...	Prov. Prelate.
„ Maj. J. R. Pearson, R.A.	...	Prov. Chancellor.
„ J. H. Ewart, M.D.	...	Prov. 1st Constable.
„ Herbert Langton, M.D.	...	Prov. 2nd Constable.
„ Seymour Burrows, M.D.	...	Prov. Treasurer.
„ Harry Pearce, M.D.	...	Prov. Registrar.
„ R. Percy Clowes, G.C. of G.	...	Prov. Vice-Chancellor.
„ John Wood	...	Prov. Marshal.
„ Horton Ledger	...	Prov. Almoner & Chap.
„ W. Carless	...	Prov. Herald.
„ Montague Williams	...	Prov. Std. Br. B.
„ Thomas Fraser	...	Prov. Std. Br. V.B.
„ Frank Holford	...	Prov. P.B.B.
„ Col. A. M. Egerton, C.B.	...	Prov. Sword Br.
„ Major E. Stilwell	...	Prov. Aide-de-Camps.
„ H. Colgate, M.D.	...	
„ A. J. Thomas	...	Prov. Chamberlain.
„ Ernest T. Cox, M.D.	...	Prov. Capt. of Gds.
„ F. W. Holtham	...	
„ Dr. Alfred King, P.G. Org.	...	Prov. Organist.
„ Thomas Howell	...	Prov. Guards.
„ William Pennington	...	

The Sub-Prior proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring Registrar, the E. Knight William Wright, for all his past services, and expressed his regret that Bro. Wright, in consequence of having removed from the province, was unable to accept a re-appointment.

Bro. Wright having expressed his thanks, the vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

The Treasurer's accounts, which were most satisfactory, were received and adopted. Apologies were read from the M.E. and S. Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, G.C.T.; the V.E. Viscount Dungarvan, G.C.T.; Colonel Campbell, A.D.C.; Major C. W. Carrell, K.C.T.; Sir Augustus Webster, and others.



V.E. KNIGHT RICHARD CLOWES, SUB-PRIOR.

Provincial Priory was closed, and after the knights had retired, they had the pleasure of joining the members of the De Warrenne Preceptory at dinner, which was presided over by the E. Knight Harry Pearce, the Preceptor, who most ably discharged his duties as chairman.

De Warrenne Preceptory.

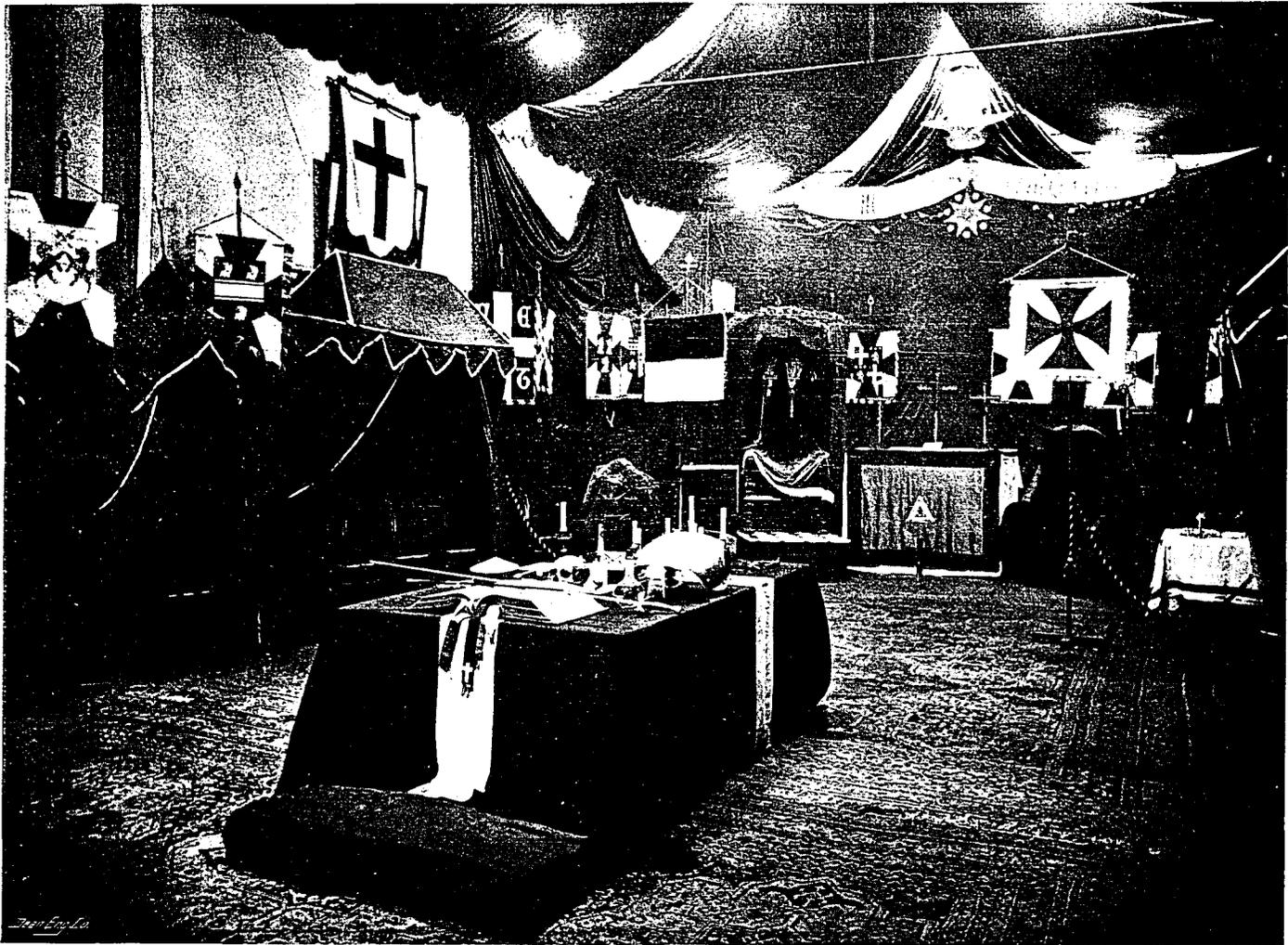
THE installation meeting of this flourishing preceptory was held previously, and after the E. Knight Harry Pearce had been duly installed, a most interesting event took place. The Sub-Prior, the V.E. Knight Richard Clowes, Past Great Constable, some time ago had the great honour of being nominated as a Knight Commander by his Eminence the Grand Master, and his fellow members of the preceptory, to show their high appreciation of his many services to the Order in general, had resolved to present him with the insignia of this exalted rank.

The presentation was made by the newly-installed Preceptor, who expressed the sincere gratification felt by every member at Bro. Clowes' promotion, and their heartfelt wishes that he might long live to enjoy his honours. He also desired to personally express his pleasure at being permitted to make the presentation on behalf of his preceptory and to testify to the great value of Bro. Clowes' services to the Order in general and the Province of Sussex in particular.

Bro. Clowes briefly and very feelingly returned thanks.

The apartments in the Royal Pavilion in which the meetings of the De Warrenne Preceptory are held were fitted up in 1873, under the direction of our lamented Brother Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, who was the Provincial Prior for Sussex for many years.

We give an illustration of the principal room showing the banners of the knights.



THE ROOM IN WHICH THE PRECEPTORY IS HELD.

Nil Sine Labore Lodge, No. 2736.

THE installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Criterion on the 11th April, when V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, performed the ceremony, and installed Bro. Captain A. R. Liddell as Master. Before the lodge closed, Bro. Colonel F. T. Clayton, C.B., the retiring Master, was presented with a very handsome silver salver, and Bro. Staff-Sergeant-Major S. J. Smith, the late Secretary, with a marble clock. After the appointment and investiture of the officers, a banquet was held in the Victoria Hall of the Criterion.

The usual loyal toasts were given, and V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, responded to that of "The Grand Officers."

In replying to the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Captain Liddell said there were times in one's existence when words seemed hardly sufficient to do justice to one's feelings, but it would be his ambition to prove worthy of the honour done him, and he would aim at handing over the lodge to his successor in as equally good and efficient a state as he had found it.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was given by Bro. Colonel Parkyn, P.M., P.G.S.B., to which the Grand Secretary replied.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the lodge," the W.M. expressed a feeling of confidence in having several old esteemed Past Masters although the lodge was young, and he looked forward to his year of office with a degree of courage he would not have felt had he not their counsel and assistance to rely upon.

Bro. Colonel Clayton, in replying, said he did his very best for the lodge, but owing to a great deal of official work he had not been able to do all he would have liked.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," W. Bro. Colonel Parkyn coupled the names of Bro. Ford, Broad, Cook, and Wishart, all of whom said a few words in reply.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The Officers," and said, as a head without a body would be useless, so should he be powerless without their cordial support, and he flattered himself that he would not find them wanting.

"Our brethren in South Africa" was then proposed by Colonel Parkyn, who wished them a speedy and safe return, and, needless to say, it met with a very hearty reception.

During the dinner and evening the band of H.M.'s Royal Artillery performed.

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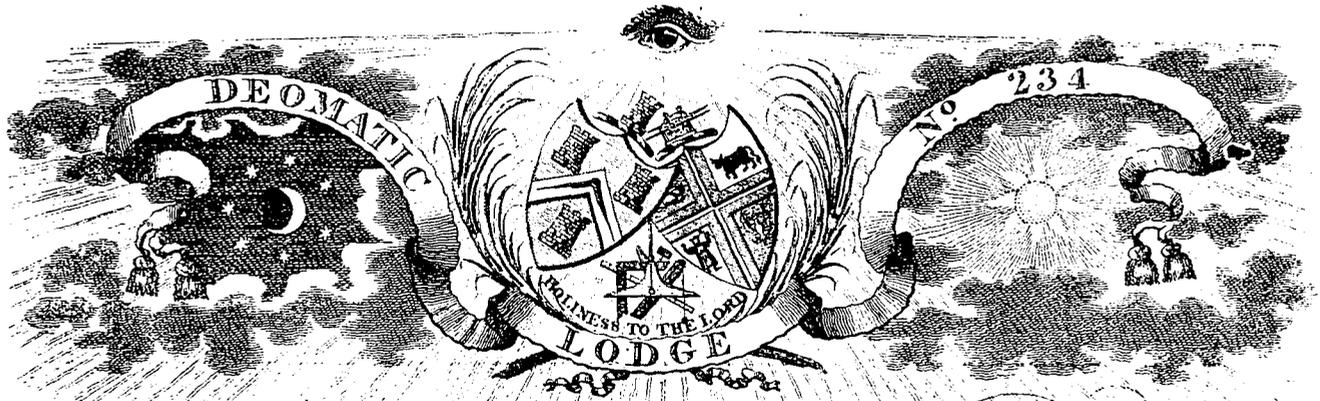
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The Wmton

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John Bowler

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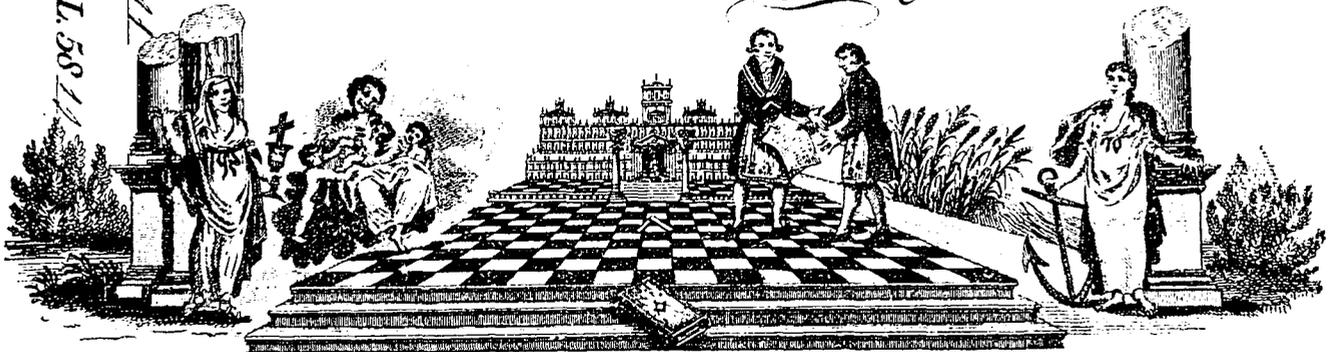
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Barnard Jewell



D. R. Newman Inv. et Sculp.

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two rival Grand Lodges—"Antients" and "Moderns"—are displayed resting on the rays of the all-seeing eye at the top of the print. This certificate was certainly used as far back as 1804, possibly earlier, thus foreshadowing, or anticipating, by several years, the amicable and glorious Union of 1813.

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The Latest Addition to the Constitutions.

AT Grand Lodge, on March 5th, an important addition was made to Article 175. This article provides that when a member of a lodge allows his dues to fall into arrear, that fact shall be noted on the quarterly return, and in such case the usual quarterage shall not be paid. This provision is not permissive, nor does it exist for the sole purpose of saving the funds of the lodge, but rather that Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge may be kept informed of the un-Masonic conduct of such defaulting brethren. The presumption is that in due course enquiries will be made why the lodge by-laws are not enforced against such members, and why they have not been excluded for non-payment of dues.

The following addition to Article 175 has been approved by Grand Lodge, and will be put for confirmation at the next Communication:—

“Should a member be three years in arrear he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the lodge, and can only become a member again by regular proposition and ballot according to Rule 189. The lodge may require payment of the arrears as a precedent to election. This rule shall not prevent a lodge proceeding against any of its members under Rule 210 for non-payment of contributions according to its by-laws for a shorter period than four years. When a brother ceases to be a member under this rule, the fact shall be forthwith notified to the Grand Secretary, and, if the lodge be within a Province or District, also to the Provincial or District Grand Lodge. The provisions

of Rules 211, 212, and 213 shall apply in each case, as if the brother had been excluded by vote.”

That is to say, to quote the Grand Registrar, the defaulting brother shall perform the “happy dispatch” upon himself, and so save the lodge the trouble and annoyance involved in excluding him.

Before discussing the change, we might say we do not quite see how Article 211 is affected. That rule derives all its force from the words “illegally or without sufficient cause,” that is, it deals with questions of law, whereas the new rule deals exclusively with matters of fact. It may possibly be intended to save the Grand Master’s prerogative in cases where there has been a misrepresentation of facts, but the *ipso facto* nature of the new legislation is quite sufficient safeguard.

There is one point which needs thinking about before the new rule becomes law. There will then be two alternative penalties for the same offence, viz., exclusion by vote of the lodge *ad hoc*, and automatic exclusion after three years by the operation of the Constitutions. We may safely say that, whatever may be in the mind of Grand Lodge to-day, no brother will ever regard these two processes as conferring the same Masonic and moral stigma. In course of time the “sufficient cause” of Article 210 will be held to have nothing to do with arrears, and exclusion for non-payment of dues will be a thing of the past. This may or may not be a desirable consummation, all we have to do with it is to recognise the probability. We cannot see that it is desirable to provide for the perpetuation of two classes of defaulter, for it is quite certain the distinction will be made.

The new rule awaits confirmation, and, as at present drafted, there are one or two points as to which future explanation may be demanded. For instance, the exact meaning of the word arrears should be defined. The Grand Registrar explained that the period of a brother’s arrears depended upon the lodge by-laws, that is, whether dues were payable in advance or not. Thus it is possible that in the one case a brother gets four years’ grace, in the other only three. Again, we have known the case of a brother whose dues were paid by a vote from the charity fund. Would this be considered as an attempt to evade the law?

We ask these questions, and there may be more such, because the penalty accrues without any effort on any one’s part to put the law in motion. It may operate without any possibility of redress, because there is no one from whom to seek it, and this is why we consider that in course of time it may possibly cease to carry such stigma as ought to be inflicted on a defaulting brother.

It is with much diffidence that we venture to criticise a proposition that bears traces of so much care in its preparation. But it would appear as if Article 210 had been found to be insufficient to meet the case of the defaulting brother. In many colonial lodges there has been a misapprehension which has caused this rule to be practically inoperative. A brother, after some two or three years’ enjoyment of membership, goes to another part of the world and forgets all about his lodge. He has left no address, and therefore it cannot be certain that such notice as is required by Rule 210 will ever reach him, and the lodge doubts its power to exclude him.

Cases of this kind are of frequent occurrence. The new rule certainly affords a way out of the difficulty, and we know of more than one lodge whose list of members will in a very short period be considerably curtailed by its automatic operation. Still it must not be supposed that Article 210 did not reach such cases. It has been held that a letter forwarded to the brother’s last known address was quite sufficient to meet the requirements of that rule.

Some lodges, again, do not like to incur the supposed odium which may attach itself to the exclusion of its members. We confess we cannot altogether sympathise with that attitude. If a lodge has gone to the trouble of drawing up by-laws, and takes the further trouble of reading them through once a year, as it should in open lodge, we may reasonably expect it to abide by them.



The death of that greatest of latter day Englishmen, Bro. Cecil Rhodes, has called forth such a volume of appreciation and sympathetic utterance from the world's Press, as well as from rulers and statesmen of every nation, that there is little left for the Masonic writer, except to add that he was initiated into Masonry in the Apollo University Lodge, at Oxford, during his college days, but engaged as he was in his vast designs of Empire building, it was hardly to be expected that he could find time or opportunity for much Masonic work. His sympathies were, however, always in unison with the work of the Order, and we have reason to know that the lodge which bears his name, and which was consecrated in Bulawayo in 1899, was much indebted to him for material and moral help and encouragement.



THE LATE BRO. CECIL RHODES.

A curious sidelight is thrown on the visionary character of much of the great statesman's schemes by an article in the *Review of Reviews*, in which the writer states that Mr. Rhodes aspired to be the creator of one of those vast semi-religious, quasi-political associations which, like the Society of Jesus, have played so large a part in the history of the world. A secret society, of English-speaking peoples, gradually absorbing the wealth of the world to be devoted to the amelioration of mankind and to securing the peace of the world for all eternity was the means by which he thought the end could be achieved. This is indeed Freemasonry "writ large."

The doings of His Majesty the King are naturally so much before the public eye that it would hardly seem necessary to refer to them in these columns, but his visit to Cowes recently, where he was in part the guest of the popular Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, will have a special interest for the Craft. Our esteemed Bro. Guest has before entertained His Majesty while Prince of Wales and M.W. Grand Master.

Bro. Marmaduke Tennant is to be the recipient of a presentation by the brethren of the Eastern Division of South Wales to commemorate his twenty-fifth year in the capacity of Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Recently an influential gathering of representatives from all the lodges in

the province met at the Masonic Temple, Cardiff, under the presidency of Lord Llangattock, Provincial Grand Master, in furtherance of the object. The quarter of a century occupancy of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master must, we think, be a record.

Not the least interesting among the lodges for which warrants have recently been granted is the Pen and Brush Lodge, which, as its name implies, has been formed for writers and painters. Many brethren well known in the literary and artistic world are amongst the promoters of the lodge, and there can be little doubt that a prosperous future awaits it.

The lodge recently constituted at Seaford, called the Seaford Lodge, numbers amongst its founders R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. William Court Gully, K.C., the Speaker of the House of Commons. The lodge is to meet at the Bar Hotel, Seaford.

Bulawayo bids fair to take the lead in providing a suitable home for the user of the Craft in South Africa; indeed, there are few Masonic temples in connection with English Freemasonry which can compare with the structure, the foundation stone of which was laid on the 12th February. It is the first building of the kind in Matabeleland, and the ceremony was witnessed by about 200 Freemasons and over 2000 of the general public. The procession was half a mile long, and the building when completed will cost over £6000.

Notwithstanding the still unsettled condition of the country, the lodges in South Africa with a few exceptions appear to be as active and prosperous as ever. Lodge Good Hope, No. 863, recently held its installation meeting at the Masonic Hall, Port Elizabeth, some 200 brethren being present, many of whom were visitors from sister lodges. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. R. McAdam, was initiated so recently as 1897, and his progress in the Craft has therefore been very rapid. The Wardens appointed were Bro. Roger Ascham and Bro. H. B. Wakeham. At the close of the ceremony, the customary banquet was held.

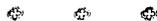
It is stated that Freemasons of Bangalore will present a peal of bells to St. Mark's Church as their Coronation memorial to his Majesty, to be rung on all occasions of public rejoicings in the Mysore city.

The date of the presentation of Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach's portrait to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in recognition of his twenty-one years' Grand Mastership of the Province of Gloucestershire, has been altered from Whit week to Tuesday, September 20th, in order to meet the Parliamentary convenience of the Right Hon. Baronet. The function takes place at Cheltenham.

M.W. Bro. J. W. Hackett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, was entertained on the 24th February at Perth, previous to his departure for Europe. About 300 brethren were present, and all parts of the State were represented. Bishop Riley, Pro Grand Master, who is also visiting England, was a guest at the same gathering.

The following item, which was received from the New York correspondent of a morning contemporary, furnishes, we think, not the least remarkable of recent instances of the influence of Freemasonry under strange circumstances:— "Mr. Frank Conger, who died last week, bequeathed a life interest in his estate of £1,200,000 to his wife. On her death his fortune goes to Oressa Stewart Conger. Twelve years ago Oressa's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Stewart, of Rochester, were killed in a railway collision. Mr. Conger found the baby clasped in the arms of her dead mother. He learned that the father, like himself, was a Mason, and having no children he adopted the waif."

The first regular meeting held by the Willing Lodge, No. 2893, since its consecration is not undeserving of notice, the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Willing, jun., having on that occasion initiated his two sons, and the lodge having unanimously conferred the compliment of honorary membership on Bro. Willing, sen., the father of the Worshipful Master.



The *Nineteenth Century* for April contains an article dealing with the communication addressed to their English brethren by the Freemasons of France on the Boer War. The article in question plainly proves, if further proof were necessary, that French Freemasonry is a political organisation. Mr. G. A. Raper, who supplies the sketch of it, says it is virtually a club or association of philosophers and politicians, visionaries and practical men, bound together by Republicanism rather than by any true Masonic tradition. It has long ago disavowed mystery and almost discarded symbolism, thinking them out of harmony with modern ideas. The business of the lodge is largely the discussion of home politics—repopulation, collectivism, employer's liability, the evolution of patriotism, and other subjects in the air. The Grand Master devotes his leisure to the elaboration of a Masonic system of life assurance and a scheme for the reduction of law costs!



The writer, however, expresses his conviction that the French lodges which discussed the war did so on purely humanitarian grounds, sharing the general ignorance of facts, great but not inspired by special Anglophobia. They contain a many enthusiasts and have much sway over home politics. The humorous solemnity of the menace addressed to "the Most Illustrious Brother Edward Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha" is vastly entertaining. "Too much blood having been shed during the last two years . . . should you remain deaf to our fraternal appeal you will entitle us to declare you unworthy of our Order and akin to the criminals whose baleful names will for ever remain nailed to the pillory of history." The King's sense of humour and knowledge of affairs no doubt enabled him to take this in the right Pickwickian sense.



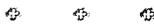
His Majesty's reply was that the inmates of the Concentration Camps (to which the communication principally referred) were free to have them, but that the Boers had not thought fit to take charge of their own women and children; and it is worthy of note that since the explanation was furnished the French newspapers have abated the bitterness of their criticism.



The Craft generally will sympathise with the Duke of Grafton and with the popular Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts and Pro Grand Master of Mark Master Masons in the loss by fire of Euston Hall. It was built in 1670 by the Earl of Arlington, and is surrounded by a vast park. Robert Bloomfield in "The Farmer's Boy" says of Euston—

Where noble Grafton spreads his rich domains
Round Euston's water'd vale and sloping plains,
Where woods and groves in solemn grandeur rise
Where the kite brooding unmolested flies;
The woodcock and the painted pheasant race,
And skulking foxes destined for the chase.

It is satisfactory to learn that many of the art treasures it contained were preserved, notably some pictures of great value.



Members of our Order, no less than the general public, will not have been behindhand in participating in the chorus of congratulations which greeted Bro. Sir Henry Irving on the success of his tour and on his safe arrival home. It is to us a pleasing thought that Bro. Sir Henry Irving has won his laurels no less by his genius than by the far-reaching influence for good which, by example and precept, he has ever been able to exert over the morale and conduct of the British stage.

Bro. Lister C. B. Goodacre, who was installed Worshipful Master of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192, Highbury, on the 13th of March last, has rapidly gained the highest honour his lodge can confer, he having been initiated in October, 1895, in the Old Concord Lodge, joining the Highbury Lodge in 1896. Since then he has taken part in founding the Edward

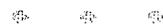


BRO. LISTER C. B. GOODACRE.

Terry Lodge, No. 2722. He was exalted in the Old Concord Royal Arch Chapter attached to his mother lodge, and is now Scribe N. The Richmond Chapter, No. 2032, recently consecrated, also includes his name amongst its numerous founders. The lodge was honoured by the presence of a large number of visitors, many of whom, at the subsequent banquet, spoke in laudatory terms of the excellent manner in which the ceremony and all the arrangements had been carried out.



Bro. John Dimsdale, enjoys the distinction of filling simultaneously the Master's chair of two of the oldest lodges in the Register of Grand Lodge, namely, Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, both centenary lodges, and both fully preserving and maintaining their ancient prestige. Bro. Dimsdale's services to Masonry extend over a period of seventeen years, his initiation having taken place in 1884, and he has managed to cover during that comparatively short period as much Masonic ground as the most ardent devotee could hope to do. In 1886 he was exalted in the Grand Masters' Chapter, No. 1, during the first year of its existence. And his introduction to various other Degrees followed rapidly. In 1892 we find him a member of the Ethelbert Chapter, No. 82, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; in 1894 a Knight Templar in the Black Prince Preceptory; the following year a Mark Master Mason of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262; and in the same year a Royal and Select Master of the Invicta Lodge, each of which is located in Canterbury. In 1897 he joined the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Royal Ark Mariners in 1899. This was followed by membership of the Allied Degrees, the Red Cross of Constantine, the Knights of St. John, the Malta Degree in Great Priory, and the 31^o in the Ancient and Accepted Rite.



Bro. Dimsdale has filled the principal chairs of several of these bodies, viz.: M.W. Sovereign in the Ethelbert Rose Croix Chapter, Canterbury; Deputy Master of the Invicta Council, R. and S. Masters, Canterbury; Eminent Preceptor of the Black Prince Preceptory, Canterbury; W.M. of the Mark Lodges, No. 224 and 262; and last, but not least, the two centenary Craft lodges before referred to.

In 1899 he was appointed Grand Steward representing Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, and in the following year he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Mark Lodge. Bro. Dimsdale has not in all this overlooked the Charities. He has served three Stewardships each for the Boys' and Girls' School, and two for the Benevolent Institutions, and is a Vice-President of all three. He is also a Vice-Patron of the Mark Benevolent Institution, for which he has served five Stewardships.



Notwithstanding that the warrant of the Royal Solomon mother Lodge of Jerusalem, originally granted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, has been suspended by that body, it still continues to hold its meetings, which are mostly frequented by American tourists. So recently as March last, upwards of one hundred Freemasons, representing almost every Grand Lodge in North America, attended one of its meetings, and naturally the supporters of law and order are greatly surprised at this breach of Masonic discipline, which is regarded as a gross disregard for the mandate of the governing power. It appears that this lodge at Jerusalem has in the past been paid a contribution by tourists' agents towards the expense of holding lodges in what are incorrectly called "King Solomon's Quarries." Much irregularity in the work of the lodge has taken place, which is the cause for its suspension by the mother Grand Lodge of Canada.



The Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland is still actively furthering the project of an international office for the cultivation of Masonic relations, and have corresponded by circular with the different Grand Lodges of the world for the purpose of obtaining their assent to the establishment in Switzerland of an International Bureau. The circular has been printed in French, German, and English, and it is stated that enthusiastic affirmative replies have been received from the Grand Lodges of Spain, Belgium, France, Italy, Hungary, Argentine, Louisiana, Liberia, and Brazil. Up to the present there are some notable omissions from the list of the Grand Lodges of the world, and we think it is safe to predict that the Grand Lodge of England will be content to remain outside the charmed circle.

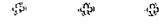


Bro. A. G. Pitts has some practical and common sense remarks on this subject in the *American Tyler*. The practice of the Grand Lodge of England he opines is the strongest argument against even such a degree of uniformity as at present exists in the United States. He goes on to say, "It is well known that the Grand Lodge of England has no officially adopted ritual. The nearest approach to it is the fact that the Grand Lodge approves the work of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, leaving it for the lodges to find out what that work is as best they may. Also that the Grand Lodge of England has no officer charged with the duty of overseeing the work of the lodges, and that, in fact, it does not oversee it." In such matters the motto of the Grand Lodge of England is, 'In essentials, Unity; in non-essentials, Liberty; in all things, Charity.'" The writer further deprecates the tendency in American Masonry to over legislation, believing that much evil arises from the idea peculiar to American Freemasonry that anything and everything in Masonry can be and ought to be the subject of legislation by some high Masonic authority, and that the chief and most fitting occupation for leaders of Masonic thought should be and is to invent new subjects of legislation and new legislative bodies. A study and discussion of the evils of over legislation would assist in creating a public sentiment which would be of great value to the Craft. With the views of Bro. Pitts we are in entire agreement.



We are reminded by an article in *The Freemason*, published at Los Angeles, California, of the spasmodic efforts of those brethren who have sought from time to time to persuade our own Masonic authorities that the one thing needful in English Freemasonry is absolute uniformity of ritual. The Craft has

shown by its action, or rather inaction, that it is satisfied with uniformity in essentials, and does not demand such a rigid adherence to form in non-essentials as our reforming brethren would have us adopt.



The Editor deals with the question as it relates to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, and goes on to say: "Under the English Constitutions, the mother of all modern Masonry, the Mason who wants to visit at any spot on the earth where there is a lodge under that control knows full well that his Masonry will carry him through without any trouble, and has no fear of being rejected because he does not know the peculiar working of any particular district he may happen to be in." This is undoubtedly true, but the deviations from "uniformity" we know are many and various, and the illustration does not greatly strengthen his argument in favour of adopting measures to obtain absolute uniformity in the working of all lodges in the United States.



The second installation of the Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841, the consecration of which was reported in our issue of May last, took place at the "Three Rabbits," Manor Park, on April 17th, when Bro. G. M. E. L. Verlyck, whose Masonic career and portrait, as well as that of the Senior Warden, we give below, was installed Master in succession to W. Bro. C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Std. Br. The ceremony was performed, in the presence of a large assembly of members and visitors from all parts of the metropolis, by W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., of Emulation fame.



BRO. VERLYCK, W.M., AND BRO. EDWIN T. DUNN, S.W.

Bro. Georges M. E. L. Verlyck was initiated in the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, and is now its Junior Warden. In the following year he took part in the founding of the Seven Kings' Lodge, No. 2749, which meets at Romford, and in 1901 he became a founder of the Aldersbrook Lodge, No. 2841, of which lodge he is now the W.M. Bro. Verlyck's interest in the working of our ceremonies was at once enlisted on his becoming a Mason. Within a year of his joining the Order he had taken up the work of Masonic teaching, and for three years past he has been Preceptor of the Langthorne Lodge of Instruction, and he is now also the Preceptor of the Aldersbrook Lodge of Instruction. During the four years of his connection with the Order, Bro. Verlyck has served nine Stewardships for the Masonic Charities—three for the Benevolent Institution, two for the Girls' School, and four for the Boys' School, of which latter Institution he is a Vice-Patron.

Bro. J. Copley Moyle, District Grand Master for Burma.

THE subject of our sketch was initiated into Masonry in Lodge Industry and Perseverance, No. 109 (E.C.), Calcutta, on February 1st, 1878, and exalted in the New Union Chapter in May, 1879. In August, 1878, he was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M.



BRO. JAMES COPLEY MOYLE.

After acting as Grand Mark Secretary in Bengal he proceeded to Burma in 1881, where he rendered great assistance to the late District Grand Master in the craft, R.W. Bro. His Honour Judge M'Leod, whom he succeeded in 1899, and to the efforts of these two distinguished brethren the present flourishing condition of the District of Burma is mainly due.

He is District Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch Degree.

Upon the introduction of the Order of the Secret Monitor into Burma by the late Bro. Judge M'Leod Bro. Moyle soon became an ardent adherent, and in 1901 he was appointed District Grand Supreme Ruler, receiving his credentials direct from the Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, in person, at the summer convocation of the Grand Conclave. He founded the Rose Croix Chapter Sabrun, and presided over it for five consecutive years. In acknowledgment of his great services to the Ancient and Accepted Rite the Supreme Council 33° elected him in 1899 to the 31°.

Shortly after arriving in Maulmain he obtained a warrant for the Tenasserim Royal Arch Chapter, and resuscitated the old Mark Lodge, No. 79, attaching to it a Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, and becoming the first W.S.N. thereof. He is now the District Grand Master in the Mark.

In the Excelsior Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine he is P.S. as well as founder, and an ex-Commander of the Commandery in Excelsis, Maulmain. He is also Provincial Grand Prior of Burma.

He is patron of the Greenlow Masonic Orphan Fund (Burma) and was for some years local Secretary of the Ars Quatuor Coronati Lodge. A new lodge, named after Bro. Moyle, has recently been founded at Maynoyo, the new Burma Hill Station.

Bro. Moyle is a Barrister-at-law of Lincoln's Inn, where he was called in 1869. He is an Advocate of the High Court, Calcutta, and of the Chief Court, Burma, and at present holds the office of Public Prosecutor, Maulmain, and is one of those brethren holding high legal positions who have done so much for Masonry in outlying portions of the Empire. He is the author of several well known legal works, and of one which his Masonic instincts undoubtedly prompted him to undertake, showing "the corresponding dates of the Burmese and Official Calendars for fifty years."

Bro. Moyle springs from an old Cornish family, one of whose members was Speaker of the House of Commons in the time of Charles II., and his dignified presence and manner in the discharge of his duties irresistibly reminds his friends of this fact.

Freemasonry in Madras.

THE advent of his Excellency Lord Ampthill as Governor of the Presidency of Madras and his assumption of the office of District Grand Master in February of last year marks an epoch in the history of Freemasonry in the South of India. When news of his appointment to the Governorship of the Presidency was received, it was felt by R.W. Bro. Sir George Moore, the then District Grand Master, that so keen a Mason as the Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire would do much for the advancement of Masonry in Madras if the opportunity were afforded him, and he accordingly placed in the hands of the late Grand Master, our present King, his resignation of the office he held in order that Lord Ampthill might be appointed thereto.

The news of Lord Ampthill's acceptance of the District Grand Mastership was received with much satisfaction by the brethren in South India, as his known ability and zeal as a Mason, combined with the prestige of his position as Governor, was bound to make for the progress and welfare of the Craft in this District. These anticipations have been fully realised, not by any actual increase in numbers, but in the display of vastly more interest in Masonic affairs and a general smartening up of the lodges throughout the District.

His Excellency Lord Ampthill presided at the meeting of District Grand Lodge on the 22nd February, which marked the close of the first year of his rule as District Grand Master, and was supported by a very large attendance of the members of District Grand Lodge, many of whom had to travel very long distances to reach Madras. Over a dozen members travelled from 200 to 300 miles, and some two or three from even longer distances.

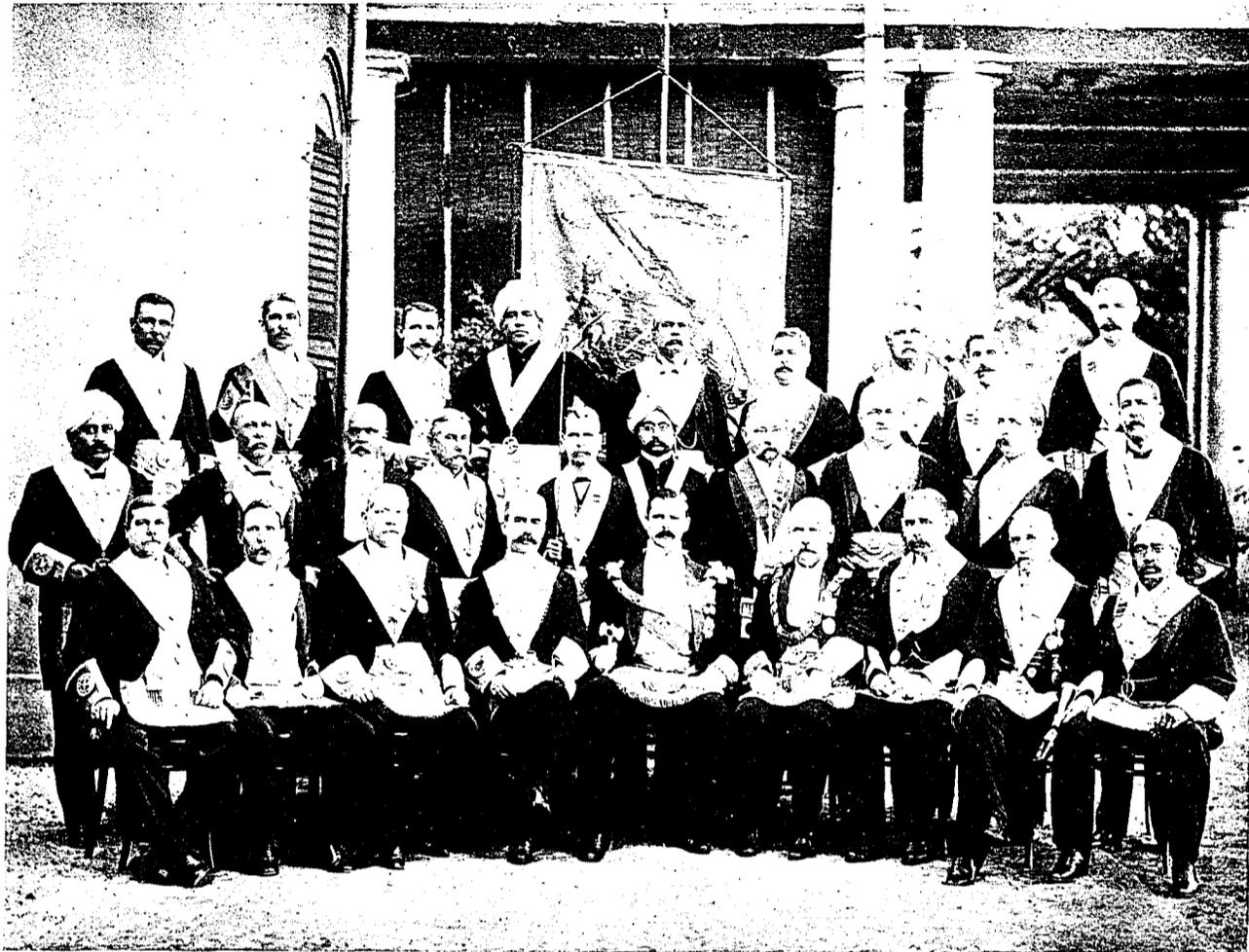
Just before the meeting the photograph which we reproduce was taken. It represents the District Grand Master surrounded by such of the Past and Present District Grand Officers as had then arrived.

On the right of the District Grand Master sits W. Bro. Dunsterville, the late Deputy District Grand Master, whose departure from India for good immediately after the meeting was a matter of great regret to every Mason in the District. To his Excellency personally, Bro. Dunsterville's departure was a matter of the keenest regret, to which he gave expression in the most felicitous terms at the meeting.

Sitting on his Excellency's left is Sir George Moore, who for several years ruled the District with much acceptance to the brethren, and whose retirement was the occasion of the hearty expression of the genuine regard in which he is held.

Sir George still rules the Mark Degree as District Grand Master, and he is also Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the District.

The day following the District Grand Lodge meeting his Excellency proceeded to Trichinopoly—250 miles away—to consecrate the new premises of Lodge "Rock," the second



THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER OF MADRAS AND SOME OF THE PRESENT AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

The new District Grand Secretary, W. Bro. Brougham, who succeeded W. Bro. Greatorex last year, after thirty-five years of office, is shown at the end of the front row. His services were very flatteringly acknowledged by the District Grand Master and his Deputy, and he has undoubtedly done much to put the Masonic affairs of the District on an up-to-date footing. There are twenty-four lodges working in the District, some at places distant from head-quarters as far as from London to Marseilles.

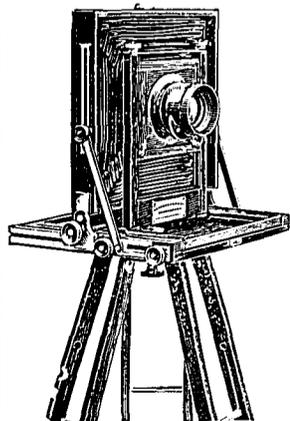
There are nine Royal Arch Chapters and seven Mark Lodges (with three Royal Ark Mariner Lodges) working in the District. The District Grand Scribe E. and Mark Secretary is W. Bro. C. J. Higgs, who also appears in the group.

oldest of the lodges of the District, and with a record which will soon entitle it to a centenary warrant. R.W. Bro. Lord Amphill on this occasion performed a most impressive ceremony, assisted by the newly appointed Deputy District Grand Master, W. Bro. the Hon. H. Bradley, and District Grand Wardens, W. Bros. Adam and Higgs.

It may be anticipated with confidence that under the rule of R.W. Bro. Lord Amphill, Freemasonry in Madras will flourish and will be animated by a truly Masonic spirit, as it is bound to do if it takes its tone from so excellent a Mason as its present ruler.

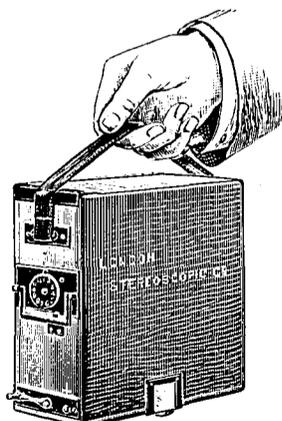
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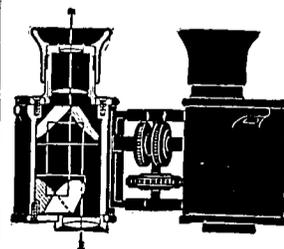
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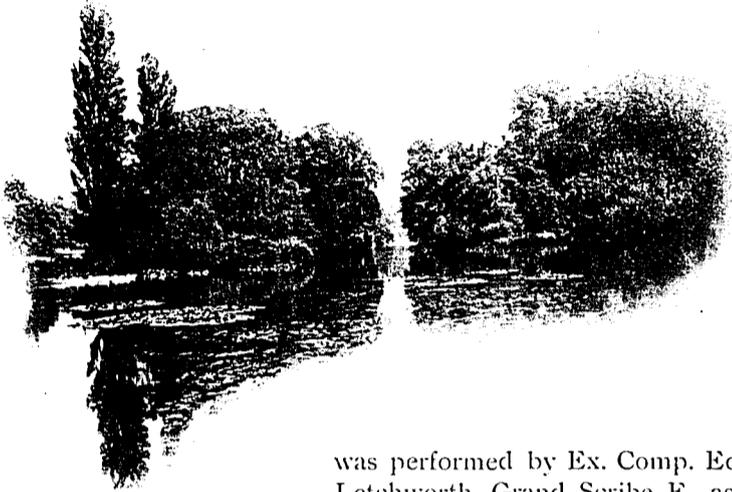
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Consecration of the Richmond Chapter, No. 2032.

FEW chapters have been started under happier auspices than the above, which was consecrated on April 9th at the fine buildings of the Freemasons' Club at Richmond, there being thirty-five founders, all prominent local Masons, principally from the Richmond Lodge. The consecration



was performed by Ex. Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., assisted by Ex. Comps. T. Bullock, P.A.G.D.C., as H.; Rev. Canon Brownrigg, Grand Superintendent of Bucks, as J.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as Director of Ceremonies; and J. H. Matthews, P.G.D.C., as Scribe N.

In the course of an eloquent oration reviewing the history of the Degree, the Rev. Canon Brownrigg remarked upon the apathy which at one time overshadowed it. Many reasons had been given for the fact, but none of them satisfactory. The strongest was that the lapse of one year between the M.M. Degree and the Arch caused a lack of interest. That was not a valid reason, as there was plenty for the Mason to study in that year, but the fact remained that since the period had been reduced to four weeks the membership had increased throughout the country. It was to be hoped that the ease with which it could now be taken would not make them less appreciative, and that they would require in every candidate evidences of capacity in the Craft Degrees; if they found that and a desire to proceed, by all means encourage it. The beautiful and ornate ritual of the Degree would well repay a careful learning; it required more careful delivery than the Craft, and every officer should make himself complete master of his part.

On completion of the consecration ceremony, Ex. Comps. T. Pritchard was installed M.E.Z.; Gerald Maxwell, H.; and Colonel G. F. Guyon, J. The officers were duly elected and invested. The Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members, and the Grand Scribe E. was presented with a founder's jewel. The chapter was then closed.

At the banquet the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers and Consecrating Officers" was proposed by Ex. Comp. Gerald Maxwell, H., who eulogised the perfect ceremonial of Ex. Comp. Edward

Letchworth, the orations of the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, the ability and knowledge of Ex. Comp. Frank Richardson, the labours as the Grand Lodge dispenser of Charity of Ex. Comp. J. H. Matthews, and the learning and research of the Sub-Librarian of Grand Lodge, Ex. Comp. Henry Sadler.

The Rev. Canon Brownrigg replied in the absence of the Grand Scribe E., who had been obliged to leave earlier. He thanked the companions for the heartiness of the toast and for the hon. membership conferred upon them, of which they were proud, and which should be more than a mere name.

In response to repeated calls, Ex. Comp. Frank Richardson also replied, and was pleased to have been one of the Consecrating Officers of the chapter, having in his early day lived in Richmond. He had taken a similar office at the Consecration of the Richmond Lodge some eighteen years ago. This made his 73rd consecration of Royal Arch chapters, and the previous night he had acted as Consecrating Officer in a Craft lodge for the 202nd time.

The toast of "The Principals" was proposed by Ex. Comp. the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, who wished the chapter every success. It had started with the largest number of founders he had known, and with the sixteen candidates he had heard proposed, its success was assured.



The M.E.Z. suitably acknowledged the toast.

Comp. A. Aldin (Mayor of Richmond), who had been exalted specially to become a founder of the chapter, was requested by the M.E.Z. to propose the toast of "The Officers." He said he felt honoured at being so speedily entrusted with something to do, and congratulated the chapter upon the officers who had been elected for their first year.

Comp. W. T. Peat, the energetic Scribe E., the S.N., and P.S. replied.

The toast of "The Visitors," of whom there were a large number present, was duly honoured and acknowledged.

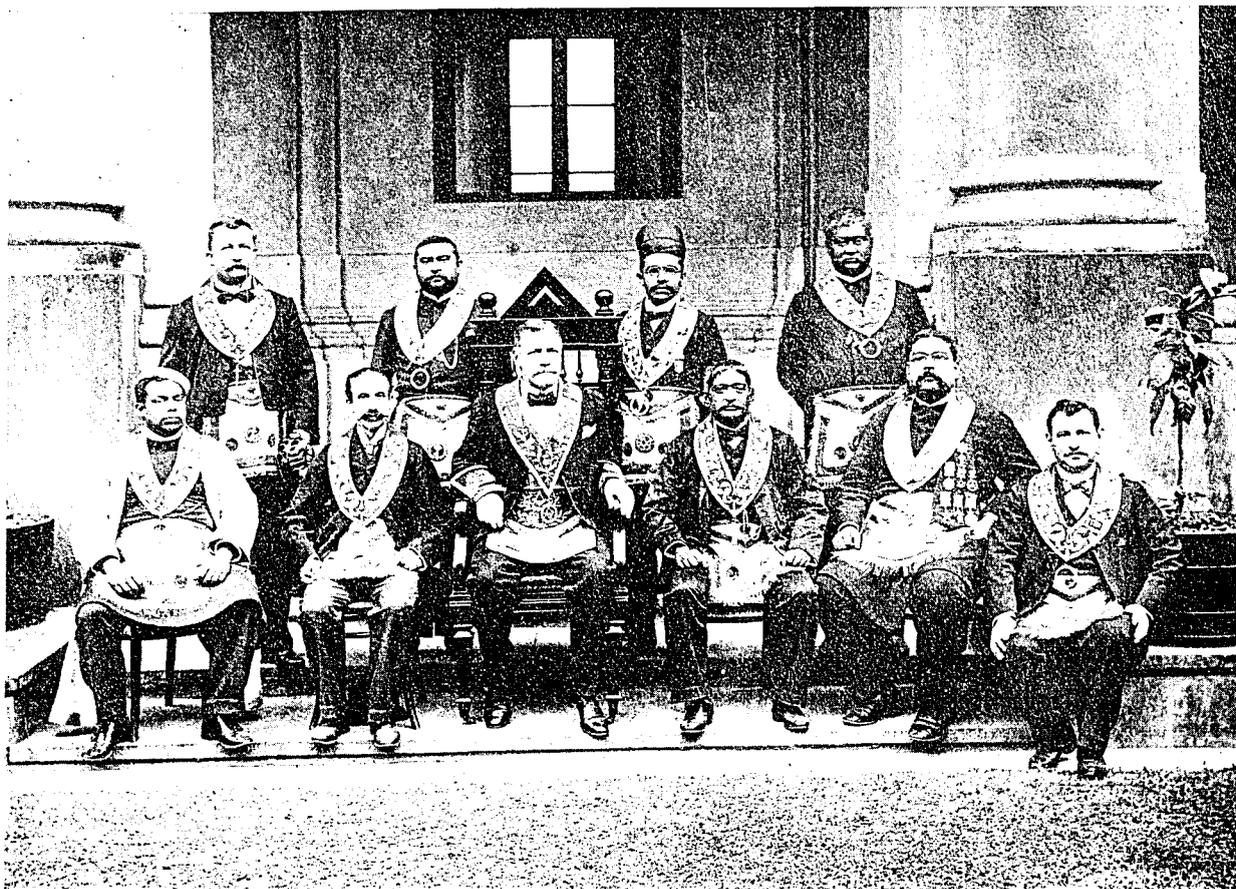
An enjoyable programme of music, &c., was rendered by Comp. Herbert Schartau. The programme was a most artistic production, designed and executed by Comps. George Pulman and Sons of the *Cranford Press*, Chiswick, and embellished with pretty views of Richmond, some of which, by their courtesy, we here reproduce.



Scottish Freemasonry in Calcutta.

AN official visit by R.W. Bro. Dr. John Pollen, L.C.D., Grand Master Depute of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, was recently paid to Lodge St. Thomas-in-the-East, No. 414, Calcutta, and the meeting was largely attended by brethren and visitors from sister lodges. An address of

welcome was presented to the Right Worshipful Depute Grand Master, and the proceedings were of a very enthusiastic character. We have the pleasure of presenting to our readers the portraits of the brethren forming the deputation.



THE DEPUTATION.

“*Sit Lux et Lux Fuit.*”

BRO. Robert R. Grey, P.M. and Secretary of Lodge Harmony, No. 298, Rochdale, sends us the following. Our readers, we feel sure, will be interested in his scholarly criticism of the well known Masonic motto:—

“The words, *Sit Lux et Lux Fuit* are very generally used as a motto on lodge summonses, &c., and are supposed to be a quotation from the Latin version of the Volume of the Sacred Law. They are, however, not a quotation at all, but appear to be a retranslation, of private and unskillful manufacture, from English into Latin. A quotation ought to consist of the actual words used by the authority quoted.

“The translation, moreover, does not accurately convey the ideas which are expressed in the Latin Vulgate and in the Authorised Version with equal correctness. The word *sit* means ‘let (something) exist, which may (or may not) exist already.’ It may express permission or concession, as well as command; but the words in Genesis were used as a command only—that light, which previously had not existed, should come into existence. Such a command is properly conveyed by the word *fial*. *Fuit*, being in the perfect tense, means that the act of existence was completed and done with—an assertion contrary to fact. The proper expression is *facta est*—was made. The entire passage in the Vulgate is—‘*Divitque Deus, Fial lux; et facta est lux.*’

“The words, ‘Let there be light, and there was light,’ whether expressed in Latin or any other language, consisting of two sentences, coupled together, in appearance, by *and*; although mentally they are incapable of any real connection, being of different natures—the one a command, and the other an assertion of fact, and are unintelligible unless the previous words *and God said* are used. Then a connection is established between *said* and *was*. If, therefore, the command—*Fial lux* only was used, accompanied (or not) by a representation of the dawning of the daylight, it would be free from the reproach of canine Latinity, and would possess that brevity which is as desirable in a motto as in wit.”

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to the great success that has attended our offer of a free platino-type photograph and the great demand our photographers, the Elite Portrait Co., have had, we have found it necessary to suspend the issue of coupons for a time, but it is our intention to again offer our readers the same privilege at an early date.

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

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

ON more than one occasion he referred somewhat regretfully to the discontinuance of an old custom which had formerly been strictly adhered to—that of having a plain supper at the conclusion of the lodge work, at which the Master for the evening presided, with the several officers in their respective positions.

At these gatherings the customary toasts were given and responded to, thus familiarising the aspirants to office with the usages and ceremonial of the banquet table as well as the more serious business of the lodge room. It seems to me that this old practice is not unworthy of the consideration of the present leaders of the "Emulation."

Bro. Farnfield was for many years Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He died on the 27th of February, 1876, having been fifty years a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.



JOHN WHITMORE, P.M. OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE,
Chairman of the Festival, October 6th, 1837.

At the Anniversary of the lodge on the 7th of October, 1836, neither lecture nor ceremony was worked, the proceedings being merely of a festive character. Bro. Wilson was elected Treasurer and Bro. Savage, Secretary. On this occasion the new pedestals, which are described as "chaste and well made," were used for the first time.

The Festival for 1838 was held on the 5th of October, and is thus referred to in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for December of that year:—

"The anniversary of this Lodge of Instruction was, as usual, observed with even more than its usual *eclat*, occasioned by the attendance of Bro. Peter Thomson and some of his excellent friends. The Grand Secretary, Bro. White, was also present, with many visitors.

"Bro. Crucefix, as W.M., in the chair. A few sections of the first lecture were worked; the re-election of Bros. S. B. Wilson and Savage, as Treasurer and Secretary, was unanimous. Bro. S. B. Wilson was presented with a very chastely executed jewel, unique in its design, and embracing some architectural references in allusion to his own profession. The W.M., in addressing him on the subject of the presenta-

tion, observed that he envied the feelings with which Bro. Wilson must naturally accept the jewel, which was offered as a memorial, by the members, of his superior qualifications in the Art and Science of Masonry."

The president for this evening was the proprietor and editor of the journal so often quoted in these columns, to whom we are chiefly indebted, as members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, for what knowledge we have of its early history. When, in 1834, he published the first real Masonic journal in England, he met with the strongest opposition from head-quarters, but he was not easily daunted, and by tact and perseverance overcame all obstacles, with the result that the Craft in the United Kingdom, as well as in the colonies, has a source of information relating to masonry in many cases unattainable elsewhere. He was, as is evinced by his frequent and laudatory references to the "Emulation," which he joined in 1831, one of its warmest supporters, and continued his encouragement and support, both by voice and pen, until his decease in 1850. To do adequate justice to his memory and Masonic achievements would require far too much space for these columns. A sketch of his biography was begun in the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, shortly after his decease, by one of his most valued and intimate friends—John Lane, D.C.L., who, himself, passed away the same year, without having completed his sketch. The work was then taken up by the celebrated Dr. George Oliver, who certainly did ample justice to the subject in a series of articles well worthy of perusal.

Dr. Crucefix was initiated in the Burlington Lodge (now No. 96) in 1829; in the following year he joined the Bank of England Lodge, of which lodge he became Master in 1832. In 1838 he attained the same position in his mother lodge. It is unnecessary to mention all the other Masonic bodies with which he was actively connected; he seems to have been an enthusiast of the warmest kind and to have taken every Degree within his reach, besides being an honorary member of several lodges and chapters in Scotland and Ireland.

In 1836 he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, and Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter. He was the chief promoter and founder of the asylum for aged Masons, and evinced the warmest interest in the Schools of the Order. There is, however, one phase of his character which his biographers seem to have overlooked; he was a great lover of books, and the first to make a serious effort towards establishing a library under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of England; he gave practical effect to his desires by presenting to the library the first six volumes of his journal handsomely bound in calf, which volumes I am safe in saying are much more frequently used than any other works in the library.

The estimation in which he was held by those who knew him personally cannot be better evinced than by the following motion passed at the first meeting of the Bank of England Lodge after his decease:—

"Resolved: That the Brethren of this Lodge, deeply sensible of the irreparable loss they have sustained in the death of their beloved Brother and revered P.M., Dr. Robert Thomas Crucefix, are anxious to give expression to their grateful admiration of his varied talents, his unbounded philanthropy, his active benevolence, and practical brotherly love, and to record their feelings of affectionate regard for one who was endeared to all who knew him by his amiable disposition, and by the social virtues which adorned his

private life—whose loss they sincerely deplore, whose memory they affectionately reverence, and whose name they would not 'willingly let die.'

"That in paying this last tribute of respect to the memory of their departed Brother, they forbear to speak of his practical skill and ability, his consummate knowledge, and unrivalled attainments in Freemasonry, because they consider it a privilege and a duty, appertaining only to the Craft at



ROBERT T. CRUCEFIX, M.D., P.G.D.,
P.M. OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE,
Chairman of the Festival, October 5th, 1838.

large, to do honour to his public character as a Mason; they cannot, however, refrain from expressing their feelings of gratification and pride that the name of their revered Brother will be transmitted to posterity by a monument worthy of the Freemason and the man—the Asylum for Worthy, Aged, and Decayed Freemasons, and that this noble Institution, founded by his benevolent exertions, will perpetuate the memory of his eloquent, unceasing, and heartfelt advocacy of the cause of Masonic Charity."

"Resolved: That a copy of the foregoing resolution be written on vellum, be framed and glazed, and suspended in the Lodge at all future meetings of the Brethren, in the hope that the respect thus shown to the memory of a good man may influence all who read it to reverence his virtues and emulate his example."

For the three rare portraits illustrating this article we are indebted, in the first place, to the Bank of England Lodge (always an ardent supporter of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement), and secondly to the skill of Mr. Harold W. Lane, who kindly photographed them from the series of beautifully executed portraits of its Past Masters in the lodge album, painted in water colours by Edwin Dalton Smith, himself a Past Master of that lodge and a member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

The *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* for September, 1839, contains the following:—"Master Masons' Lodge of Improvement at Brother Evans's Grand Hotel, Covent Garden, has, as usual, remained open all the summer, thereby continuing its sphere of utility when nearly all other lodges have closed. The Anniversary will be held on the first Friday in October, which will doubtless be well attended on that evening. The election of Treasurer and Secretary will take place, and the sessional arrangements will be made. The great service which the lodge has rendered the Craft is felt and appreciated by the London and Provincial Brethren."

The same journal for December following thus comments on the removal of the lodge to the Freemasons' Tavern, "At length this Lodge of Instruction—formerly, *par excellence*, termed 'Peter Gilkes' Master Mason's Lodge,' has made a stout march to *the Tavern*, and there is much promise in the

removal. On the first night, as was expected, the meeting was crowded, and the brethren were compelled to adjourn to the "Crown" Room, where the first lecture was most ably worked and the business conducted in the very first style. Amongst those present were several Provincial Brethren. Brother Key sat as Master; Brothers Graham and Warriner as Wardens. Brothers S. B. Wilson, Savage, and many other "operatives" were among the throng. Having now reached a topmost height as regards locality, we must admit that the next removal of this Lodge should be to some quarters of its own, and then, indeed, it would set an example; and what a progress it would make in good order and excellent propriety! Think upon this hint, good friends."

It will thus be seen that for upwards of sixty years the Emulation Lodge of Improvement has held its meetings on the Grand Lodge premises, thereby furnishing conclusive evidence of the regularity of its proceedings and the correctness of its method of working the ceremonies and lectures of the Craft.

In order to avoid repetition, the reader will please to understand that all further quotations, down to 1859, when the existing written records of the lodge begin, are from the *Freemasons' Quarterly Review* or its successor, the *Freemasons' Magazine*, unless otherwise stated, and that these journals only reported the annual Festivals of the lodge.

At the annual Festival on the 2nd of October, 1840, Bro. John Savage "was presented with a very handsome jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren to mark their sense of his kind and efficient services as secretary for several years. Br. S. B. Wilson was elected treasurer, and Br. Richard Daly, of the British Lodge, No. 8, succeeded Br. Savage in the office of Secretary." From the year 1841 to 1844 nothing calling for notice relating to the lodge appears in the only Masonic journal of the period, save that in 1842 the editor says: "Every meeting of this lodge adds to its importance. Intelligence and discipline are promoted, and we are happy to observe that provincial and foreign Brethren profit by the opportunity afforded them to witness the *purest* working of our Order."

In 1844 the Anniversary Festival was held on the second Friday in November instead of the first Friday in October as heretofore. We have editorial authority for stating that on this occasion many excellent addresses were given, including one from Bro. Crew (Secretary of the Girls' School), who also delighted the party with several songs during the evening; but, as neither speeches nor songs were reported, their nature and quality must be left to the reader's imagination.

In 1845 we are told that "a committee has been formed to select from among talented competitors an improvement in Tracing Boards. Bro. Harris has been the successful candidate, and from the sample we have seen, the selection is very creditable to the committee."

At the Festival held on the 14th of November following, the new Tracing Boards were produced, "and were submitted to a very close and critical inspection, and Bro. Harris was deservedly complimented on his success."

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. B. Wilson and the other members of the committee for their great attention to the subject.

On the 17th of March, 1848, a banquet was held, the occasion being the presentation of a testimonial, consisting of a service of plate, to Bro. John Savage, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, a former Secretary of the lodge, and one of its most earnest and regular supporters. Although this testimonial was not restricted to the members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, as a mark of respect to the recipient it was decided that the presentation should be made under the auspices of that lodge.

Several highly eulogistic speeches were made by the distinguished brethren present, but as they were mostly of a personal character we have not deemed it advisable to reprint them.

Early in this year (1848) the Masons of Birmingham applied to the "Emulation" to depute some eminent authority in their body to visit them and adjust the differences that existed in their working. To this request the lodge promptly

responded by deputing Bro. William Honey, P.M. of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, a pupil of Peter Gilkes, to offer his services; which offer was gladly accepted, and after about two months tuition he pronounced certain of his pupils as being qualified to impart instruction, and also furnished evidence of their competency by working the several lectures and ceremonies with their assistance in the various Birmingham lodges.

In 1849 we have a full report of the annual Festival, on the 16th of November, of "this, the most celebrated Lodge of Instruction in the Craft," and the editor refers in terms of wonderment to the unusually large number of brethren who attended, "in all between fifty and sixty." Bro. R. Daly presided as W.M. On this occasion a handsome and valuable testimonial was presented by Bro. S. B. Wilson, on behalf of the members, to Bro. Joseph William Mountain, P.M. 318, in acknowledgment of his services as Secretary during six consecutive years.

The testimonial comprised "a richly embossed gold Secretary's jewel, and a splendidly chased tea service."

In the course of the evening several songs by Bros. Honey, Spencer, Marriott, and Whitmore contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren. The lodge work at this meeting is not named in the report, but it was probably some of the sections.

In 1850 the Festival was held on the 29th of November. The W. Bro. John Hervey presided on this occasion, and was supported by R.W. Bro. John Fawcett, P.G.M. for Durham, R.W. Bro. W. F. Beadon, P.G.W., and many other distinguished members of the Craft, to the number of about seventy. The business of the evening was to have been the first Tracing Board, but owing to the indisposition of Bro. S. B. Wilson, who was unable to attend, the W.M. worked the third ceremony "in his usual impressive manner." The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the customary toasts were given and duly responded to; but as the speeches, or such portions of them as appear in the report, were of a personal character, containing no reference to the history of the lodge, they may well be omitted here.



ZACHARIAH WATKINS, P.M. OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND LODGE,
Chairman of the Festival, October 2nd, 1840.

The Festival for 1851 was held on the 18th of November, and was presided over by the R.W. Bro. Beadon, P.G. Warden, who had officiated as S.W. at the preceding Festival. He was supported by the R.W. Bro. Rowland G. Alston, P.G.W., and upwards of ninety other brethren.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, "Bro. S. B. Wilson gave the first Tracing Board in his usual clear and impressive manner, to the great delight of all present. In the various addresses in connection with the toasts of the evening, the presiding officer and Br. Alston

expressed their great satisfaction with the accuracy manifested in the working of the lodge, as also their due appreciation of the important benefits it had already conferred, and was constantly conferring on the Craft."

In 1852 the Festival was held on the 29th of November, but unfortunately we are quite in the dark as to what was done and who presided, as the report of the meeting was received too late for publication.

The Festival for 1853 was held on the 29th of November, when the sections of the First Lecture were worked, S. B. Wilson in the chair. An unprecedented number of visitors were proposed as members. Upwards of 150 brethren sat down to the banquet presided over by the Treasurer of the lodge, John Hervey, who, in response to the toast of his health, "regretted that the chair was not more ably filled, and stated that, in the absence of the brother who was to have presided over them, he had been most unexpectedly called on to fill his place."

On this occasion, "A very massive silver teapot was presented to Br. W. H. Absolon," of the Mount Moriah Lodge, who had recently vacated the office of Secretary of the "Emulation" on his removal to a country residence.

In 1854 the Festival was held on the 30th of November, when the sections of the Second and Third Lectures were worked, Bro. Beadon, P.G.W., in the chair, assisted by S. B. Wilson.

The Masonic business of the evening being concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual preliminary toasts were given. The Chairman then in a most eloquent and effective speech introduced "The health of Bro. Hervey, S.G.D.," at the same time producing a splendid chronometer watch and gold chain, the result of the subscriptions of the members in testimony of his extreme kindness to the brethren generally, his untiring assiduity to the interests of the lodge, and as a mark of appreciation of his seven years' service as Treasurer.

In concluding his report of this meeting, the editor of the *Freemasons' Magazine* ventures into the realms of prophecy, and his prediction has been since amply verified. He says: "We should be wanting in duty if, before closing this short report, did we not make some allusion to the very excellent arrangements of the Stewards; the whole affair was certainly a credit to them as well as to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it is not to be wondered at, if such attraction and such entertainment are offered to the Craft, that the lodge is so well supported, and takes the distinguished position it so well deserves. Indeed, if matters proceed thus, we shall not be surprised to find in a few years that the Grand Festival itself is not better nor more numerously attended than the annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement."

Those who attend both the festivals mentioned can bear testimony to the fulfilment of this prognostication; indeed, the attendances at the "Emulation Festival" have for many years past far outnumbered the attendances of brethren at an ordinary Grand Festival.

The Festival for 1855 was held on the 30th of November, Herbert Lloyd, S.G.D., in the chair of W.M. The sections of the First Lecture were worked by S. B. Wilson, assisted by Bros. Luis Artús, S. B. Wilson, jun., Watson, Palmer, Absolon, Binckes, and Hervey.

The claims upon the pockets of the members seem to have been pretty frequent, for at this meeting a jewel was presented to Bro. John Palmer, who had served the office of Secretary for a few years.

The Festival for 1856 was held on the 28th of November, W. F. Beadon, P.G. Warden, in the chair, S. B. Wilson acting as Past Master. The last named brother "gave the explanation of the first Tracing Board in a most able and impressive manner; and, in order to relieve the proceedings from the charge of monotony, Bro. Wilson called on several of the brethren for the different illustrations. This arrangement produced a happy effect, and appeared to give satisfaction to everyone."

Nearly 200 brethren sat down to the banquet.

(To be Continued).