

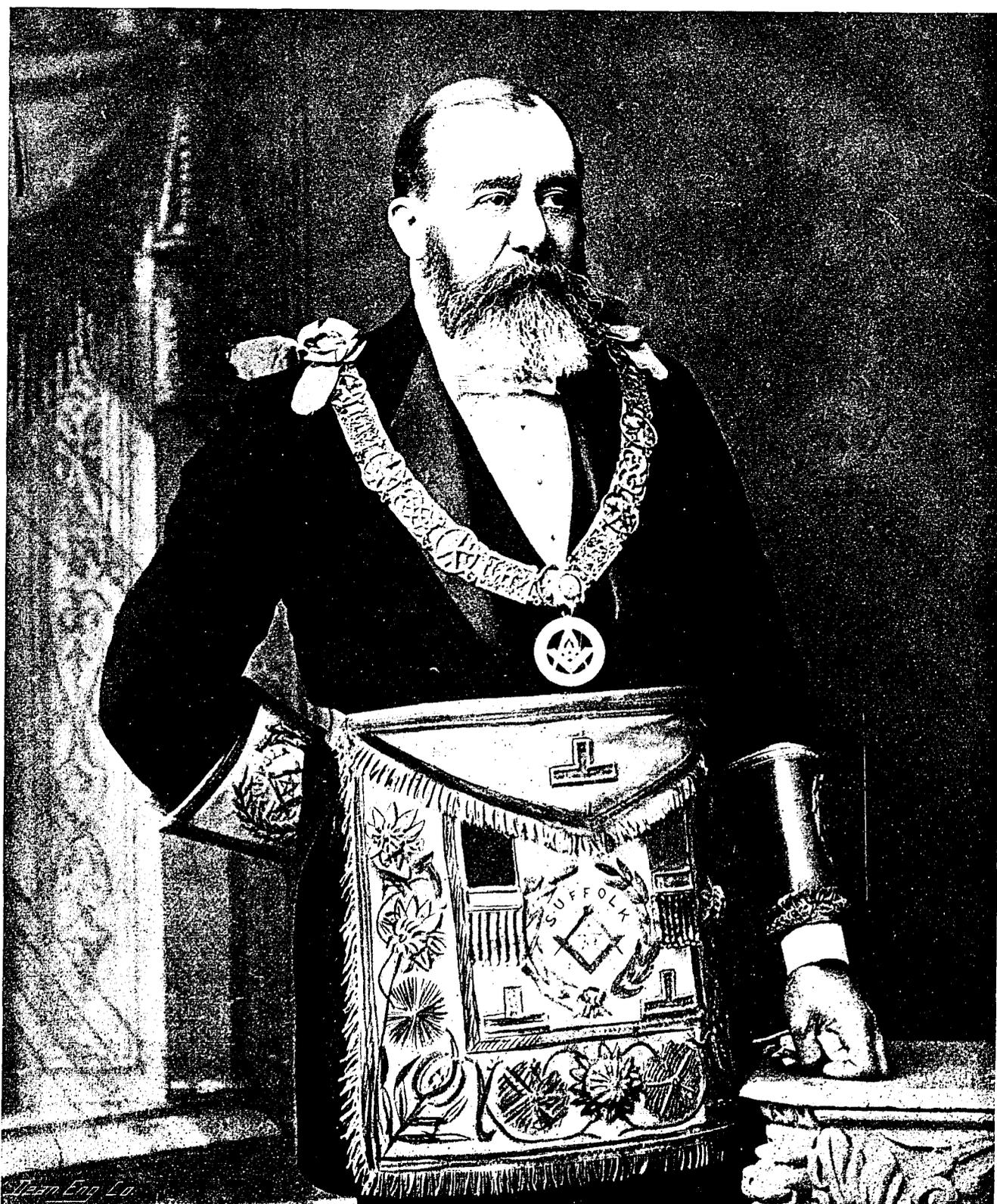
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Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk and the Isle of Man.*

The Province of Cornwall.—(Continued.)

AFTER the Union of December, 1813, the "mother lodge" at Falmouth became the recognised authority for the revised "Work"; the members having been instructed by Bro. W. Ernsshaw (Past S.G.W.), who attended on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and they subsequently did their best to make



BRO. E. MILFORD MILFORD, P.A.G.D.C.,
TREASURER OF THE CORNWALL MASONIC ANNUITY FUND.

the ceremonies known in the county. One result of the new Regulations may be traced in the appointment of Provincial Grand Deacons from 1816; the custom previously as to officers being based on the "Modern," not the "Ancient," rules.

The first to work the "Royal Arch" under "Modern" auspices was the lodge at Falmouth; a warrant being granted in 1810 and exchanged in 1825 for a new charter, which is still the authority for the existing chapter.

On the resignation of Sir Charles Lemon, the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith, "Lord of the Scilly Isles" (initiated in 1832 in No. 404, Wafford, and W.M. 331, Truro, in 1859), was appointed the 6th Prov. G.M., in 1863 and the province was soon most actively engaged one way and another; new lodges were formed, and in 1864, the "Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund" was started at Falmouth, and confirmed at Truro, for the Province, which has proved a great success and as great a boon to brethren, or their dependents, who have needed aid. Since its formation over £14,000 have been received in subscriptions, &c.; some £7,000 have been spent in annuities and educational grants, and about the same sum is now safely invested for future use, so well have the funds been managed, and the expenses kept down to almost nil. Originally it was for annuities for brethren only, but later on the benefits were wisely extended to widows and children.

On Bro. Augustus Smith's installation there were fifteen lodges on the roll in the county, viz.: No. 75, Falmouth; No. 121, Penzance; No. 131, Truro; No. 318, Helston; No. 330, Bodmin; No. 331, Truro; No. 450, Hayle; No. 406, St. Austell; No. 510, Liskeard; No. 557, Callington; No. 589, Redruth; No. 699, Chacewater; No. 789, Launceston; No. 856, Lostwithiel; and No. 893, Millbrook. These all meet now in halls of their own, and were never more united and prosperous than at the present time.

During this period, the late Earl of St. Germans and the late Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., were appointed Grand Wardens of England.

In 1873, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was installed as the 7th Prov. G.M. by the late Rev. John Huyshe, M.A., P.G.C., who had also installed his lordship's lamented predecessor, the R.W. Bro. Augustus Smith. As Lord Valletort, the beloved Prov. G.M. was initiated in No. 10, London, 1856, receiving the Third Degree in 1857 in the presence of the late Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, and the late Earl of Carnarvon (subsequently Pro G.M.), who was then the W.M. In 1858 his lordship was installed as W.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, East Stonehouse (being now the senior member on the Roll), also in 1876 was W.M. of the "Meridian Lodge," No. 893, Millbrook, Cornwall, and is still a subscribing member.

From the installation of Lord Mount Edgcumbe, the province has been continuously prosperous, and apparently has not yet reached the height of its success, for the lodges have increased from twenty-four in 1873, with 1000 members, to thirty in 1902, with over 2000 subscribing brethren; and the Royal Arch Chapters now number thirteen, with 400 companions, his lordship also being the esteemed Grand Superintendent.

Lord Mount Edgcumbe was indefatigable in making the necessary arrangements for the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (now His Majesty the King) to Truro to lay the foundation stone of the new Cathedral, with Masonic honours, on 20th May, 1880, an Especial Grand Lodge being opened at the Town Hall for the purpose; and in 1888 the members of the province presented £600, through their beloved Prov. G.M., to meet the expenses of one of the piers of the Central Tower, a suitable inscription being placed thereon to indicate that gratifying fact.

It was a proud day in 1891 for the Cornish Craft when their Prov. G.M. was selected by the M.W. Grand Master



BRO. GILBERT B. PEARCE, P.M.,
SECRETARY OF THE CORNWALL CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

for the high honour of Deputy Grand Master of England, which office his lordship ably filled for five years, during which period Lord Mount Edgcumbe presided over the Jubilee Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution in 1892,



MASTER'S JEWEL, No. 75, FALMOUTH (*Obverse*).

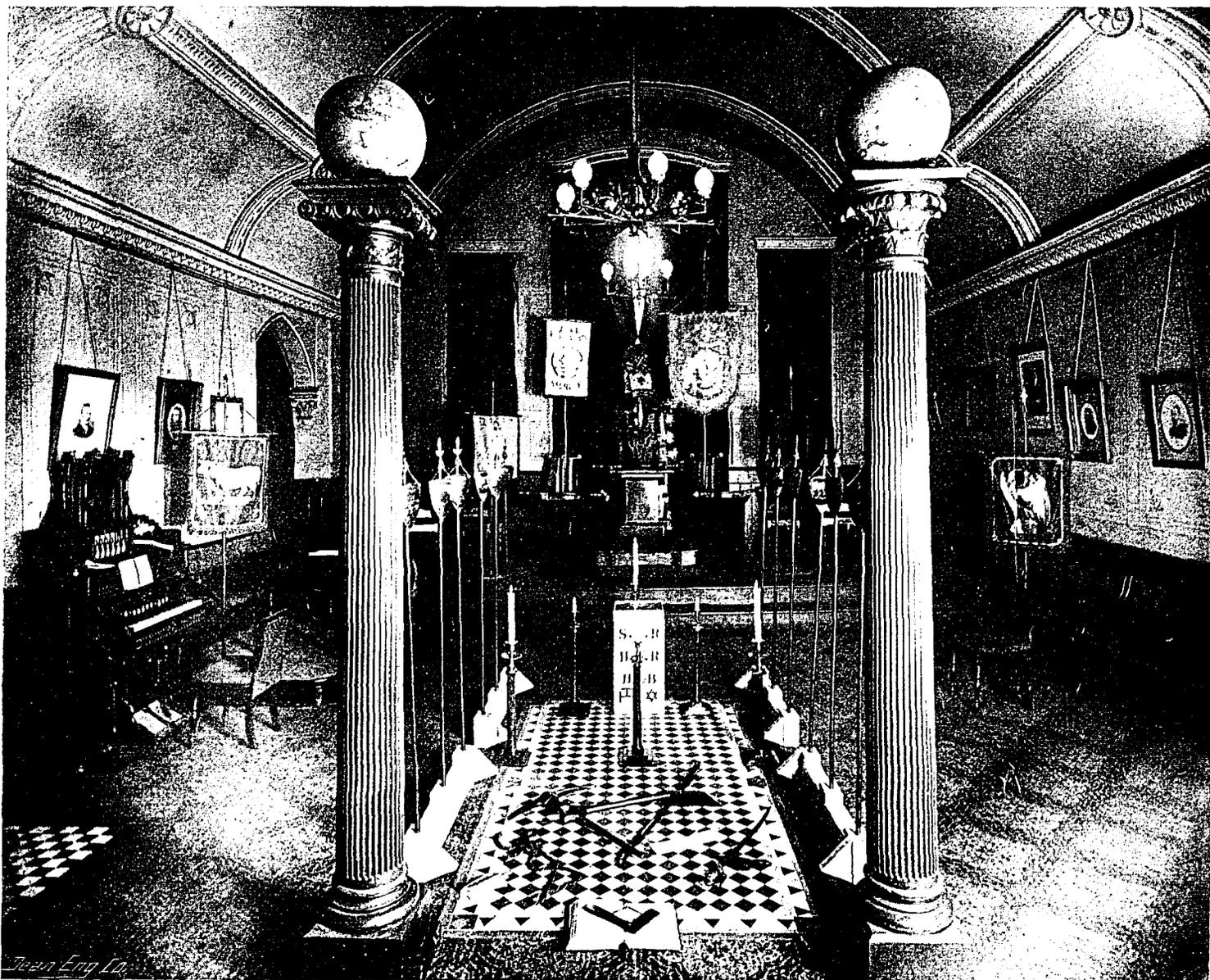


MASTER'S JEWEL, No. 75, FALMOUTH (*Reverse*).

when over £69,000 was raised ; and over the Annual Festival of the "R.M.I. for Girls, in 1895, when fully £16,000 was subscribed by the Fraternity. A memorial stone of the New Infirmary was laid at Halifax, Yorkshire, officially by the Deputy Grand Master in 1893, and in the county several ecclesiastical and other important buildings were also duly inaugurated in like manner by the Prov. G.M., and especially foundation stones of Masonic Halls, all the lodges now

being provided with homes of their own, free from the unsuitable surroundings of houses of public resort.

The Earl of Mount Edgumbe has had, as Deputy Prov. G. Masters, Bros. Reginald Rogers (1873) ; Sir Frederick M. Williams, Bart. (1874) ; Colonel J. W. Peard (1879), "Garibaldi's Englishman" ; Sir Charles Brune Graves-Sawle, Bart. (1880) ; and P. Colville Smith (1899). Sir Charles Graves-Sawle is an old and much esteemed brother, and is the

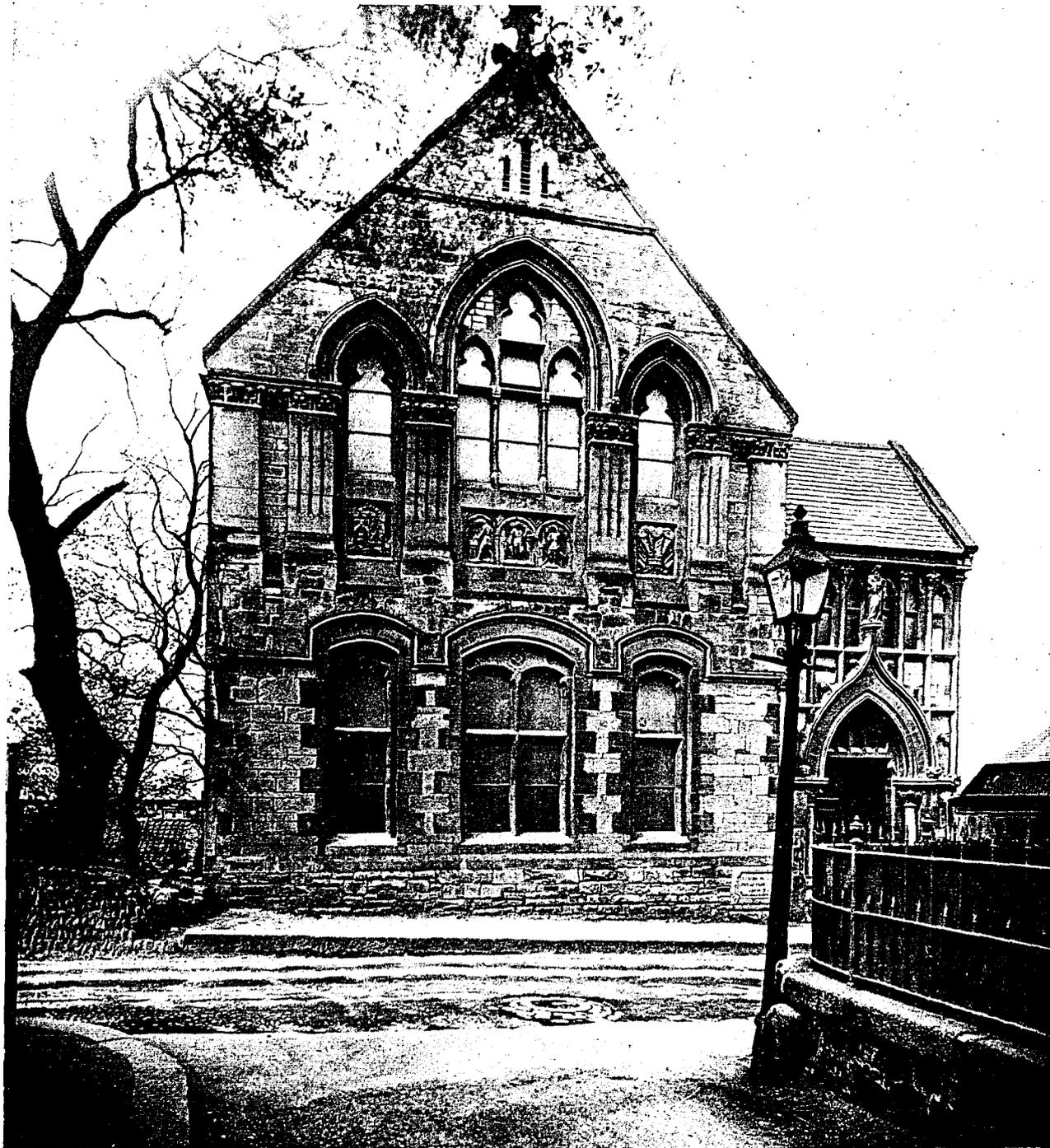


MASONIC HALL, REDRUTH.

senior on the long roll of Past Masters of No. 330, Bodmin, having served in the chair so far back as 1854. On his regretted retirement, Bro. P. Colville Smith, M.A., was appointed his successor from 1899. He was initiated in the "Apollo University Lodge," No. 357, Oxford, in 1886, served as W.M. in 1891, 1893, and 1896, also of No. 10, London, &c.; has been Provincial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire from 1898, and was Senior Grand Deacon in 1899.

The only living Past Prov. G. Sec. of the Province is Bro. Hughan, who is a P.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 131, Truro, having served in the chair in 1868 and 1878, and was appointed to the important office of Prov. G. Sec. so far back as 1870. In that year he started the "Masonic Directory" for Cornwall, which is still published, and one of

and capable Craftsman, belonging to a thorough Masonic family. His father (the late Mayor Edyvean) was an esteemed P.M. of the same lodge, and served as Prov. G.S.B. so far back as 1857, his two brothers being also members, viz., Bro. Robert P. Edyvean (P.M. in 1888), Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall in 1901, and Lieut.-Col. Frederick G. Edyvean, P.M. No. 2655, Prov. S.G.W. of Devon in 1899. The respected Prov. G. Sec. was P. Prov. S.G.W. of the Province, to which he is so devoted, in 1891, and has been its indefatigable Prov. G. Sec. from 1898, in succession to the lamented Bro. E. D. Anderton, P.G.D., besides having served as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England in 1898, and for several years also made an excellent manager of the central Masonic votes.



MASONIC HALL, REDRUTH.

the best of the kind extant, besides inaugurating a system for utilizing the voting strength of the province in relation to the central Masonic Charities, which has been in operation ever since; the able manager of the votes now being Bro. E. A. P. Broad, of Redruth (P.M. No. 450, P. Prov. G. Treas.), who has been very successful on behalf of the county. Bro. Hughan was appointed to the high position of Past S.G.D. by the M.W. Grand Master in 1874, in appreciation of his great literary services to the Craft, besides being a P. Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall and Past S.G.W. of several Foreign Grand Lodges.

The present Prov. G. Sec. is Bro. Bernard F. Edyvean, P.M. No. 330, Bodmin (in 1887), who is a very enthusiastic

The Treasurer of the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund has long been Bro. E. M. Milford, P.M. No. 589 (in 1874 and 1888), and Prov. S.G.W. in 1889, whose initiation dates from 1870. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., appointed Bro. Milford to the Past rank of A.G.D. of C. of England, during this the Coronation year. Of the valuable and most useful "Cornwall Masonic Charity Association," Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce (P.M. No. 450, Hayle, in 1877 and 1879, Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall in 1897), has been the most efficient Secretary and practically the founder from its start. He has been the means of raising very large sums for the Central Masonic Charities through its agency, his interesting reports being quite a special feature of each Prov. Grand

Lodge, and he has enlisted the active sympathy of lodges and brethren to an extent hitherto unknown. The province has been well off in relation to its chief workers for many years, but time fails to tell of their numerous virtues and successes.

The "One and All" sentiment, so indicative of the county, has found an opportunity, Masonically, for its illustration in the Metropolis, by the formation of the "Cornish Lodge," No. 2369, which was started under most distinguished auspices in 1890, having the Rt. Hon. the Earl

of Mount Edgecumbe, Sir Charles R. Graves-Sawle, and many other well-known Cornish Craftsmen as founders and members; about a score being subscribing P.M.'s to lodges in the County; the Treasurer being Bro. William Lake (P.M. 131, Truro), the ever-courteous Assistant Grand Secretary of England; and the energetic Secretary is Bro. R. Greenwood, P.M. The lodge has proved quite a Masonic centre for Cornish Craftsmen in town, and several of the members have frequently been of great assistance in securing the election of Cornish candidates into the Institutions.

The New Past Grand Officers.—(Provincial.)

PAST GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. Henry Jackson was initiated in Lodge Benevolence, No. 336, in 1868, and occupied the Master's chair in 1872. He also joined the Unity Lodge, No. 321, in 1895. His exaltation in Royal Arch Masonry took place in the Richard Newhouse Chapter, No. 2433, and he is also a member of the Royal Cheshire Chapter, No. 89. Bro. Jackson has on



BRO. HENRY JACKSON.

three occasions been honoured with office in Provincial Grand Lodge, having been appointed Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in 1891, Provincial Junior Grand Warden in 1896, and is this year Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He takes the keenest interest in the excellently organised local Charities, and is a Life Governor of each of the Central Institutions.

Bro. Ellice Hicks-Beach is a son of the late highly esteemed and popular Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He was initiated in the United Lodge, No. 1629, in 1894, and was installed W.M. in 1899. In 1901 he joined Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester, and is an honorary member of the Oakley Lodge, No. 694. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Oakley Chapter in 1897. Bro. Beach is an Attaché of the British Legation at Stockholm.

Bro. Hugh E. Diamond was initiated in the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 353, in 1870, and became W.M. in 1875. He assisted in founding the Nottinghamshire Lodge, No. 1434; the Pellipar Lodge, No. 2693; and the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700; and in 1891 filled the chair of W.M. in the Anchor Lodge, No. 1704. In 1875 he received the appointment of Provincial Grand Warden of Derbyshire. He was exalted in the Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 435, in 1878, and was installed as M.E.Z. in 1882. Bro. Diamond has served no less than twenty-six Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Patron of the Boys' School and a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School and of the Benevolent Institution. He is also a member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School.

Bro. Matthew Fortescue is a Mason of over forty years standing, having been initiated in 1861, in the Albion Lodge, then No. 17 under the Grand Lodge of England. He joined the Lodge of Union, No. 444, Starcross, in 1893, and became W.M. in 1895. In 1896 he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Devon. His membership of the Royal Arch dates from 1892, having been exalted in the Devon Chapter, No. 1138, afterwards joining the Union Chapter, No. 444. He has filled the chair of First Principal in both these chapters, and in 1896 was appointed Provincial Grand Z. Bro. Fortescue is a Life Governor of the Girls' School.

Bro. Nicholas A. Earle has nearly completed his third decade of Masonic service, having been initiated in the Travellers Lodge, No. 1253, in 1873. In 1881 he joined the Social Lodge, No. 62, and was installed W.M. in 1887, and again in 1898. He is also a member and P.M. of the Fortitude Lodge, No. 64. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1875, having been exalted in the Social Chapter, No. 62. In 1889 he was installed as M.E.Z., and is a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of East Lancashire. Bro. Earle is a Patron both of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution. He is also a Patron of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Association, and is at present its Hon. Secretary.

Bro. Arthur B. Preston was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1880. He joined the Oxford and Cambridge University Lodge, No. 1118, in 1881, and the St. Mary Magdalen, No. 1523, in 1888, and has occupied the Master's chair in both lodges. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter in 1882, and became M.E.Z. in 1893. Bro. Preston is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and a Life Subscriber of the Girls' and Boys' Schools.

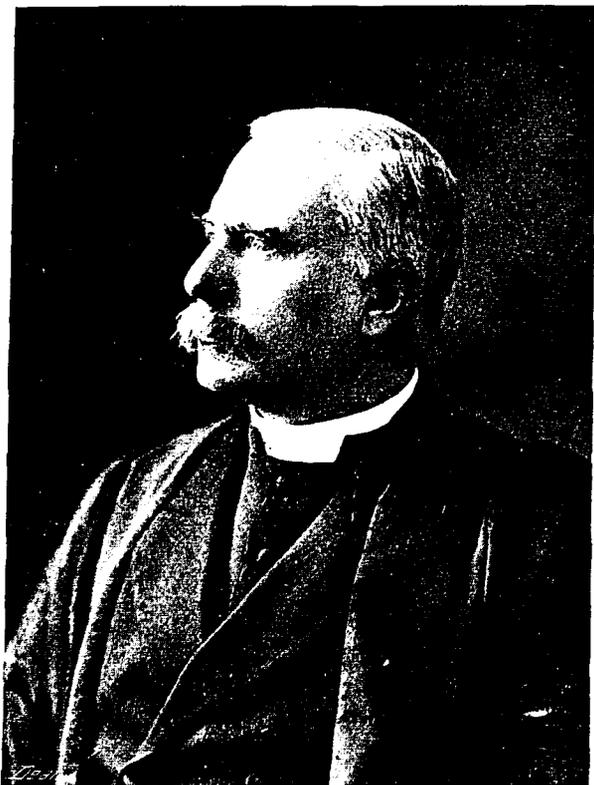
Bro. Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., this year completes his quarter of a century as a Mason. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, in 1877, joined Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, in 1885 (becoming W.M. in 1891), and the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, in 1890. He was exalted in the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, in 1888, and afterwards joined Friendship Chapter, No. 257, and has



BRO. COMMANDER H. G. GILES.

filled the First Principal's chair in each. On the retirement of Bro. Edgar Goble in 1898, Bro. Giles was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. He is also a Past Provincial Grand J. of both Essex and Hampshire, and is at present Grand H. of the latter province. Bro. Giles has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School, three for the Boys' School, and one for the Benevolent Institution.

The initiation of Bro. the Rev. Oliver C. Cockrem, LL.D., took place in the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, East Retford, Nottinghamshire, in 1879. In 1885 he joined the Watford



BRO. THE REV. OLIVER C. COCKREM.

Lodge, No. 404. He became W.M. of the former in 1886 and of the latter in 1897. He is a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain of both Nottinghamshire and Hertfordshire, and was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Herts in 1899. Bro. Cockrem was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark-on-Trent, in 1886, and afterwards took part in founding the Watford Chapter, No. 404, as well as the Earl of Clarendon Chapter, No. 1984. He is a Past First Principal of all three. In the Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire he is a Past Grand Scribe N., and has been Provincial Grand Scribe E. since 1899.

Bro. Colonel E. M. Wakeman is a brother of the respected Provincial Grand Master for Shropshire, Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman. He, like so many of our Grand Officers, was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, afterwards joining the Salopian Lodge, No. 262, of which he became W.M. in 1877. He is also a Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works of Oxford and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Shropshire. He has been a Royal Arch Mason since 1868, and is a P.Z. of the Salopian Chapter.

Bro. E. Chepmell Ozanne was initiated in Doyle's Lodge of Fellowship, No. 84, in 1871, and filled the chair of W.M. in 1881. He was exalted in the chapter attached to the



BRO. E. CHEPMELL OZANNE.

Doyle Lodge in 1884, and became First Principal in 1888. Bro. Ozanne is at present Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Guernsey and Alderney, and is a Past H. of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

Bro. Colonel William Long, C.M.G., has been a member of the Craft for thirty-six years, having been initiated in the Morning Star Lodge, Lucknow, in 1866. He afterwards joined the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53; the Lodge of Agriculture, No. 1199; and the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, occupying the chair of the two latter in 1874 and 1880 respectively. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1873 in the Beaufort Chapter, No. 103, joining the Avalon Chapter, No. 446, in 1879, and the Adair Chapter, No. 1750, of which latter he was elected M.E.Z. in 1888, 1889, and 1894. Bro. Colonel Long was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Somerset in 1879, and has been Provincial Grand H. since 1889. He has very recently received the appointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire, on the retirement of Bro. R. C. Else.

Bro. Frederick Cleeves has rendered excellent service to the Craft in the Province of West Yorkshire for the past twenty-five years. He was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 904, Rotherham, in 1877, and was installed as W.M. in 1883. In 1888 he took part in founding the Hallamshire Lodge, No. 2268. He has received two provincial appointments, having been made Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1889, and Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1900. In the Royal Arch Bro. Cleeves was exalted in the Paradise Chapter, No. 139, Sheffield, and founded the Phoenix Chapter, No. 904, in 1888, and is a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of West Yorkshire. He is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions, and has served no less than forty Stewardships.

Bro. Major A. E. Burdon hails from Northumberland, having been initiated in St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 1902, Bedlington, in 1888, of which lodge he was W.M. in 1890. He afterwards joined the Victoria Commemoration Lodge, No. 2666. He was exalted in the De Percy Royal Arch Chapter in 1898. Bro. Burdon is also a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Northumberland, having been appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1892.

Bro. George Harradon, who hails from West Lancashire, was initiated in the Wilbraham Lodge, No. 1713, Walton-on-the-Hill, on the 8th March, 1881, and was installed its Worshipful Master in October, 1886. Three years later he was founder and first Master of the Princes Lodge, No. 2316, Liverpool. Being accepted a joining member of the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229, Southport, in 1891, he was installed its Worshipful Master in 1899. In the following year he was selected for appointment as Provincial Grand Treasurer. In Royal Arch Masonry his exaltation took place in the Hamer Chapter, No. 1393, Liverpool, on the 3rd July, 1884, and in September, 1891, he was installed its M.E.Z. In the same year he was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer in the Royal Arch. He is a Knights Templar, and has taken the 33° in the A. and A. Rite. He is a Vice-President of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, having served Stewardships four times for the former, and on two occasions for the latter. He is likewise Honorary Treasurer of the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Claude E. Egerton Green was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1886, and joined the Angel Lodge, No. 51, in 1889; the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, in 1890; and founded the Colne Lodge, No. 2477, in 1893. He was twice Master of No. 51 and the first W.M. of No. 2477. In 1894 he was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer of Essex, and was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1897. His installation in the Royal Arch took place in the Patriotic Chapter, No. 51, in 1889, and in 1900 he was installed as M.E.Z. He is also a member and P.Z. of the Coronation Chapter, No. 2063. Bro. Egerton Green is a Past Grand H. of the province, and has served as a Steward for each of the Charities.

Bro. James Beresford Ryley, M.D., has nearly completed his thirtieth year as a Mason, having been initiated in the Era Lodge, No. 1423, in 1873, and was installed as W.M. in 1882. He afterwards joined the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, and was elected to the Master's chair in 1897. He was exalted in the Era Chapter in 1885, and is a Past Provincial Grand J. of Middlesex. Bro. Ryley has been a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1899. He is a Life Governor of each of the three Charities, and has served four Stewardships.

Bro. Josiah F. Pepper was initiated in the St. James's Lodge, No. 482, in 1873, and became W.M. in 1879. He afterwards took part in founding the Lodge of Charity, No. 1551; the Foster Gough Lodge, No. 2706; and the George Beech Lodge, No. 2897. He is also a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and of the Lodge of Research, Leicester. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in the St. James's Chapter in 1874, and has twice filled the office of First Principal. He is a Past



BRO. JOSIAH F. PEPPER.

Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Craft, and received the appointments in Provincial Grand Chapter of 1st Assistant Sojourner in 1880, Grand J. in 1882 and '92, and has been since 1893 Grand H. Bro. Pepper is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, Vice-President of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution, and Vice-President of the Mark Benevolent Institution, having served in all ten Stewardships.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

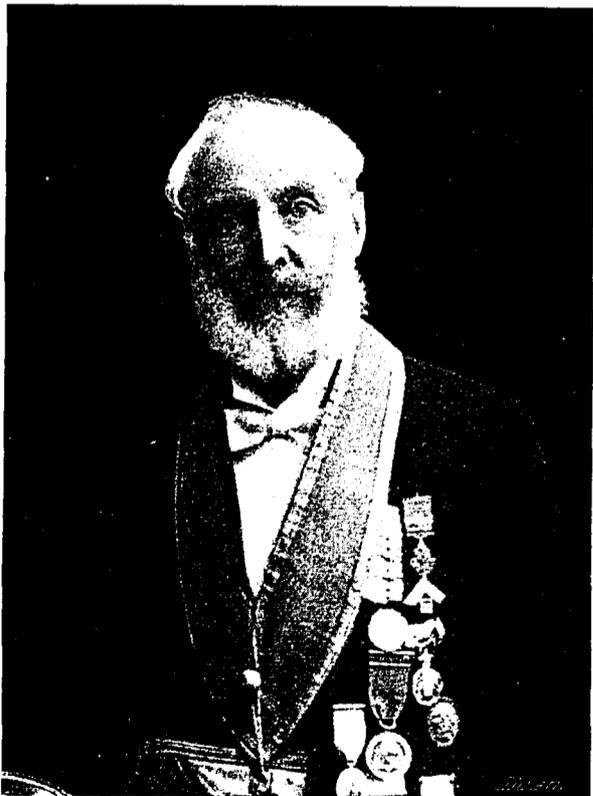
Bro. E. Milford Milford was initiated in the Druids Lodge, No. 589, Redruth, in 1870, and filled the chair of W.M. in 1874 and again in 1888. In 1889 he received the appointment of Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Cornwall. His exaltation in Royal Arch Masonry took place in the Rose of Sharon Chapter, No. 1006, in 1872, and he was M.E.Z. in 1897. He is also Past Provincial Grand Scribe N. Three Stewardships for the Central Masonic Charities stand to the credit of Bro. Milford, but it is to the local Institution, the Cornwall Masonic Annuity and Benevolent Fund, that he has devoted so much of his time and energy. For the past seventeen years he has been its Treasurer, and the prosperity of this Charity is in a large measure due to Bro. Milford's untiring efforts in its behalf.

Bro. Charles M. Nesbitt has a Masonic record of nearly half a century. He was initiated in the Humber Lodge, No. 57, in 1853, and was installed as W.M. in 1865, afterwards joining the Lindsey Lodge, No. 712. He was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer of Lincolnshire in 1866, and just thirty years later was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Bro. Nesbitt was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in the Oliver Chapter, No. 792, in 1869, afterwards joining the St. James's Chapter, No. 712, and becoming M.E.Z. of the latter in 1876. He is also a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer of the Arch.

Bro. James Bruton was initiated in the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 839, in 1871, and was Worshipful Master in the years 1880, 1881, and 1894. He has filled the offices in Provincial Grand Lodge of Senior Grand Deacon, Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Treasurer, to which latter office he has been re-elected annually since 1895. In the Royal Arch Degree he was exalted in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 82, in 1872, and afterwards joined the Royal Gloucester Chapter, No. 839, of which he was M.E.Z. in 1887. In Provincial Grand Chapter he is a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, Past Assistant Grand Sojourner, Past Grand Scribe N., Past Grand J., and has been since 1895 Provincial Grand Treasurer. Bro. Bruton has served nine Stewardships and is a Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Charles Thomas Tyler will next year have completed a thirty years' connection with the Craft, he having been initiated in the Wayside Lodge, No. 1395, in 1873. He afterwards joined the Royal Alfred Lodge and has served as W.M. in both lodges. He is a Past Provincial Grand Deacon of Surrey, and on the retirement of Bro. Greenwood in 1895, was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary. In Royal Arch Masonry he was initiated in St. George's Chapter, No. 370, and afterwards joined the Wayside Chapter, No. 1395, and the Chertsey Abbey Chapter, No. 2120, in each of which he has filled the chair of First Principal. Bro. Tyler is Past Provincial Grand J., and is now Grand Scribe E. of the province.

Bro. Charles Lee, of Warwickshire, was initiated in the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham, on the 4th March, 1857, and has twice served the office of Worshipful Master, namely, in 1864 and 1900. In 1860 he was appointed Provincial Grand Pursuivant; in 1870, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon; and in 1872, Provincial Senior Grand Warden. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Athol-Israel Chapter in



BRO. CHARLES LEE.

March, 1862, of which he is a P.Z., while in the Provincial Grand Chapter he ranks as Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer. He has served on the Committee of Grand Chapter, and is Secretary of the Warwickshire Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund, a Vice-President of the Boys' School, and Life Governor of the other two Institutions, and has served five Stewardships for "Our Boys," four for the Old People, and two for the Girls' School.

Bro. W. Waldron's initiation took place in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 573, Halesowen. He also joined Stability Lodge, No. 564, Stourbridge, in 1884, in both of which he has filled the Master's chair, and in 1892 took part in founding the Godson Lodge, No. 2385, Oldbury, of which he was the first W.M. He was exalted in the Dudley Chapter, No. 252, and afterwards joined the Royal Standard Chapter, No. 498, becoming M.E.Z. of the latter in 1889, and of the former in 1890, and filling the First Principal's chair of the Royal



BRO. W. WALDRON.

Standard in 1896. Bro. Waldron was appointed Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for the first time in 1884, and again in 1885, '86, '87, and '96. In 1889 he received the collar of Prov. Senior Grand Warden. Provincial office was also given to him in the Royal Arch, he having acted as Prov. Grand Scribe E. for several years, while from 1895 to the present year he has filled the office of Prov. G.H.

Bro. Stephen F. Pegler was initiated in the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, Retford, in 1882, and was installed as W.M. in 1891; he is also a member of the St. George's Lodge, No. 242, Doncaster. In the Royal Arch he was exalted in Magdalen Chapter, No. 242, in 1885, founded St. Stephen's Chapter, No. 1802, and has been First Principal of both. Bro. Pegler was appointed Provincial Grand Registrar in the Craft in 1892, and is a Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourner, and Past Provincial Grand H. in the Royal Arch. Our good brother has delegated to his little daughter the duty of representing him on the Charity lists, and the name of Miss Dorothy Pegler appears in the list of Vice-Patrons of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with 240 votes. She also possesses six votes for the Boys' School and two for the Girls. We should also mention that Bro. Pegler is a member of the Board of General Purposes and of the Board of Benevolence for Nottinghamshire.

Bro. Frederick Hughes Hallett was initiated in the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford, in 1871, and was installed as W.M. in 1874. In 1887 he was appointed Provincial Grand Registrar. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1874, having been exalted in the chapter attached to the Invicta Lodge in 1883. This was followed in 1884 by his appointment as Provincial Grand Scribe N. of Kent. Bro. Hughes Hallett has served several times as Steward for each of the Charities.

Bro. John M. Read was initiated in the Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732, in 1864, of which lodge he became W.M. in 1869. He was exalted in the Royal Sussex Chapter in 1876, and filled the chair of First Principal in 1887. He is a Past Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works of the Province of Sussex, and has been Provincial Grand Treasurer in both the Craft and Royal Arch since 1890. Bro. Reed has served several Stewardships for the Central Charities, and is also a subscriber to the Provincial Association of Benevolence.

No appointment to Grand rank has given greater satisfaction than that of our venerable and esteemed Bro. Charles Lee. His Masonic services cover nearly half a century, he having been initiated in the Athol Lodge, No. 74, then No. 88, in the year 1857, in which lodge he was installed as Master in 1864, and again in 1900. He was exalted in the Athol (now the Israel) Royal Arch Chapter, No. 74, in 1862. His provincial appointments have been:—Provincial Grand Pursuivant of Warwickshire in 1864, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon in 1870, Provincial Grand Warden in 1872 in the Craft, and Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 1862 in the Royal Arch. Bro. Lee has served several Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major H. W. C. Elwes was initiated in St. Margaret's Lodge, No. 1542, in 1879, afterwards joining the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, in both of which he is a Past Master, while he is a Past Provincial Grand Deacon in both the Provinces of Suffolk and Warwickshire. He was exalted in St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1631, in 1881, and was installed as M.E.Z.



BRO. MAJOR H. W. C. ELWES.

in 1888. He is also a member of the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383, and a Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer and Past Provincial Grand H. of Suffolk. Bro. Elwes has served thirteen Stewardships for the Charities and is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. Edward Margrett, upon whom the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer has been conferred, is a distinguished Berkshire Mason. Initiated in Greyfriars Lodge, No. 1101,

on the 16th June, 1866, he has twice filled the chair of Worshipful Master, once in 1876, and again—exactly twenty years afterwards—in 1896. He is, or has been, also a member of the Kendrick Lodge, No. 2043, Reading; the



BRO. EDWARD MARGRETT.

Ellington Lodge, No. 1566, Maidenhead; and the Aldermaston Lodge, No. 2760, of which he was a founder. Appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Berks and Bucks., he was in 1900 chosen Provincial Grand Treasurer for Berkshire on the division of the two counties into separate provinces. He was exalted in the Union Royal Arch Chapter, No. 414, Reading, on the 16th January, 1890, and installed its M.E.Z. in November, 1890. He was last year appointed Provincial Grand H. of Berkshire, and in 1882 Senior Grand Deacon in the Mark Degree. He is also a Rose Croix Mason. A member of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, he is a Vice-President, and has served three Stewardships in the Institution, as well as being a Life Governor of the other two Charities, for each of which he has served as Steward.

Bro. William D. P. Field was initiated in the Lewis Lodge, No. 872, Whitehaven, in 1883, of which lodge he became W.M. in 1888. He was one of the founders and the first W.M. of the Temperantia Lodge, No. 2854; a founder of the Alston Lodge, No. 2794, and the Border City Lodge, No. 2906, as well as of the Ambleside Royal Arch Chapter. On the death of Bro. Dalrymple in 1900, he was appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Cumberland and Westmoreland, an office he still holds. He is also G.S.E. of the Province. Bro. Field is a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution and of the Boys' School, while locally he was the founder of the Educational and Benevolent scheme for Cumberland and Westmorland and Honorary Secretary since its formation in 1894.

Bro. George Ellard, who was last year appointed Provincial Grand Secretary of Norths and Hunts in succession to Bro. Buckle, has been a member of the Craft since 1875, having been initiated in that year in the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360. He afterwards took part in founding the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, and the Kingsley Lodge, No. 2431, and is a Past Master of all three. Before he received his

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Lodges and Members.

IT is the custom in these days to insist on discrimination being exercised as to the admission of new members into the Order. Whilst our charges and regulations provide that certain conditions shall be safeguarded, there are one or two other directions in which care should be taken that candidates are suitable, that are sometimes overlooked.

One of these is the pecuniary status of the applicant for admission. The proposer and seconder ought to make it quite clear to the candidate that he will have to incur a not inconsiderable outlay, not only initial, but of annual recurrence. Freemasonry is to some extent a luxury, and, like other luxuries, has to be paid for. In all the ceremonies of admission, the candidate is warned of this at almost every step by the use of the phrase, "without detriment to myself or connections."

He ought to be taught what these words really mean. The claims of wife and family come before those of Freemasonry, and if there is any conflict or likely to be, the latter must give way. Incidentally also, when a brother finds that his lodge is costing him more than he can afford, he should resign his membership and hope for happier days.

Whilst the length of a brother's membership is very rightly considered when that brother comes before the Board of Benevolence, it is never considered as prejudicing his claim that he should have retired from membership because he could no longer afford it, and on the other hand it is no recommendation that at the time of application he is a member of half-a-dozen lodges, chapters, &c.

Another point often lost sight of is that we want brethren of education and culture to join our Order. Such expressions as "the hidden mysteries of nature and science" are not intended to be meaningless, nor is the injunction to the neophyte to "make daily progress in Masonic knowledge" a mere formal statement. And yet if members are to be allowed to be attracted to us simply by a reputation for good

fellowship, there is a danger that neither the one nor the other will be remembered outside of the lodge room, or as conveying any obligation.

A part of the Master's obligation is to employ and instruct his brethren in Freemasonry, and we are making it possible for a race of Worshipful Masters to arise who can do neither the one nor the other.

Possibly in this fact lies the secret of the serious leakage that so many lodges have to deplore.

Our best members must be kept at all costs. If the thoughtful brethren are becoming lax in attendance, it is well for the Master to find out if there is anything in the lodge procedure that fails to attract them. In the writer's experience there are two things that cause brethren to make up their minds to send an apology instead of coming to lodge. These are the absence of work on the one hand, and on the other, the promise of too much.

If the absence of ceremonial work meant that there was thus created an opportunity for a profitable discussion on matters Masonic, it would be cause for congratulation, but unfortunately it means very often simply an earlier adjournment to the social board.

And that there should be an excessive number of candidates is not a good thing, either for the brethren whose share in the proceedings is confined to looking on, or for the lodge.

It is scarcely relevant to our present subject, but the indifference of the senior members of the lodge is a tendency to be regretted.

If the remedy for this is not to be found in the Masonic zeal of the brethren concerned, it can be generally found in the direction of giving them something to do, instead of simply adorning the dais.

The ceremonies would be more effectively worked were more qualified brethren to take part in them.

Another very serious fact to be considered is the tendency to drop off, which is becoming noticeable among the more recently admitted members. This is most to be deplored of all. At the consecration at Oldham, Lancashire, of the Stanley Lodge on the 10th ult., the Provincial Grand Chaplain said in the course of his address, "Do not let your candidates be disappointed in their lodge." A candidate who is actuated by such right feelings as we have a right to expect, must have his expectations very much aroused during the course of the ceremonies. He is, he feels, or he should do, that he is entering upon the confines of a continent of moral worth and beauty, which it will be his privilege and duty to explore thoroughly, and it does irreparable damage to the Order that he should be disappointed.

But if he finds that after the initiatory ceremonies there is nothing but sociability and charity organization, then, excellent though both of them may be, the Order, or at all events the lodge, is not fulfilling its promises. When we deplore that so many are attracted by considerations of good fellowship, or by hope of some profit of a financial kind, or even by curiosity, it is often the lodge that is to blame for allowing such ideas to get abroad.

Such candidates need not be repelled outright. They are on the right track to a certain extent. Show them that good fellowship is not necessarily restricted by the circumference of the social board, but that it has five other far more important points. Let them know what a Freemason's charity really is, and as for the motive of curiosity, it can be so guided, that a candidate so influenced may readily become one of the brightest ornaments of the Craft.

When it is seen that a Freemason is on that account a better citizen, when it is seen that his hand is more open and his heart is larger, when he displays in his life, both in public and private, those moral qualities that go to adorn character, then we need not fear that our portals will be invaded by a crowd of unworthy applicants.

The remedy is thus in our hands. Like is always attracted by like, and when a lodge finds that either its numbers are diminishing, or the character and motives of would-be members are not above suspicion, then let it look for the remedy at home.



The compilation of a list of distinguished men in any department of life from which the names of well-known Freemasons were absent would, we imagine, prove a difficult task; and it is pleasing to be able to notice in the recent Coronation Honours so many leading Craftsmen, to an account of whom we would wish to devote more space than our columns allow of. To begin with, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master, has been promoted to the rank of Field Marshal, and amongst the appointments to the new Order of Merit appear the names of R.W. Bros. Earl Roberts, Viscount Wolseley, and Viscount Kitchener of Khartoum, Past Grand Wardens.

Of the new peers, the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., who is the well known Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire and its Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, is in public life the Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company. Previously he filled the office of Chief Secretary for Ireland, and more recently acted as President of the Jameson Raid Commission. R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., is well known to the Craft as the King's Private Secretary. He was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and was appointed a Past Grand Warden in 1887.

In the list of new baronets may be noticed the Lord Mayor, R.W. Bro. Sir J. C. Dimsdale, M.P., who has been fittingly selected this year by the Grand Master for promotion to the rank of Past Grand Warden. Bro. Sir W. E. Tomlinson, M.P., was appointed a Senior Grand Deacon and Principal Grand Sojourner in the Royal Arch in 1896. Among the knights may be observed the name of Bro. Sir Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., LL.D., Past Grand Treasurer, some account of whose career by Bro. Thomas Catling appeared in a former issue. Bro. Sir Alfred Cooper, F.R.C.S., who was surgeon to the late Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha, is a Past Grand Deacon and Past Assistant Grand Sojourner. Bro. Sir Joseph Firbank, the well known railway contractor, is a Past Grand Deacon, and Bro. Sir Ralph Littler, C.B., K.C., whose services to London as Chairman of the Middlesex County Council have been of no mean order, is a Past Deputy Grand Registrar.

It may also be noticed that a C.B. has been bestowed on Bro. Sir Prior Goldney, Bart., Past Grand Deacon and Past Assistant Grand Sojourner, the City Remembrancer, and on Bro. Lieut.-General Fletcher Owen, Past District Grand Master for Malta.

Amongst other well known brethren to be congratulated on well deserved honours are Sir Conan Doyle, the distinguished author, and Sir Joseph Lawrence. It is hardly possible that there are not some members of the Craft in the list who have escaped our notice, and to whom also we would wish to extend our congratulations.

A gap which will be much regretted has been left in the ranks of the rulers of the Craft by the death of R.W. Bro. Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk as well as for the Isle of Man. His late lordship was born in 1842, and as Baron Hartismere, represented East Suffolk in the House of Commons from 1866 to 1870, when he entered the Upper House on his succession to the Barony. The late Lord Henniker was on four occasions Lord-in-Waiting to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by whom he was held in high esteem.

It was in 1885, while Deputy-Lieutenant of Norfolk and Suffolk and Chairman of the East Suffolk County Council, that our late distinguished brother was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Suffolk, having previously held the highest office in the Mark Degree as Most Worshipful Grand Master. In 1895 he was appointed Governor of the Isle of Man, and in 1899 succeeded the late R.W. Bro. Major J. S. Goldie Taubman as Provincial Grand Master of that Island. That great authority of Manxland, Mr. Hall Caine, has said that the late Lord Henniker meant well for the nation over which he presided; that he aimed at nothing but the good of the Manx people, and had no selfish interests to serve.

“From Entered Apprentice to Grand Master” is not an incorrect title for the Masonic career of New Zealand's distinguished Premier, R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, whose Masonry is no less unique than his public life, of which much has been told us since his arrival in London some two months ago.



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. R. J. SEDDON.

Born at Eccleston Hill in Lancashire in 1845, he left home at the age of fourteen to apprentice himself to an engineering firm at St. Helens. While still a lad he worked his way out to Australia to try his hand at gold digging in Victoria. Meeting with but poor results, the year 1864 found him in New Zealand, where, in again trying the gold diggings, he met with no little success, and may be said to have there made the beginning of his fortune.

It was in 1875 that Bro. Seddon was initiated into Freemasonry in the Westland Kilwinning Lodge, in which he subsequently filled the office of Worshipful Master, and two years later he joined the Lazar Lodge, No. 1689, where he filled the chair of Junior Warden. Our esteemed brother had now established himself as a mining engineer in Kumara, and a short time afterwards was chosen as Wellington's representative in the New Zealand Parliament. His force of will, sterling common sense, and appreciation of his country's needs, soon won for him a foremost place in Colonial politics.

His acceptance of the Premiership of New Zealand was but a matter of time. It was after his appointment to this high office in 1899, twenty-four years after his initiation into Freemasonry, that he was invited to be the first Grand Master of the newly formed Grand Lodge of New Zealand, over which he presides with such distinction at the present time.

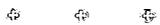
He was first installed at Christchurch, and afterwards at Hokitika. It is not superfluous to add that in the appointment of such brethren as R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon to the highest positions in the Colonial Craft, is to be found no slight factor in the harmonious working of the lodges in the Colonies. In New Zealand, where, as in other parts of the British Empire, many different jurisdictions are working side by side, the wisest possible government is necessitated on the part of their Masonic rulers, that that peace and harmony which is the first essential of Freemasonry may ever be preserved.



We regret to record the death, after only a few days' illness, from pneumonia, of Bro. Colonel John Davis, Aide-de-Camp to the King. He served in a similar capacity to the late Queen Victoria, having been appointed by her as A.D.C. in 1895. He was born at Rainford, Lancashire, in 1832, and was therefore at the time of his death in his sixty-eighth year. He joined as Lieutenant the Third Battalion Queen's Regiment, and later came to command the Battalion under its newer name of Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment. He has written histories of both the Second Royal Surrey Militia and the Second Queen's Regiments. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and of other learned bodies, and a J.P. for Surrey.



But it is as a Freemason that Col. Davis will be long and lovingly remembered by our readers. His appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey took place on the retirement of the Earl of Onslow in 1900, and during his brief tenure of office he has so conscientiously and ably discharged his duties as to leave a lasting impression on the province. His geniality and tact, combined with the firmness and decision born of military training and experience, rendered him a model Provincial Grand Master, whose place it will be very difficult to fill.



Col. Davis has been a liberal supporter of the various Charities connected with the Craft, being a Vice-President of the Girls' Institution and a Life Governor of the Institution for Boys and of the Benevolent Institution. He was initiated into Freemasonry as far back as 1858, at Glasgow, and filled the chairs of the Britanic Lodge, No. 33, in 1877; the Jerusalem Lodge, No. 197, in 1884; and the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, in 1896. He was a founder of the Huguenot Lodge, No. 2140, in 1885, and became a joining member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford, in 1899. The rank of Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies was conferred upon him by the Grand Master in 1888. In the same year he was appointed a Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter. His mother chapter is the St. James's, attached to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, of which he was M.E.Z. in 1883-84. In the A. and A. Rite Bro. Colonel Davis has attained the 30th Degree, and is a P.M.W.S., while in the Mark Degree he is a P.M., and a P.G.S.B. of the Grand Lodge.



It was only a fortnight before his death that our late distinguished brother presided at one of the most successful Festivals that the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had ever experienced, when the donations and subscriptions amounted to £24,000, upwards of £4500 of that sum having been contributed by the Chairman's own Province of Surrey.



The funeral took place on the 10th of July at Tilford, Surrey, and was attended by a very large number of military officers and representative Freemasons. There were nearly one hundred wreaths. Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, wrote regretting his inability, owing to public engagements, to be present. The coffin, draped with a Union Jack, was borne to the parish church on a gun-carriage drawn by six horses in charge of men of the Royal Horse Artillery, with eleven sergeants and drummers of the 3rd Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, of which Colonel Davis was Honorary Colonel, acting as pall bearers.

The most important business at the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on Wednesday, the 9th July, was the election of a Secretary to succeed Bro. James Terry, who for such a long period has so successfully directed the executive work of the Institution. The meeting was presided over by Bro. James Stephens, Past Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, the recently elected Treasurer, and there was a large gathering of members present. The number of candidates originally was 24, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to examine their respective credentials and qualifications, with the result that the number was reduced to seven, and at a second meeting of the Committee this number was further reduced to five, viz., Bros. F. W. English, Past District Grand Treasurer of Bombay; W. C. Hamblett, Provincial Grand Deacon of Staffordshire; J. Hodgkin; P. Colville Smith, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall and Provincial Grand Secretary of Oxfordshire; and W. Songhurst, P.M. 227. At the opening of the poll it was announced that Bro. Hamblett had withdrawn his candidature.



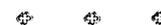
The result of the ballot was the election of Bro. Colville Smith by an overwhelming majority, the numbers being: Bro. P. Colville Smith, 114; Bro. Songhurst, 38; Bro. English, 1; and Bro. Hodgkin, 0. We heartily congratulate Bro. Colville Smith on his election and the Institution on having secured the services of a brother so universally respected and beloved. Few, indeed, have done more for the Craft than Bro. Colville Smith, and his record of work in every phase and department of Masonry is such as to warrant the assurance that not only will the Secretarial duties of the office be wisely and conscientiously carried out, but the dignity and interests of the Institution in every respect maintained.



The retirement of so popular a ruler as the Earl of Warwick from the position of Provincial Grand Master of Essex will not fail to be received with great regret. The announcement will presumably be formally made at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex on the 29th July. It is satisfactory to learn that so worthy a successor as Bro. Col. Lockwood, the present Deputy Grand Master of the Province, will probably be appointed.



The announcement which has been made of Bro. W. S. Penley's candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer next year cannot fail to excite a good deal of interest and attention on the part of our worthy brother's many friends in the Craft. Bro. Penley has many claims on the support of Metropolitan brethren, and whoever else appears as a candidate will undoubtedly find in him a strong competitor.



Following closely on the consecration of the East Anglia Lodge comes the announcement of the formation of the Somersetshire Lodge, which is to represent the Somersetshire brethren in the Metropolis. It is understood that R.W. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Provincial Grand Master for Somerset, is to be the first Master of the new lodge, and under such favourable auspices the question of a successful future for the lodge cannot be left in doubt.



The homecoming of R.W. Bro. Lord Kitchener reminds us that his lordship is by no means unknown to distinction in the Craft. He was initiated in the Drury Lane Lodge, by whom, it will be remembered, he was entertained on his return from the last Soudan campaign. His lordship was afterwards appointed District Grand Master of Egypt and the Soudan, but in consequence of the outbreak of the war was unable ever to take up his duties there. Shortly afterwards he was specially appointed by the Grand Master a Past District Grand Master of Egypt and the Soudan, having previously in 1897 been made a Past Junior Grand Warden of England.

It is rumoured that the command of the Forces in India will be given to our distinguished brother in succession to R.W. Bro. Sir Power Palmer, whose appointment there shortly terminates, and whose mantle as District Grand Master of the Punjab it is not unreasonable to surmise may also descend on R.W. Bro. Lord Kitchener.



R.W. Bro. Lord Methuen, who has also arrived home, was made a Senior Grand Warden in 1896. It is doubtful whether the state of the gallant General's health will allow of any public greetings being tendered him on his return, but the good wishes of the Craft are assuredly his.

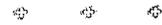


Our readers will be interested to know that the honorary degree of LL.D. has been conferred at Trinity College, Dublin, upon Bro. Sir Horace B. Marshall, the immediate Past Grand Treasurer. We believe that this is the first time a Sheriff of the City of London has during his term of office been the recipient of such an honour. Sir Horace, of course, is well known to every member of the Craft, and he is equally well known to the general public for his great philanthropy, and for the useful services he has rendered in the cause of education.

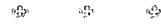


The popularity of the Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, R.W. Bro. Hamon Le Strange, and the esteem in which he is held, is not confined to the Masonic body. There were many evidences of it a week or two since, when, after an absence of many months in the East, he returned to his ancestral home, Hunstanton Hall. His severe illness and the surgical operation which had to be performed at Cairo, had called forth general sympathy, and on his arrival he was welcomed by a number of the tenantry and cottagers who had assembled to give him a hearty greeting. The brethren of his province will be no less hearty in their greetings when the opportunity comes to give him a Masonic welcome.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge has held its summer outing at Norwich this year. The Castle was visited, and features of interest were lucidly described by Mr. Reeve (curator) and Mr. J. Tingey. Under the guidance of the Dean and Dr. Jessop, the party was conducted over the Cathedral, and, after lunch, the Guildhall, St. Peter Mancroft Church, the Stranger's Hall, and other buildings were inspected. In the evening the members of the Norwich lodges provided an entertainment at the Assembly Room of the Agricultural Hall. The R.W. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Hamon Le Strange, occupied the chair and met with a particularly cordial reception.



The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Greiner, Bro. Rylands, Secretary, and Bro. Dr. Chetwode Crawley, afforded valuable information to the brethren and others concerning the objects for which the lodge existed and of the work it was accomplishing. They were also unanimous in extolling the rich store of objects of archaeological interest possessed by the city, and in declaring that they had never experienced a more hearty or hospitable welcome than that which had been extended to them in Norwich. On the second day the brethren made a tour of the Broad district with Bro. Walter Rye as conductor, and in the evening they entertained a number of members of the local lodges at the Maid's Head Hotel.



The New Palace Steamers announce that they will not make any alteration in their steamers' sailings for the Bank Holiday period. The "Royal Sovereign" will sail as usual on the Monday and other days to Margate and Ramsgate at 9.20 from Old Swan Pier, London Bridge, and the "Koh-i-noor" at 8.50 for Southend and Margate. "La Marguerite" on Saturday, 2nd, and Sunday, 3rd, to Southend and Margate from Tilbury, special train from Fenchurch Street Station 9.45, St. Pancras 9.40; and Monday to Boulogne and back, calling at Southend and Margate, special train from Fenchurch Street at 6.15 a.m. Husbands' boat—the "Koh-i-noor"—on Saturday afternoon, leaving Old Swan Pier at 1.50 p.m.



THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION-STONE OF THE ADDITION TO THE CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL WITH MASONIC HONOURS BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, M.W.G.M.—20th JUNE, 1902.

present provincial appointment he had been successively Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Provincial Grand Supt. of Wks. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in



BRO. GEORGE ELLARD.

the Northampton Chapter, No. 360, in 1879, and became M.E.Z. in 1886, and in Provincial Grand Chapter he has received the appointment of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Grand J., and is now Provincial Grand Scribe E. Bro. Ellard is a Vice-President of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Egbert Fox-Thomas, although a comparatively young Mason, has been an exceptionally active one since his initiation in the Lion Lodge, No. 312, in 1891. He subsequently joined the Horsa Lodge, No. 2208, and the Zetland, No. 1311, and has filled the Master's chair in all three. In 1894 he was exalted in Britannia Royal Arch Chapter and became its First Principal in 1900. Provincial honours have also fallen to him, for he is a Past Provincial Grand Chaplain and Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden in the Craft, and Past Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourner and Past Provincial Grand H. in the Royal Arch. Bro. Fox-Thomas is a member of the Board of Benevolence and the Charity representative of North and East Yorkshire, has served six Stewardships for

the Central Institutions, and is a Life Governor of all of them. Bro. Thomas is also a member of the Outer Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge; York Mark Lodge (T.I.); York College Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Hilda Chapter



BRO. E. FOX-THOMAS.

(Rose Croix), No. 23; Ancient Ebor Preceptory (Knights Templar), No. 101; Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter of Yorkshire of the Royal Order of Scotland; Ebor Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and Ebor Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees.

PAST GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. T. Westlake Morgan hails from the Principality. He was initiated in the Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113, in 1893, and joined the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, in 1894, filling the chair of both lodges in the same year—1900. He was exalted in the Star of Gwynedd Chapter, No. 384, in 1895. Bro. Morgan's musical abilities singled him out for appointment as Provincial Grand Organist in 1901, and he has also filled the same office in Provincial Grand Chapter, as well as that of Provincial Assistant Grand Sojourner, and previous to his appointment to Grand rank in the Craft he had received the collar of Grand Organist in the Mark Degree. Bro. Morgan is a member of the Council of the North Wales Charitable Association.

Consecration of the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 2918.

ON Friday, June 7th, the founders and visiting brethren, to the number of about 130, assembled in the Masonic Temple, at the Trocadero Restaurant, to witness the consecration of a new lodge—the Southern Cross. The object of the founders—as was very clearly stated at the banquet table by the S.W., Bro. Sowden—was to establish a lodge within whose peaceful walls our many Colonial brethren—not only from Australia and New Zealand, but also from South Africa, Canada and all our Colonies—might be sure of finding a hearty welcome.

The consecration and installation ceremonies were performed excellently by V.W. Bro. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Col. H. S. Brownrigg, P.G.D., as

S.W.; Jas. Stephens, P. Dep. G.D. Cers., as J.W.; Canon Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; F. Richardson, P. Dep. G. Reg., as D.C.; and C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Std. Br., as I.G.

The W.M., Bro. Walter B. Marcus, P.M. 1839, 2264, then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. C. Smith, I.P.M.; W. J. Sowden, S.W.; W. A. Sterling, J.W.; T. W. Chant, Treasurer; John Morris, Secretary; W. H. Stephenson, S.D.; W. T. Hunt, J.D.; H. L. Thomas, I.G.; C. H. A. Harris, D.C.; J. W. Cox, R. Chandler, J. O. Horton, and J. King, Stewards.

A very hearty vote of thanks, coupled with the honorary membership of the lodge, was offered to and gracefully accepted by the Consecrating Officers. A very pretty souvenir

in honour of the occasion was also accepted by them. Before closing, the S.W. proposed nine initiates and one joining member for their next meeting.

The ceremonies over, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was feelingly responded to by Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. A. Whiteway, K.C.M.G., District Grand Master, Newfoundland, who said he scarcely knew how to express his feelings at meeting such friendship from the brethren on this side of the sea. He could say that, whether native by birth or native by residence, all revered the motherland. When war broke out all came forward to uphold the Empire. Freemasonry did incalculable good by disseminating a kindly feeling among all—by setting a good example. Politicians might bind with a stronger tie, but Freemasonry bound with a silken tie.

Bro. Wesley Francis, District Grand Master, Natal, also replied, thanking the brethren. In the course of his remarks he said that during the progress of the war nothing had stood out so prominently as the fact that no Masonic property had been desecrated. Masonry had been a strong bond of brotherhood, and he believed that nothing in the future would tend to promote such a good feeling between Boer and Briton as Freemasonry.

In proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," the Worshipful Master informed the brethren that Bro. Letchworth had been compelled to leave; the Grand Secretary having only been married six days, and having already been engaged in Masonry three nights previously, he felt quite sure the brethren, especially the married ones, would understand and appreciate his excuse for leaving them.

Bro. Richardson, in the absence of the Grand Secretary, replied, thanking them for the little present, and expressed his opinion that the lodge would take a high position on the register of the Grand Lodge of England.

In giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," the I.P.M. described him as a good all-round Mason, who believed in charity and did good to everyone. He would be a difficult Master to follow.

The Worshipful Master, Bro. Walter B. Marcus, in reply, said his heart was with the Southern Cross and also with the Chough Lodge. He hoped to conduct the lodge during his year of office with satisfaction to the brethren and credit to himself.

The toast of "The Visitors," followed by that of "The Officers of the Lodge," brought a very successful evening to a close.

Consecration of the East Anglian Lodge, No. 2920.

THE consecration of this, the latest provincial lodge in London, formed, as its name implies to provide a Masonic home in the Metropolis for brethren hailing from the counties known as East Anglia, took place at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on Friday, June 20th. The ceremony was performed by V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. J. H. Salter, P.G.D., as S.W.; C. E. Egerton Green, P.D.G.D.C., as J.W.; the Right

Warwick, the Deputy Grand Master of England, and who was, in addition, Provincial Grand Master of one of the provinces in East Anglia.



BRO. THE EARL OF STRADBROKE, W.M.

Rev. the Bishop of Barking, P.G. Chap., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Registrar, as D.C.; and William Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary, as I.G. In his opening address the Consecrating Master congratulated the founders upon having present the Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of



BRO. C. J. DRUMMOND, ACTING I.P.M.

The noble Earl was then saluted in regular Masonic form.



BRO. W. H. COX, S.W.



BRO. E. LIVOCK, J.W.

In the course of an eloquent oration, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Barking said they were meeting as strong believers in Masonry, which was advancing by such rapid strides, and they realised the fact that Masonry was beginning to be recognised as a power for good throughout the world. All were now rejoicing at the proclamation of peace, and none more than Masons, as peace on earth was their aim. The

At the conclusion of the consecration the Grand Secretary installed the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke, P.G.W., as W.M., who invested Bro. Herbert Cox as S.W., and Bro. E. Livock as J.W.

The Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members, and the Consecrating Master presented with a founder's jewel.

Eighteen candidates were proposed for initiation and five for joining.

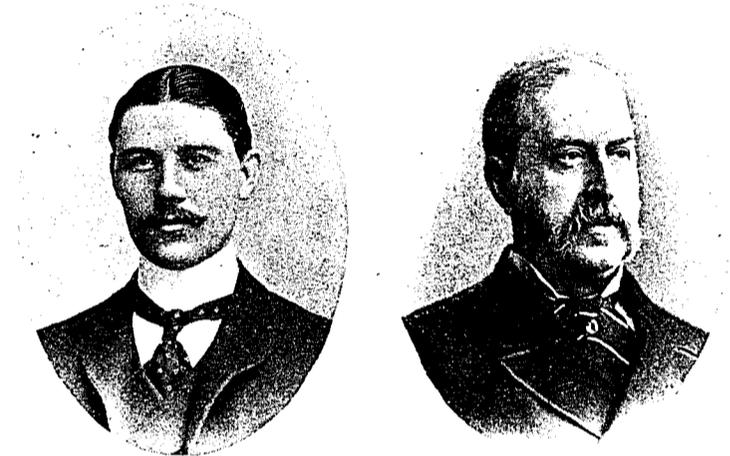
At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Master," the W.M. reminded the brethren that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, was that day doing his duty as a Mason in laying the foundation-stone of the new wing at Charing Cross Hospital.



BRO. L. F. GOWING, TREAS. BRO. N. M. SIMMONDS, SEC.

lodge about to be consecrated would bind together those whose homes were in a particular part of the country, and as public schools find it profitable through their old boys to keep up their *esprit de corps*, so also did professions and counties. This lodge was formed for a like object, and no doubt, as Freemasonry was very strong in East Anglia, it would carry out its useful purpose.



BRO. R. G. FENN KIDSON, D.C. BRO. G. C. BERRY, ORG.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was replied to by Bro. Townley Parker, who congratulated them as a lodge upon the fine list of candidates which had been proposed.

In the absence of Bro. Letchworth, the toast of "The Consecrating Officers" was replied to by the Bishop of Barking, who expressed their pleasure in performing what had been a labour of love, and in the name of all who had taken part he wished them a successful career.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. C. J. Drummond, who doubted not but that every



BRO. T. W. NORMAN, S.D.

Bro. the Earl of Warwick, as Deputy Grand Master, constituted the lodge, and assured the founders that, as Provincial Grand Master of Essex, he should take a keen interest in their success.



BRO. E. C. LEACHMAN, STWD. BRO. F. J. W. ISAACSON, STWD.



BRO. J. OLIVER NOTCUTT, J.D. BRO. J. C. BROCK, I.G.

member of the lodge envied him the honour and pleasure of proposing the toast of their first Master, the Earl of Stradbroke. When looking round to fix upon the best possible Mason qualified to be their Master in the various counties, they thought of Suffolk, and to think of Suffolk was to think of the noble Earl, and when the post was offered him through the kindly offices of Bro. Col. Vane Stowe, he accepted it, as he was a keen Mason and would spare no trouble in the interests of East Anglia.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren not only for the warm welcome the toast had received, but for the honour conferred upon him by the founders in selecting him as their first Master. He would do his duty and use his best efforts to keep East Anglians together. The lodge which had had a most satisfactory start would prove a happy meeting-place and home for East Anglian brethren in London, and they must work together to keep it thoroughly representative of the different counties.



THE FOUNDER'S JEWEL.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been proposed and replied to, that of "The Officers" followed, and the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The programme of the proceedings which was produced by Bro. G. W. Jones, was, as might have been expected from that well known exponent of the printer's art, a veritable gem. Not only were there portraits of all the founders of the lodge, but every page is a thing of beauty, and well deserves to be preserved as a memento of the interesting occasion.

Consecration of the Marcians Chapter, No. 2648,

ABOUT five years ago the Old Boys of St. Mark's College, Chelsea, formed a Masonic lodge under the title of the Marcians Lodge, No. 2648, and they have enjoyed an unmarred and most successful career, one proof of their vitality being the foundation of the above Royal Arch Chapter, which was consecrated at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, July 8th, by the Grand Scribe E., E. Comp. Edward Letchworth, assisted by Comps. W. A. Dawson, P.G. Std. Br., as H.; the Rev. Canon J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Supt. of Bucks., as J.; J. D. Langton, P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; and Frank Richardson, G.D.C., as D.C. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner, and an interesting oration was delivered by the Rev. Canon Brownrigg.

E. Comp. J. R. Cleave, Grand Std. Br., was installed as M.E.Z., and E. Comp. T. Simpson, M.E.Z. 1196, as H. The installation of J. was unavoidably postponed owing to the absence of E. Comp. Imre Kiralfy through illness, the other officers were duly elected and installed.

Upon the motion of the M.E.Z., the Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members, and presented by him with founders' jewels as mementos of the occasion.

A number of brethren were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter has prospects of a busy time in the near future.

At the banquet which followed, in proposing the toast of "His Majesty the King," the M.E.Z. alluded in kindly terms to his sad illness and his thought for his people in the midst of his sufferings.

The toast of "The Grand Z." was proposed and duly honoured.

In responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Rev. Canon Brownrigg alluded to the sorrow they all felt at the absence of that popular Companion, Imre Kiralfy, Grand Std. Br., the J. Designate, and trusted he would be speedily restored to health.

In proposing the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," the M.E.Z. remarked upon the pleasure it gave them to have present four of those who took part in the consecration of the Marcians Lodge in 1897, and their appreciation of the beautiful ceremony they had witnessed. They all hoped to see their hon. members among them frequently.

In reply, E. Comp. Letchworth said the Consecrating Officers were not insensible of the great compliment which had been paid them. It was difficult to realise that it was five years since they had consecrated the lodge, and all joined in earnestly hoping that the chapter would have a career worthy of the lodge whose name it bore.

The toast of "The Principals of the Chapter" was proposed by E. Comp. Letchworth, who remarked that it would be superfluous to dwell upon their merits as they were so well known in Royal Arch Masonry. All would agree that both E. Comp. J. R. Cleave and E. Comp. Imre Kiralfy well deserved the high honour recently conferred upon them in Grand Chapter, and Comp. Simpson was an energetic and experienced Principal. He deplored both the cause and absence of Comp. Kiralfy, and trusted it was not a permanent illness, and that they would soon see him restored to health. He had every reason to congratulate the chapter upon its Principals.

Replying, E. Comp. Cleave confessed that the formation of a Marcians Chapter had been a pet scheme of his for some time. The lodge had prospered so well that he had no doubts about the chapter, and was sure it would be the means of bringing many good Masons into the Royal Arch Degree. The founders' jewels had been presented by a member of the lodge who was to be their first exalte.

E. Comp. Simpson, H., was proud to be one of their Principals, although, unlike his colleagues, he was not a Grand Officer.

The Rev. Canon Brownrigg returned thanks for E. Comp. Imre Kiralfy.

Comp. the Rev. C. J. Smith, S.E., proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in a speech teeming with humour.

It was responded to by Comp. Fountain Woods, Mayor of Chelsea, who was proud to be Mayor of a borough which had St. Mark's College as its landmark and of the Marcians Lodge, which was a credit to Masonry.

E. Comp. Bartley Denniss, P.Z., offered the congratulations of the visitors to the M.E.Z. upon the high honour of being First Principal of such a chapter, well deserved by one whose record in Masonry was so admirable. The chapter, which they knew had been formed in the truest Masonic spirit, had taken as its device the column of St. Mark at ancient Venice, which held the proud title of Mistress of the Seas, a title now claimed by our mighty Empire, and he hoped the device would prove an omen that the chapter would be as enduring as that celebrated column.

Comp. Saunion, appreciated the hearty and amusing manner in which Comp. the Rev. C. J. Smith had proposed the toast, and said the visitors felt like godfathers at the birth of the chapter, and wished it the success the lodge had enjoyed.

In proposing the toast of "The Officers," the M.E.Z. expressed full confidence in their zeal, and hoped they would attend the Domestic Chapter of Instruction where most of them had received their Royal Arch knowledge from one of their distinguished visitors, E. Comp. Cleghorn, who was always ready to assist and instruct all who were seeking to perfect themselves. He thanked Comp. the Rev. C. J. Smith, Scribe E., for his labours in founding the chapter. He had shown great tact and unflinching energy. Much of the success of the work would depend upon the Principal Sojourner, Comp. Fraser, in whom he had every confidence.

Comps. the Rev. Smith and Thomas Fraser replied, after which the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

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

“RESOLVED—That it is with extreme regret that this Lodge accepts the retirement of Brother Thomas Fenn from the office of Secretary, and hereby express their unanimous approbation of the zeal he has exhibited in the discharge of his duties, and the essential services he has rendered to the Lodge. That the customary jewel be presented to him on his retirement, and in order to further evince the high sense they entertain of his zeal and ability, and the interest he has shown for the welfare of Freemasonry in general, that this resolution be entered on the minutes of the Lodge.”



RICHARD W. JENNINGS, PAST GRAND WARDEN,
Chairman of the Festival in 1861.

Bro. C. A. Murton (who had performed the Secretarial duties during the absence of Bro. Fenn) was unanimously elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

Bro. Hervey was re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. S. B. Wilson, J. Pike, and T. Fenn were elected to serve on the Committee of General Purposes.

1863. The Annual Festival was held on the 27th of November, when the first lecture was worked by S. B. Wilson, assisted by Bros. Robert Grey, S.W.; W. C. Bacon, J.W.; W. Hollingworth, S.D.; W. E. Jeffreys, J.D.; C. A. Murton, Sec.; F. Binckes, I.G.; and F. Mead.

Eighty-eight members, 106 visitors, and eleven invited guests, attended the meeting. Thirty-one propositions for joining having been received, the lodge was closed, and the

brethren adjourned to the banquet, under the presidency of Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar.

The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast, “Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and its able President and Preceptor, Bro. Wilson,” said: They all knew that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was looked up to as an exemplar of working, not only in London but throughout the country. He understood that the lodge had been in existence upwards of forty years, and of that period Bro. Wilson had presided over it for nearly thirty years. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement had been established with the view of preserving and inculcating one system of working amongst the Craft, and no brother had worked more zealously to that end than its able and talented President. They all knew the excellent qualities of Bro. Wilson, and he must be allowed to express a hope that he might be spared for many years to preside over the lodge and direct their studies. From what they had seen, however, of Bro. Wilson’s pupils they must be satisfied that when, full of years and honours, he was removed from amongst them there would not be wanting fitting successors to keep up the prestige and honour of the lodge, and preserve the landmarks and purity of their working.

Bro. Wilson, who was prevented speaking for some time by the applause, returned thanks to the W.M. and the brethren for the manner in which they had been pleased to propose and respond to the toast. He could only say in reply that he felt bound by his obligations to convey, as best he could, any knowledge he possessed to brethren seeking instruction. The W.M. had been pleased to refer to the lengthened period his humble services had been given to the Craft. It was true that it was nearly thirty years since he became the president of that lodge, having succeeded that excellent Mason, Bro. Peter Gilkes, who died in 1833. He felt great gratification in being allowed to preside over the lodge, and he was obliged to the Lodge of Unions for having given their sanction and support to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He trusted, nay, he believed, that the way in which the Lodge of Instruction had worked had met with the approbation of the parent lodge, and he felt that if it had not, their sanction to its working would have been withdrawn. He was proud of the officers of the lodge and of the brethren who assisted him in the working, and he felt that the time was fast approaching when he must give up the presidency of the lodge to younger and abler hands; but whilst he was amongst them he should continue to do his best to merit their approbation.

The W. Master having asked Bro. Fenn, the late Secretary of the lodge, to step forward, said that, in addition to their other qualities, they were not ungrateful for services rendered by the brethren. It was very seldom, however, that they had to show their gratitude to a brother who so well deserved it as Bro. Fenn, their late Secretary. Bro. Fenn had most ably fulfilled his duties not only as Secretary, but at all times and upon all occasions he was prepared and able efficiently to fill any position in the lodge which might be required—from the Inner Guard upwards. The W.M. then proceeded to present Bro. Fenn with a very handsome jewel, bearing an appropriate inscription, assuring him that it was the free gift of the members, to mark their esteem for him as a brother and a diligent worker, and he (the W.M.) felt assured that it could not have been placed on the breast of a more able or worthy Mason.

Bro. Fenn, who was loudly cheered, said he could not sufficiently thank them for the compliment they had been

pleased to pay him. He could assure them that he had not resigned his office of Secretary without regret, but it had been an act of necessity rather than choice, owing to a change of residence, which rendered it inconvenient for him to attend with that regularity he had hitherto done. He felt the less regret, however, as he knew that in his successor, Bro. Murton, they would have a most able and zealous Secretary. He accepted the elegant jewel with which they had presented him with diffidence, feeling that he had discharged the duties of Secretary for too short a period to merit so handsome a reward. He was gratified, however, if by the discharge of his duties he had obtained the esteem of the brethren; and though retiring from the office of Secretary he should be always happy to render any service in his power to the lodge, in which he was proud to feel he had made some valuable and sincere friendships, and in which he had spent many very pleasant hours amongst the brethren.

The toast of "The Chairman" was then given by Bro. Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes, who remarked that he (Bro. Evans) was one of the oldest members of the lodge, having been a pupil of Peter Gilkes, and was glad to see its continued prosperity.

"The W. Master said he had considerable difficulty in returning thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and responded to. He was always most anxious efficiently to discharge his duties to the Craft at all times and in all seasons, feeling that no one had a right to undertake office without being prepared properly and conscientiously to discharge its duties. In all lodges, everything should be done with exactitude and precision, and in none did they find their business better carried out than in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and those who were not prepared fully to discharge their duties had better keep outside the Craft. He felt it a high honour to be allowed to preside over their annual festival, and was most gratified by their kindness towards him. He trusted he might be able to meet them for many years to come, and be a witness of their increased and increasing prosperity.

The toast of the parent lodge came next in rotation, followed by that of "Prosperity to the Sister Lodge of Instruction, the Stability," coupled with the name of Bro. Henry Muggeridge, its excellent Preceptor.

The toast of "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" was invariably given at every Festival of the "Emulation" until the year 1880, when the veteran Bro. Muggeridge, by reason of age and bodily infirmities, had been compelled to refrain from active participation in the working of the Craft, and also to relinquish his Preceptorship, and there being no representative of the "Stability" present, the toast was then omitted, and has not since been resumed.

It has been stated that the "Emulation" and "Stability" were called "Sister Lodges of Instruction," because at one time they were the only two Lodges of Instruction in London. This is obviously incorrect, as at no period since 1823 have the Lodges of Instruction been reduced to two.

A more probable reason for their being so designated is because they were looked upon as the principal Lodges of Instruction, and while representing two distinct systems of working—differing merely in form, both acknowledged to be equally correct—they worked in the same sphere of usefulness with the utmost harmony, the leaders on both sides being seldom absent from the Annual Festivals, which were frequently presided over by the same Grand Officers.

On the 11th of December a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. Fenn for the presentation to the lodge of a set of gavels.

1864. The Festival for 1864 was held on the 25th of November, when portions of the second and third lectures were worked by S. B. Wilson, assisted by Bros. C. A. Murton, A. A. Richards, E. Woodman, T. Fenn, G. Powell and J. Pike.

There were present on this occasion eleven invited guests, eighty-four members, and eighty-three visitors, forty of whom were elected members of the lodge at the following meeting. The banquet was ably presided over by John Llewellyn Evans, President of the Board of General Purposes, who was

supported by the Grand Registrar, the Grand Secretary, and many other distinguished brethren. In the course of the evening, Bro. Elton Woollams, of the "Old Concord Lodge," delighted the company with some choice pieces of vocal music.



J. RANKIN STEBBING, PAST GRAND DEACON,
Chairman of the Festival in 1862.

1865. The year 1865 marks an important epoch in the history of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement," as well as in that of London Masonry generally. Hitherto the metropolis of England had been without a proper Masonic building in which the lodges and chapters could assemble, the meetings being held from time immemorial at various houses of public entertainment, the Freemasons' Tavern having the largest share of patronage.

In this respect London was, and is still, far behind many provincial towns, very few of which but have accommodation for the Craft, quite independent of tavern influences. With a view to remedy this omission the Grand Lodge had purchased certain house property adjoining the tavern, and on the 27th of April, 1864, the late Earl of Zetland, Grand Master, laid the foundation-stone of the new buildings. Owing in a great measure to the active supervision of a skilled committee, headed by the veteran John Havers, some of the new rooms were ready for use early in the ensuing year, the fact being brought to the notice of the "Emulation" at its weekly meeting on the 17th of March, when the following notice of motion was given by S. B. Wilson:—"That the Committee for General Purposes be empowered to negotiate with the Building Committee of Freemasons' Hall for the future place of meeting of the Lodge and of the expenses attending the same."

At the meeting on the 28th of April, John Havers, P.G.W., presided, and having opened the lodge in the "Dalhousie" room, "stated that he had conceived that it would be most appropriate that the first meeting in the new building should be that of the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement,' he, therefore, by the desire of Bro. S. B. Wilson, the President of the Lodge, had taken the Chair for that purpose."

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Havers for his services in connection with the building committee, "and for his urbanity and kindness in presiding over this Lodge on the present occasion at the opening, and in commemoration of the inauguration of the Building for Masonic purposes."

Bro. Havers, having acknowledged the vote of thanks, "stated that he had to preside at the Festival of the 'Stability Lodge of Instruction,' he, therefore, requested Bro. Murton to take the Chair."

The 16th and 23rd of June witnessed an unusual event, which is thus recorded in the minutes. "There being no brother present qualified to work the appointed sections they were omitted."

Three brethren from Scotland and one from Ireland attended the lodge on the 14th of July, on which occasion it was decided that "Brethren under the Scotch and Irish Constitutions are exempt from visitors' fees."



AENEAS J. MCINTYRE, GRAND REGISTRAR,
Chairman of the Festivals in 1863, 1866, and 1871.

On the 10th of November a new set of collars was presented by Bro. A. J. Pritchard, the W. Master, who received the thanks of the lodge for his gift.

The Festival was held on the 24th of November, the work being a part of the first lecture by the President, assisted by H. E. Francis, P.M. No. 180; T. Fenn, A.G.D.C.; G. Powell, W.M. No. 142; and A. A. Richards, W.M. No. 8. John Rankin Stebbing, P.G.D., a member of the Building Committee, presided at the banquet, which, in the absence of a printed report, we may assume to have been of the usual character.

On this occasion the attendance of members and visitors appears to have been less numerous than had been customary of late, there being but 68 of the former and 56 of the latter, with nine invited guests, making a total of 133 present. Only sixteen new members were proposed.

1866. On the 4th of May the death of Stephen Barton Wilson was reported to the lodge, and it was thereupon resolved "that the ceremony and lecture appointed for the evening should be deferred until the next meeting."

"After an address from Bro. J. Savage, J.G.D., in allusion to the great loss sustained by the Craft in general and this Lodge of Improvement in particular by the demise of our late brother, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. James Pike, P.M. No. 66, seconded by Bro. T. Fenn, and carried unanimously:—

"The Committee and members of the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement' have received the intelligence of the death of their late President, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, with profound regret, and while deploring the loss of a brother so eminently useful in the Craft, desire to record their deep sense and high appreciation of those great Masonic attainments, which, for more than thirty years, he has so generously devoted to advance the character and interests of Freemasonry in general and the 'Emulation Lodge of Improvement' in particular, the members of which have ever found in him a cheerful instructor, a kind friend, and a practical exponent of the great principles of the Order."

A vote of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Bro. Wilson terminated the proceedings of the evening.

The Festival for this year was held on the 23rd of November, a week earlier than usual, consequent upon the hall being engaged on the 30th for the Festival of St. Andrew.

Bro. James Pike occupied the chair in the lodge, and the second lecture was worked by the following brethren, viz. :— G. Powell, A. A. Richards, J. Steward, J. A. Rucker, and A. J. Pritchard. There were present sixty-seven members, seven invited guests, and sixty visitors, twenty-five of whom joined the lodge. The W. Bro. Aeneas J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, presided at the banquet.

The proceedings at the Festivals from 1865 to 1869, were not reported in the *Freemasons' Magazine*.

1867. Nothing requiring special notice appears in the minutes of this year prior to the Annual Festival held on the 29th of November, John Hervey being in the chair of W. Master. The lodge work consisted of the explanation of the Second Tracing Board by Thomas Fenn, and the sections of the third lecture by Bros. H. J. P. Dumas, W.M. No. 99; I. C. Dowsing, No. 108; and J. A. Rucker, S.D. No. 66. Eighty-four members and seventy-three visitors were present, twenty-five of whom joined the lodge. The minutes contain no mention of "Invited Guests."

The R.W. Bro. Victor A. Williamson, Past Junior Grand Warden, presided at the banquet.

1868. We learn from the lodge minutes of the 31st of January, that "It was proposed by Br. C. W. Powell, seconded by Br. Pike, and carried unanimously, that should the S. Warden decline to take the Chair, it be referred to the Committee to consider whether the election be not then open to any member of the Lodge without reference to the Junior Officers."

For a long period there had been placed on the Secretary's table, at the weekly meetings, a box for the reception of contributions to the furniture fund. The contributors, however, were few, and for many years the amount remained at about the same level, and was carried forward



JOHN LLEWELLYN EVANS, PRES. BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES,
Chairman of the Festival in 1861.

in the minutes of each meeting until the 21st of February, when "It was resolved that the amount standing to the credit of the Furniture Fund (£2 16s.), be merged in the General Fund."

(To be Continued).