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*His Highness the Maharajah of Cooch-Bihar,
Past Grand Warden.*

The Province of Hertfordshire.—(Continued.)

BRO. Henry Muggeridge, whose name is well known in connection with Masonic working, appears to have taken great interest in the lodge, and acted on one occasion as the Installing Master. During some of the earlier part of its career it had some struggles for existence, but these were all overcome by the year 1869, when it entered on a course



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PROVINCIAL GRAND WARDEN.

of prosperity, which it has well maintained. The lodge now meets in a place of considerable historic interest, the Great House, Cheshunt, to which it moved in October, 1875. This was a former palace of Cardinal Wolsey, where he seems frequently to have resided, and his portrait is in the panel of the chimney piece in the Banqueting Hall. The property passed into the hands of the Mayo family, and the Rev. Charles Erskine Mayo was, we believe, the first to grant the use of an old baronial hall to a Masonic lodge.

In September, 1870, a lodge was consecrated at the Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town, by Bro. James Terry, who has been for so many years the esteemed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the province. King Harold was interred in Waltham Abbey, and from him was derived the name of the new lodge. In 1884 the lodge moved to the Four Swans Hotel, Waltham Cross.

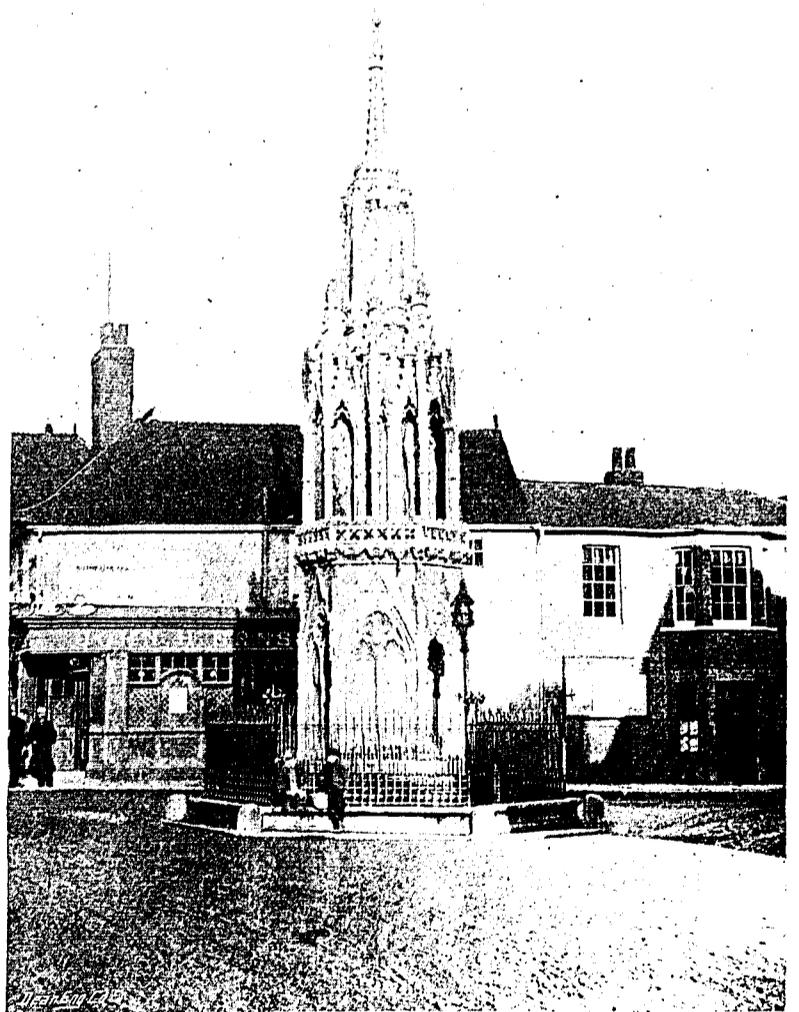
The expansion of Masonry in the province now grew apace, and the next settlement, the last under the presidency of R.W. Bro. Stuart, had the same progenitor as the Stortford and the Cecil, *i.e.*, the Hertford Lodge. Seven members of that lodge, with five brethren hailing from elsewhere, obtained a warrant to found a lodge at the Red Lion, Barnet, under the title of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, a name which had local associations. It was consecrated by Bro. Hodges, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the year, the Provincial Grand Master being at the time in feeble health and unable to attend. The first Master was Bro. J. R. Cocks, the senior Past Master of the mother lodge, in whose year of office a number of residents of this important London suburb were initiated, and the foundation laid of future success.

The reign of the well-beloved and much regretted Provincial Grand Master came to a close shortly afterwards, as he resigned office in 1873 and died in July of the following year. Besides presiding in Provincial Grand Lodge he performed one important public function in laying the foundation-stone of the Corn Exchange in Watford with Masonic ceremonial. In this building the Watford Lodge was housed, and its banqueting room was adorned with oil paintings of its most distinguished brethren. Two are of life size, that of Bro. William Stuart and the portrait of Bro. Marjoribanks painted by John Linnell. This building was destroyed by fire in 1870, and the pictures rescued with great difficulty, but

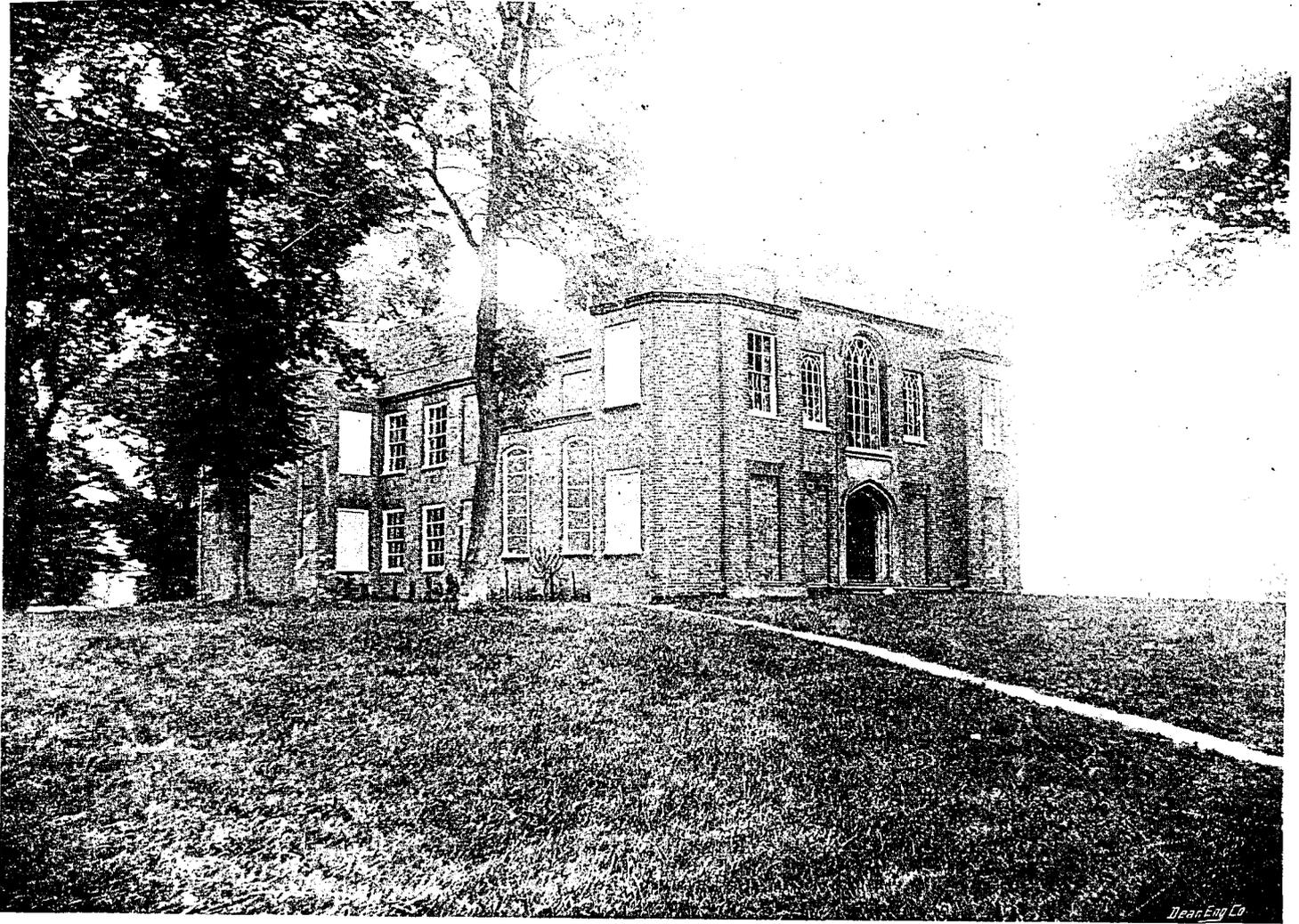
happily without much injury. Bro. Stuart was an officer of Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Master of the Order of the Temple from 1860 to 1873. He was the founder of the first Commander of the Stuart Encampment, thus called after its illustrious chief. It was the special work of this worthy Master not so much to expand as to consolidate and weld the province into one homogenous whole, and his genial and high reaching character enabled him to exert the necessary influence.

His successor was the Right Honourable Thomas Frederic Halsey, member for the Western Division of Hertfordshire, who comes of an ancient lineage in the county of Hertford, and whose seat is Gaddesden Place, near Hemel Hempstead. Bro. Halsey was, as his father before him, an initiate of the Apollo Lodge, the University Lodge of Oxford. He joined the Watford Lodge in 1835 and the Berkhamstead in 1872, and became Worshipful Master of the former in 1867, being now the senior Past Master of the lodge. He was installed at Hertford in 1873, the function being a highly successful and impressive one, following a service at the parish church whither the brethren went in procession in the full regalia of the Order. Thus was inaugurated the reign which happily still continues. The period of expansion had now set in, and in the twenty-eight years since R.W. Bro. Halsey took office sixteen lodges have been consecrated and with one exception by the Provincial Grand Master in person.

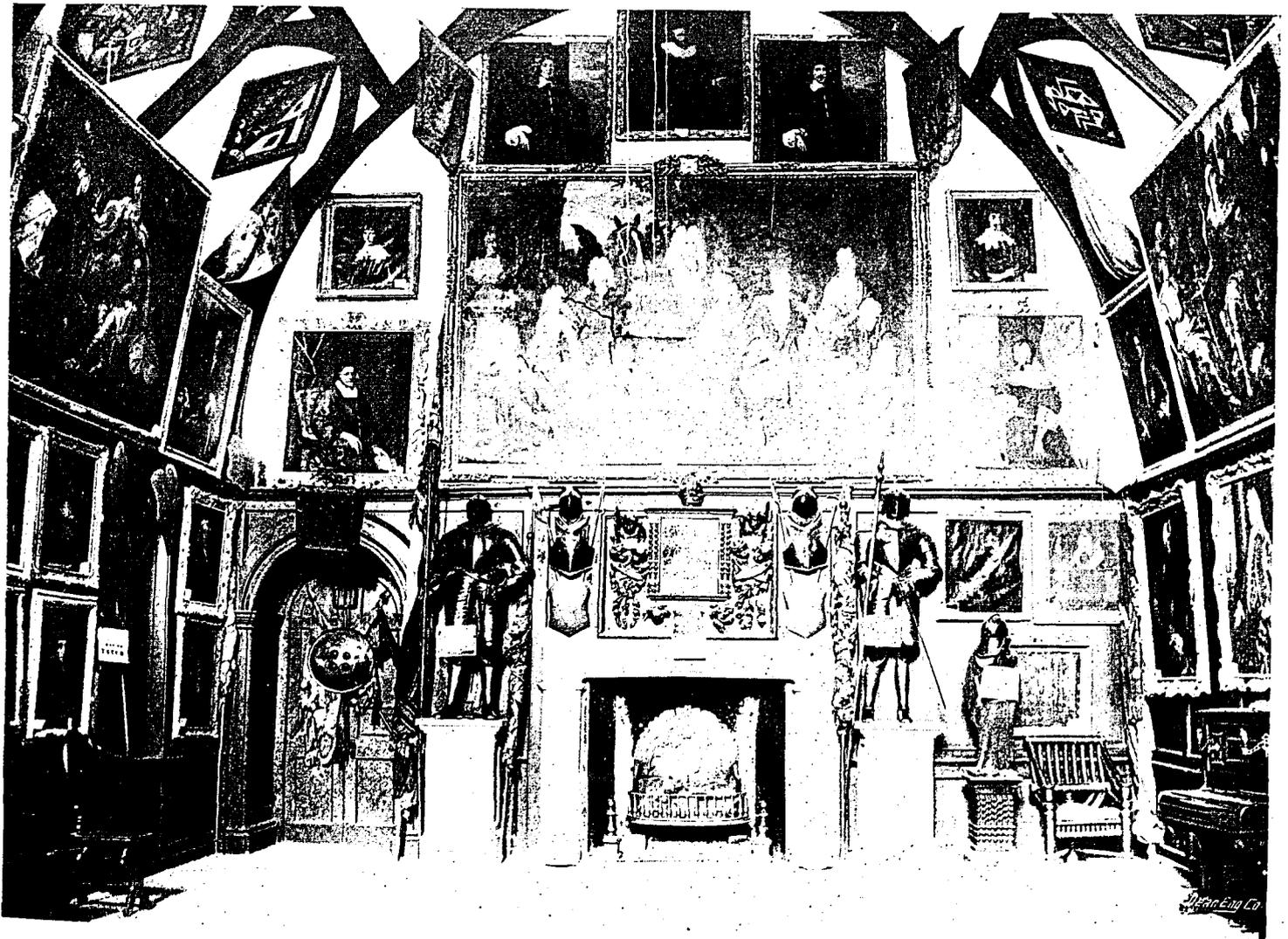
The first was the bold adventure of the Gladsmuir Lodge in once more endeavouring to colonise the city to which St. Alban gave name and existence. The three previous lodges had been lost in the bottomless abyss of ill-starred enterprises. Would this be more successful? The six members of the Gladsmuir Lodge who had associated with them two other



WALTHAM CROSS.



CHESHUNT GREAT HOUSE.



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brethren, of whom one was the relic of the former wreck, must have had Horace's *robur et aes triplex circa pectus* to embark in this perilous Masonic ocean. They had cast off the old name, perhaps as one of bad omen, and invoked the fortune under the aegis of a Halsey. A week after his installation as Provincial Grand Master he consecrated the Halsey Lodge, No. 1479, in the Town Hall of St. Albans, and so laid the foundation of a lodge, which has reversed the ban under which the site lay, and given mystic birth to a number of Masons distinguished by their excellence in Craft work, their knowledge of the noble art, and their zeal in the cause of Charity. On the occasion of Provincial Grand Lodge meeting there in 1883, the public service in the Cathedral was marked by the formal unveiling and delivery to the Cathedral authorities of the handsomely carved marble pulpit presented by the Freemasons of England to the old Abbey Church.

and pass away almost unknown and without interest to the general body, though dear to their immediate surroundings. This is in the main the general character of the remaining lodges with whom we have now to do.

Forty-seven years after the founding of the Watford Lodge an essay was made to increase in that town the facilities for acquiring a knowledge of the mystic art for those who were unable to gain admission to the somewhat close corporation of the senior lodge.

The Earl of Clarendon Lodge was launched on a successful career by Bro. Wilson-Iles, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was its first Master and chiefly instrumental in its formation. The senior initiate was Bro. James Rogers, a son and grandson of two Past Masters of the Watford Lodge, who had both held the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer for many years. The Wor-



BERKHAMPSTEAD LODGE, No. 504, MEETING AT THE MASONIC HALL, KING'S ARMS HOTEL.

In 1876 the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, was consecrated by Bro. Wilson-Iles, the Provincial Grand Secretary, at the Red Lion, Hatfield, the name being taken from one of the titles of the Marquis of Salisbury. This was a settlement from without, there being only two Hertfordshire Masons among its founders.

Hemel Hempstead, situated between Watford and Berkhamstead, was the next place to embrace the Masonic faith and practice, and King Henry VIII. Lodge was founded mainly by members of the Berkhamstead Lodge.

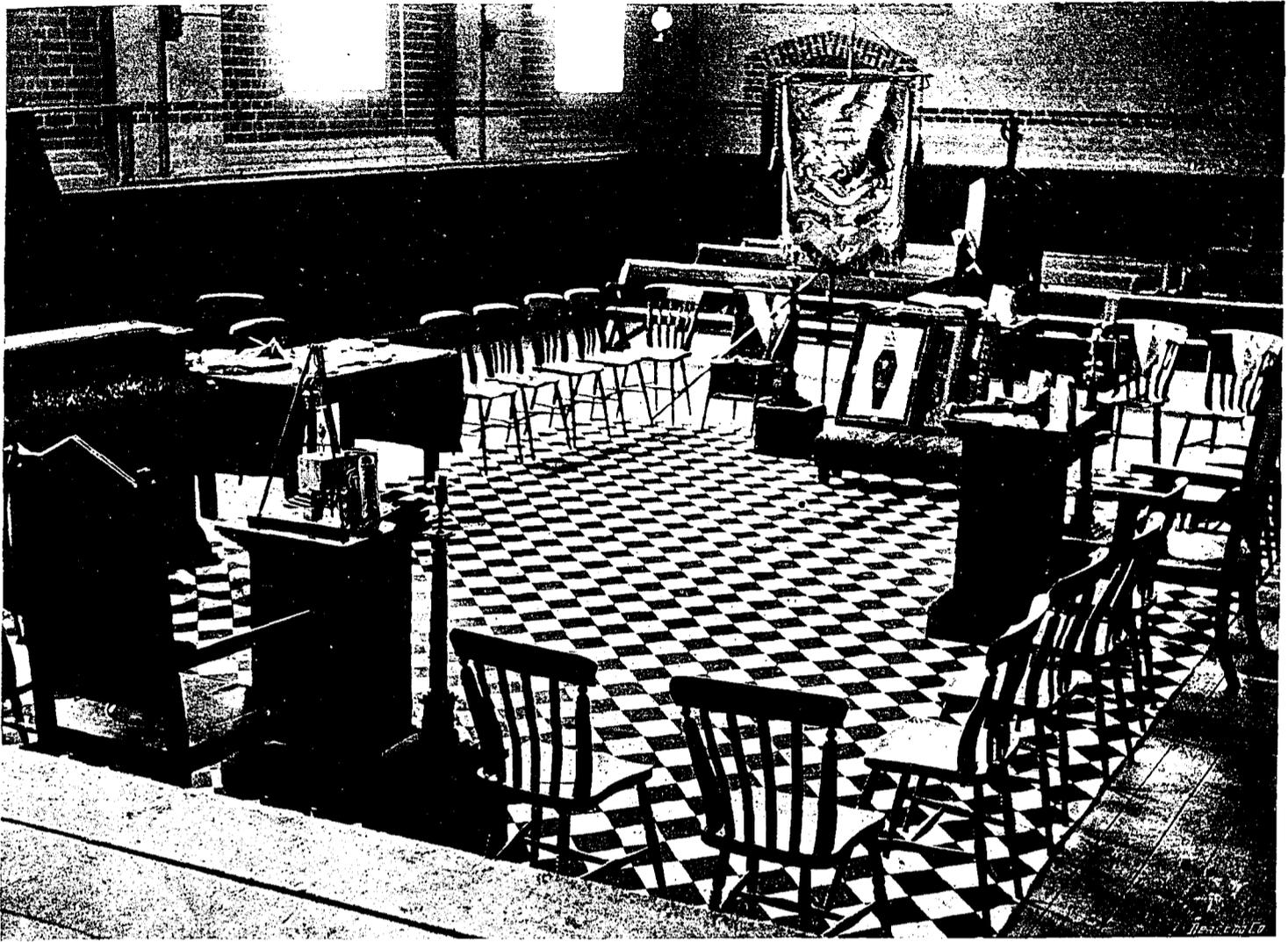
It has been well said that "happy is the country which has no history," and this is equally true of Masonic lodges. They pursue the even tenor of their way without attracting too much attention from their neighbours, with whom they live in peace and harmony; they quietly and unostentatiously perform their Masonic duties, not forgetting the cause of Charity, and they act in a missionary spirit towards the unenlightened world around which they are placed. Their minutes are records of initiations and other like details, but the brethren are untouched by the storm and stress of un-Masonic feud or Masonic ambition, and so they foregather

and shipful Master died during his year of office, a victim to duty in the practice of his profession, in a vain attempt to save the life of a child dying of diphtheria.

His name is perpetuated in the province by the consecration of a lodge called after him. The warrant was granted on 22nd May, 1884, and the lodge was established at Waltham Cross, the members being principally members of the same profession as the brother after whom they named their lodge. In 1885 the lodge was moved to Rickmansworth, and is now housed in the Victoria Hotel.

Of the four senior lodges three had already sent out new swarms to settle in unoccupied country. The Cecil Lodge in 1885 proceeded to follow the example of the elder sisters. Seven members with five others obtained a warrant, dated 31st January, to found a lodge at the Assembly Rooms, Stevenage, under the title of the Dacre Lodge, No. 2086.

Since the ill-starred attempt to found the Lodge of Friendship, Bishop's Stortford had been content with one lodge. A warrant was granted in January, 1886, to fourteen members of the Stortford Lodge and ten others to found a lodge at the George Hotel, Bishop's Stortford, to be called the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2136.



DACRE LODGE.

On 16th November, the Rickmansworth Lodge was consecrated, the founders being principally Watford Masons, and there followed more lodges in quick succession. The year 1889 saw the Provincial Grand Master occupied with three consecrations, the Kingswood Lodge, No. 2278, on the 4th February; the Bushey Hall on the 2nd November; and the Ravenscroft on the 17th December. The Kingswood Lodge is one of that useful class of lodges which endeavour to promote brotherly love, unity, and interest amongst those who are brought together by other bonds than that of Masonry. It was founded by members of the city house of Tapling. No Hertfordshire Masons are to be found amongst its founders, but it has taken up a representative position, and no lodge excels it in loyalty to the province in which it has taken up its abode. It holds its meetings at Broxbourne, in the Crown Hotel. Since it was established there it has been found that the hotel is over the border on the Essex side. It has, however, been allowed to retain its Hertfordshire connection by an arrangement between the two Provincial Grand Masters.

Bushey Hall Lodge is called from the place of its *habitat*, which was formerly a residence of the Marjoribanks, but now a residential hotel and sanatorium. Among its founders were Bro. Thomas Fenn, late President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Loveland-Loveland, his successor, and Bro. Keyser, whose name is well known throughout the province for the excellence of his work and the generosity of his charity.

The Ravenscroft was an extra provincial settlement, the founders being members of London lodges who desired to visit the country amid the balmy breath of summer, and pursue their Masonic avocations amid the lowing of oxen and the humming of the bees. They decided on Barnet for their venture, and fixed their quarters at the Red Lion Inn.

The Broxbourne Lodge does not meet at Broxbourne, though it was consecrated there on 22nd April, 1890. It has taken up its abode at the Red Lion, Barnet. Perhaps the discovery that it was not really in Hertfordshire caused its premature departure from Broxbourne, or it may be the removal of its principal founder, Bro. Mulvey, to Barnet induced the departure.

In the same year, the James Terry Lodge was consecrated, which meets at the Falcon, Waltham Cross, though consecrated in the Great House, Cheshunt. Bro. James Terry himself was one of the founders. His name is a household word in Hertfordshire. For twenty-seven years he has been Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and been present at every public function of Provincial Grand Lodge.



LOVING CUP PRESENTED TO THE WATFORD LODGE BY BRO. WM. STUART, PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER AND PAST MASTER OF THE LODGE.

Hoddesdon received a Masonic settlement in 1894, the Charles Edward Keyser Lodge having been consecrated at the Bull Hotel in that town on 5th July. The founders were local Masons, and they were assisted in their enterprise by their neighbours from Ponder's End and Enfield Wash. The title is taken from the name of a distinguished Mason, who has already been mentioned in connection with Bushey Hall.

There are two more lodges to chronicle which are of quite recent date, the Grove Park Lodge was consecrated at Bushey Hall on the 11th February, 1899, being founded principally by brethren hailing from Harlesden. It removed to the Victoria Hotel, Rickmansworth, in 1900, where it flourishes and grows.

The last lodge consecrated by the present Provincial Grand Master was the St. Albans, which has thus taken the bold step of reviving an ill-omened name in Masonry. It meets at the Red Lion, which probably is not the Red Rampant Lyon of the former days. The new lodge has justified its existence and is indefatigable in support of the Charities. There are nine chapters of Royal Arch Masons attached to lodges in the province, the oldest being the Watford, which was founded the year after the Watford Lodge, and the youngest the Earl of Clarendon, which was consecrated two years ago.

Mark Masonry is also represented by five lodges, which

will shortly be increased to six, a warrant having been granted for a new lodge at Waltham Cross, under the name of the James Terry Lodge.

The province has done well in the cause of Charity and, as is only right, has given much more than she has received. Perhaps, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has come in for the lion's share of her contributions, though the others have been by no means neglected. For the last three or four years it has contributed about £2,000 a year to the three great Masonic Charities, and, under the admirably worked Charity Association of the province, has been able to carry its candidates at the first appeal.

With this gratifying statement our record comes to an end, and we have only to acknowledge our indebtedness to the monumental history of the province, by Bro. G. Blizzard Abbott, to which we would refer those who wish to become more acquainted with the details of this old province.

Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, P.G.D., P.D.S.G.W. of Bengal.

THERE are few names better known in connection with Freemasonry in our Eastern Empire than that of Bro. Rustomjee, who has for some twenty years past held the office of District Grand Secretary of Bengal. Initiated in Lodge "Humility with Fortitude," No. 229, in 1874, he was appointed Secretary in 1876 and Senior Warden in 1878. Having joined Lodge "Star in the East," No. 67, in 1876, he rose to the Master's chair in that ancient lodge in 1879. One of the founders of the "Prinsep" Lodge, No. 2037, he was appointed its second Master in 1885, and in the following year he filled the chair in his mother lodge. In these lodges he conducted the duties of Secretary six years successively, and in Lodge "Industry and Perseverance," No. 109, he has



BRO. H. M. RUSTOMJEE, P.G.D., P.D.S.G.W., AND
DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY OF BENGAL.

discharged the duties of that office for twelve years past. He is one of the founders and first I.P.M. of the "Thomas Jones" Lodge, No. 2441, and in a host of different lodges in Bengal his record of honorary membership is unique. In the Calcutta Emulation Lodge of Improvement, of which he was one of the founders, he acted as Secretary from 1887 up to 1899, when he was elected Preceptor, and this lodge, which has been the means of improving the working of the Calcutta

lodges in a remarkable degree, is still under his guidance. He is one of the founders of the "Yeatman-Biggs" Lodge, No. 2672, of which his son, Bro. R. H. M. Rustomjee, was the first Master, and his second son (who succeeded Bro. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, the present Chief Justice of Bombay), was Master in 1899.

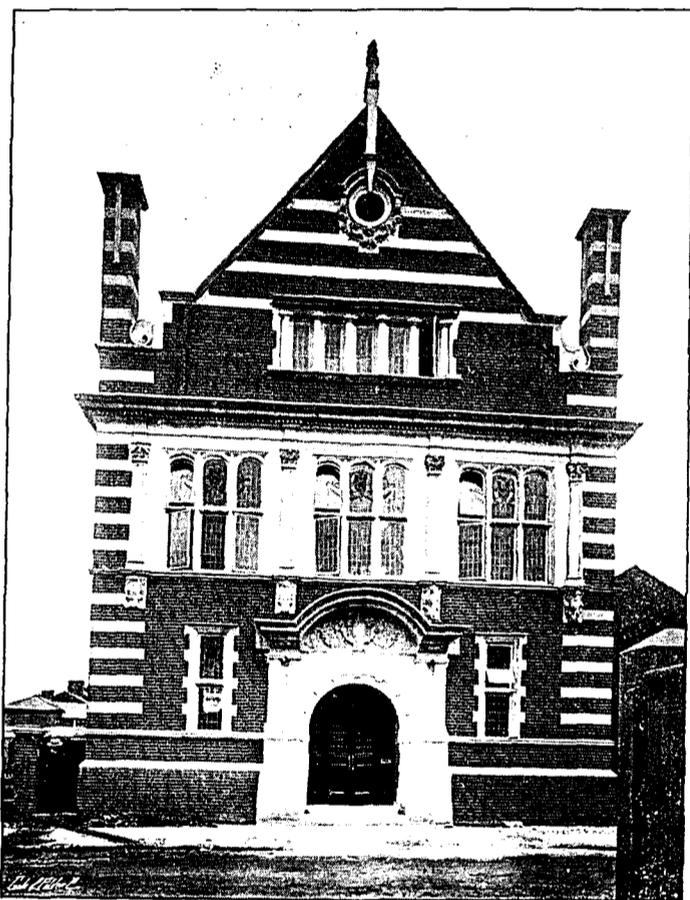
Bro. Rustomjee has no less distinguished himself as a founder and Principal of Royal Arch Chapters, and from the year 1880 has held the position of District Grand Scribe E. of Bengal. He has shown equal activity in the work of the Mark Degree. In 1882 the Past rank of Junior Grand Overseer in the Grand Lodge of England was conferred upon him, and in the Allied Masonic Degrees his record is probably unequalled throughout India.

As the Secretary of the Bengal Masonic Fund of Benevolence Bro. Rustomjee has done excellent work, and he is a Life Governor of the Punjab Masonic Institution. He is also a member of the Correspondence Circle of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge in London. We cannot but congratulate Bro. Rustomjee on so distinguished a record. It is matter of notoriety that his services are largely availed of by lodges in conferring degrees and conducting installations. He has always ungrudgingly rendered assistance to new Masters and Secretaries of lodges in making up their returns, looking into their accounts, and otherwise giving them useful advice and assistance. He is ready at a moment's notice to work any degree, and the work undertaken by him is always rendered most impressively.

The very cursory account we are able to give of Bro. Rustomjee's Masonic career would be incomplete without a brief reference to his family among the leading merchants of Calcutta. In the pre-steamer days they owned a large fleet of sailing vessels, which were frequently chartered for transport service, and both father and son rendered valuable aid to the Government of India. The former was appointed Sheriff of Calcutta in 1874, an honour then for the first time conferred on a non-European gentleman, and on his death our brother was elected as the leader of the Parsee community in succession to his father. He is a justice of the peace and hony. magistrate, a member of the Corporation, and he further succeeded his father as Consul for Persia. He was honoured with Past Grand rank (Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies) in the Jubilee year, 1897, and we have now to congratulate him on his promotion to the rank of Past Junior Grand Deacon. As a further honour bestowed upon him during the Coronation year, we observe that he was selected by the Government to fill the post of Sheriff of Calcutta. As stated by a contemporary, few civic honours conferred by Government on meritorious citizens have evoked in India such hearty and general approval as the bestowal of that important trust on our Brother Heerjeebhoy Manackjee Rustomjee.

*Aldershot's New Masonic Hall,
Opened by the Provincial Grand Master.*

FOR many years the ever-increasing body of Masons in Aldershot have felt the want of suitable premises wherein to meet and work, having been compelled, since the consecration of the first lodge in 1857, to rely upon such accommodation as the local hotels could provide for ordinary meetings, and in the case of meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, when held in Aldershot, to fall back on the hall attached to the Soldiers' Institute. Thanks to the energy of a few of the more prominent local brethren of the Craft,



THE NEW HALL.

a scheme was put on foot two years ago to provide a permanent home for the lodges in the district, and with such success was it attended that on Wednesday, September 10th, the new hall, which has been erected and fitted at a cost of several thousands of pounds, was opened with great ceremony and circumstance by the Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, a representative body of brethren assembling to witness the event, when a joint meeting of Panmure Lodge, No. 723, and Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, was held.

A strong committee appointed by the two lodges had the arrangements in hand, and to such good purpose did they work that the subsequent ceremony and banquet passed off without a hitch. The temple was taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the large number who wished to be present, many indeed being unable to gain admittance. From all parts of England, Scotland, and Ireland they came, whilst lodges in India, Egypt, Bermuda, Malta, Gibraltar, Netherlands, Burma, and South Africa were also represented.

After the lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master of the Panmure, the Provincial Grand Master occupied the chair, and the ceremony of initiation was then performed by him in such a manner as to elicit the admiration of all,

the full impressiveness of the charge being brought out in all its grandeur. At its conclusion the Provincial Grand Master and his officers retired, and the Panmure Lodge was closed, being immediately afterwards re-opened by the Worshipful Master of the Aldershot Camp Lodge, whose officers took the vacated chairs.

The Provincial Grand Officers then returned, and were saluted, after which the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Downes, voiced the satisfaction of all present at having the Provincial Grand Master among them that day, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to him and his officers for their attendance to open the ball.

After the Provincial Grand Master had replied, the lodge was closed, and the company adjourned to the banqueting hall, where about 200 sat down to dinner, the band of the Queen's Bays, conducted by Bro. J. W. Faulkner, playing during the repast.

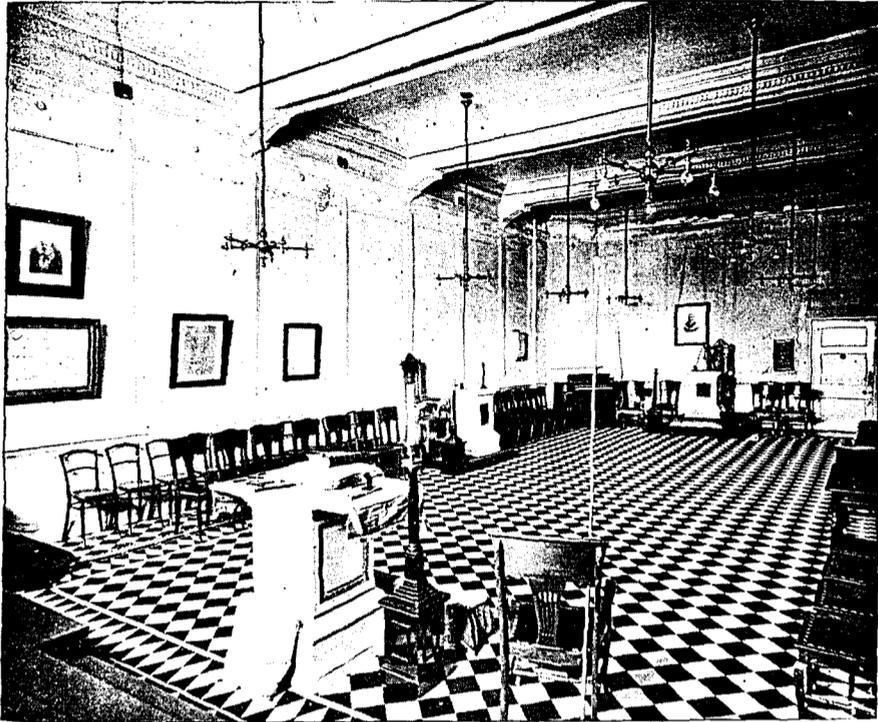
The usual toasts having been proposed, that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was responded to by Bro. Giles, P.G.D., who, in the course of his remarks, made a powerful appeal for funds to assist the movement on foot to commemorate in fitting manner the memory of their late Provincial Grand Master, the lamented Bro. W. W. B. Beach, by purchasing a perpetual nomination in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be known as the "Beach Memorial."

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master" was then proposed and received with acclamation, R.W. Bro. Sir Augustus Webster responding. He thanked the Worshipful Masters and brethren of the two lodges under whose banners they had met that day for the hearty greeting accorded him and his officers. He was deeply sensible of the high honour conferred on him by the Grand Master when he was selected to succeed the late Bro. Beach as Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, who had by many years of hard work won the respect and love of all. The whole of the province had received him very kindly, and it was that reception that enabled him to enter on his duties with a light heart. The reception he had met with in Aldershot that day on his first appearance among them was warm indeed and all that he could wish. In complimenting them on their handsome hall, he said the province and the Craft generally owed the Masons of Aldershot a debt of gratitude for the provision of such a home for the Craft, which would go far towards raising the level and tone of the Craft in that district. The hall compared favourably with any in the province, and he felt quite certain that it would give an impetus to Masonry generally.

The toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and other toasts followed, and Bro. A. Watson, W.M. of Yorick Lodge, in complimenting the Aldershot brethren on their hall, said that it would prove a distinct advantage to the Craft in their efforts to stand well with the outside world. Hitherto the lodges had been too closely connected with licensed victuallers, to whose places they had been forced, being unable to find accommodation elsewhere, with the result that they had lost tone somewhat. He had nothing whatever to say against licensed victuallers, numbering many of them among his personal friends, but this close association did not tend to raise the level of the Craft, and he therefore was glad to see lodges break away and provide homes for themselves, such as Aldershot had, and no doubt other provinces would follow their example, which was a credit to the Craft.

The two Worshipful Masters of the lodges, Bros. A. H. Smith, Panmure ; and W. Downes, Aldershot Camp, sat on either side of the Provincial Grand Master and proposed the toasts alternately.

During the course of the evening Sir Augustus Webster was invited to become the first President of the Aldershot Masonic Hall and Club, an invitation which he cordially accepted, and expressed a hope that at no far distant date he



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would pay Aldershot another visit. It may be mentioned that the building has been designed with a view of keeping the club part quite distinct from the Masonic Temple, which is situated on the ground floor, and its robing room and adjuncts are approached from the main entrance. The banqueting hall is also on the ground floor, being parallel with the temple, and also has a suite of dressing rooms attached to enable it to be let for public functions, separate entrances being provided from the street. The club premises are on the first floor, and comprise a lofty, well-lighted reading and smoke room, running the full breadth of the building, a bar and lounge, a supper room, and a spacious billiard and card room, the floor space being sufficient for three billiard tables. On the second floor are the caretaker's quarters and kitchens, lifts communicating therewith direct with the supper room and banqueting hall. The exterior is of white Portland stone and red brick, the windows being of stained glass.

The Panmure and Aldershot Camp Lodges and the Panmure and Aldershot Camp Chapters have already taken up their quarters in the new building, and as the existing arrangements terminate it is expected that the Aldershot Military Mark Lodge, No. 54; the Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971; the William Stuart Preceptory, No. 76A; the Connaught Preceptory; and the Royal Military Rose Croix Chapter, No. 89; all held in the district, will also move to the new hall, so that in time the building is likely to prove an important centre of the Craft.

H.H. the Maharajah of Cooch-Behar, G.C.J.E., C.B., P.S.W.

Not the least distinguished of the many Indian Princes who will be present at the great Delhi Durbar in January next is the subject of our frontispiece, the Maharajah of Cooch-Behar.

Born in 1862, he succeeded to the title in infancy, and his rule in India has been distinguished for its enlightened methods. He is an Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the

Indian Army. In the jubilee year of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, the order of Knight Grand Commander of the Indian Empire was conferred on our illustrious brother, and it was in the same year, 1887, that he became a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England. His presence is not an unfamiliar one in London Masonic circles.

United Grand Lodge of England.

THE September quarterly communication of Grand Lodge was held on the 3rd September, and was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Warwick, who was supported by Lieut.-Colonel Daly, District Grand Master of British Guiana, as Deputy Grand Master, and, as Past Grand Master, the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire. The Wardens' chairs were filled respectively by the Earl of Donoughmore, Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. Robert Grey, Past Grand Warden. There was an unusually large attendance for the autumn meeting, many attracted doubtless by the promise of an interesting discussion on the subjects dealt with in the report of the Board of General Purposes. The first business on the agenda was a motion from the chair offering to His Majesty the King the dutiful and fraternal congratulations of the Craft on His Majesty's restoration to health and on his Coronation. This motion, it is needless to say, was carried with enthusiasm. Following this was a resolution, also proposed by the Deputy Grand Master, that the sum of £500 be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge towards the fund now being raised by the Lord Mayor of London as a Coronation gift to the King for the London Hospitals. This motion was also carried with acclamation.

The list of those brethren connected with India and the Colonies who had been selected by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for appointment to Past Grand rank in commemoration of the Coronation was then read by the Assistant Grand Secretary, and the announcement was heartily cheered. Other routine business followed, and on the motion of the President of the Board of General Purposes that the report of the Board be received, a discussion of the two questions therein referred to, namely, the qualification of Wardens for the Master's chair and the practice of singing in lodges, ensued. In regard to the latter the Grand Registrar entered into a lengthy statement as to the reasons which had influenced the Board of General purposes in dealing with the question, and pointed out that objection was made only to the practice of introducing hymns into the ceremonies and not to lodge music generally. A motion to the effect that the matter should be referred back to the Board for further consideration was withdrawn on its being pointed out by the President of the Board that it was not a question for Grand Lodge, and that the Board had only reported their decision to Grand Lodge as they considered it was their duty to do.

The Grand Registrar then moved the following additions

to Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions, as recommended by the Board:—

“Rule 130 to read: ‘Every lodge shall annually, on the day named in its by-laws for that purpose, proceed to elect its Master by ballot from among those of its Members who have, or previously to the Installation of such Master shall have, served for one year (that is to say from one regular Installation Meeting until the next regular Installation Meeting) the office of Master, or Senior or Junior Warden, in a Regular Lodge warranted under the English Constitution, the service in case of a Warden to count from the date of investiture, &c., &c., &c.’”

“Rule 130A: ‘If the investiture of a Warden shall not have taken place at the Installation Meeting, and thereby the Member appointed has not served the

office for one year as aforesaid, he cannot be installed Master of the Lodge except by special Dispensation from the Grand Master, which can only be granted on petition setting forth the circumstances under which the investiture was delayed, the actual service of the Member in the Warden’s chair, and any special reasons for asking the Grand Master’s intervention. The Installing Master shall not proceed to Installation of a Master unless satisfied that the requirements of Rule 130 have been complied with, or such Dispensation shall have been produced to him.’”

The resolution was seconded by Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, K.C., President of the Board, and after considerable discussion was carried *nem. con.*

Grand Lodge was then closed.

Glydesdale Lodge, No. 556 (S.C.)—Master and Past Masters.

THE above lodge was warranted in 1874, and during the twenty-eight years of its existence has been in active operation and kept well to the front among the lodges in the Province of Glasgow. The present R.W.M., Bro. William McNeil, who occupies the central place in the front line in the picture, conceived the idea of the Past Masters being photographed in group as a souvenir of his reign. Each of the Past Masters took kindly to the suggestion, and it is matter for congratulation that each succeeding occupant of the Masters chair, from 1874 to 1902, was able to be present when the photo was taken in Messrs. Rodger and Baird’s studio, Glasgow.

Bro. McNeil has been most active as Master of the lodge during the seven or eight months he has occupied the position, and bids fair to be a worthy successor to those who are already “Past.” Bro. John Habick, on the R.W.M.’s left, filled the office in 1900-01, having graduated through the various offices for eight or nine years previously. Bro.

William Falconer, on the immediate right of Bro. McNeil, was initiated in the lodge in 1899, filled the office of Senior Deacon and Senior Warden, and is a Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden, and is a member of Grand Committee.

The brethren on the left and right alternately are Bro. Alex. Howison, Master in 1896-97; Bro. Alex. Martin, 1894-95; Bro. Dr. D. MacGilvray, 1890-91; and Bro. Chas. E. Stewart, 1892-93. The brethren in the second line, taking them from the left, are Bro. Geo. C. H. McNaught, Past Grand Deacon; Bro. David Bowman, Grand Steward; Bro. William Phillips, Past Grand Deacon, member of Grand Committee, and the first R.W.M. of Lodge 556; Bro. John B. McNaught, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. William Hart.

The brother standing behind armed with a sword, Bro. W. Graham, though not a Past Master, has a place in the group in virtue of having served the lodge as Tyler since its institution, twenty-eight years ago.



THE MASTER AND PAST MASTERS.

Midland Grand Hotel, LONDON, N.W

*Venetian Rooms now available
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Landmarks and Innovations.

MASONRY we are taught is a progressive science, but it is equally inculcated on us that "it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the Body of Masonry." Much confusion of thought exists as to what is or is not an Innovation, and it would appear to be as difficult to attempt a definition as to answer the question once propounded by a distinguished financier—"What is a pound"? We talk glibly of Landmarks and Innovations, but we are apparently as unable to define either term as was Dr. Oliver, who in his time pointed out how opinions vary and how explanations of the phrases differ among Masons. Our American brethren it is true exhibit less hesitancy and indecision in dealing with the subject, and one of the most able and prominent of its writers on Masonic Jurisprudence has boldly codified the "Landmarks" to the number of twenty-five. This method of finally settling the question would be eminently satisfactory as relieving us from all further inquiry and future disputations, but unfortunately finality is not so easily attainable. If Anderson, who, in his Constitutions of 1723, in which the words "Old

Landmarks" first appears, had given us his definition of the phrase, we should certainly have known at least what he then considered to be "Landmarks," but it would not have helped us greatly in solving the problem. It is unquestionably a mistake to attempt to define or codify what are termed the "Landmarks of the Order," which should simply be held to be the leading and essential qualities and characteristics which are generally accepted as bound up with the existence of Freemasonry as a society.

The minds of Craftsmen have been much exercised of late in connection with the alterations in the Book of Constitutions, as well as by a certain pronouncement by the Board of General Purposes with regard to the ritual and ceremonies of the Order, but it is necessary to distinguish between the laws of the Order as set out in the Book of Constitutions and the traditions of the Craft as preserved in the ritual. The laws governing Freemasonry can no more remain immovably fixed than can the laws of a country, and it is but inviting stagnation and dissolution to ignore the altered circumstances and requirements of successive generations; hence the necessity of such occasional modifications and additions to the laws as have been made from time to time. It is only necessary to glance through the pages of Anderson's first edition of the Book of Constitutions of 1723 to realise how impossible it would be to take that code of laws as it stands as answering the requirements of the Craft under modern conditions. It must, we think, be admitted that no disposition has been shown by the Masonic jurists of the past to introduce changes or modifications in the Constitutions unless it appeared to them to be absolutely needful. Their respect for the "Essentials" has been beyond praise, and they have shown on the whole a loving and tender regard for what has come down in the written law as well as through oral tradition. Such commendation may also, we think, be accorded to the authorities of to-day. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to the wisdom of certain recent alterations and amendments, it is not to be doubted that an honest desire to maintain and preserve the true principles of Masonry has been the motive.

This brings us to the consideration of the latest subjects of discussion in Grand Lodge—the one having reference to the qualifications of a Warden for the Master's chair, and the other virtually approving of a decision of the Board of General Purposes concerning the introduction of hymns and other musical accompaniments to the ritual.

With regard to the former we must confess to a preference for the principle advocated on a former occasion of giving the qualification as from appointment and not from investiture, which to our minds is the simpler solution of the difficulty. The effect would have been to practically leave the question to the lodge to decide by its vote on the election of Master, and it cannot reasonably be doubted that the lodge itself would in all cases be in a better position to judge whether a brother who by some mischance had failed to present himself for investiture on the appointed day had by his subsequent record qualified himself for the Master's chair. The decision will now rest with the Grand Master, who is empowered to grant a dispensation to remove the disability.

In reference to the question of music in lodges there is little to be said. Considerable misapprehension appears to exist as to the aim and scope of the resolution carried by the Board of General Purposes and reported to Grand Lodge. It is not music *per se* that is objected to, neither is it desired to condemn the practice of singing, but the Board has properly set its veto on the introduction of any extraneous matter whatever, whether said or sung, into the settled ritual. We imagine that a musically inclined lodge might even render any suitable portion of the ritual chorally without bringing themselves under official censure; and as to the question of instrumental music, the fact that Grand Lodge recognises the office of Organist in private lodges, and also provides musical instruments in each of its lodge rooms at Freemasons' Hall, should be sufficient to set doubts at rest on that point.



The attendance at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge did not fail to testify anew to the loyalty of the Craft, for although the September Communication falls in the holiday season of the year, the announcement that a vote of congratulation was to be moved to His Majesty the King on his Coronation and on his restoration to health was the signal for a full muster, not only of Grand Officers, but of the rank and file of the Craft. It need not be said that the proceedings, which are dealt with on another page, were marked by great enthusiasm, and that precedents of such meetings were faithfully followed, in that that loyal fervour which is the characteristic of the Craft pervaded all that part of the business of Grand Lodge which had reference to the person of His Majesty, the Protector of our Order.

The members of our Order will be interested at the choice of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as the representative of the King at the great Coronation Durbar at Delhi on the 1st of January. It seems but recently that His Royal Highness vacated the position of Commander of the Forces in India, where his Masonic rule as District Grand Master for Bombay was so successful. There can be little doubt that, next to the King himself, the presence of but few members of the Royal Family could have been more acceptable than that of our Grand Master to those assembled at the crowning of His Majesty the King as Emperor of India.

The mention of India reminds us that the position of District Grand Master of the Punjab, vacated by Bro. General Sir Power Palmer, in consequence of the completion of his term as Commander-in-Chief of the India Forces there, is still open; there is little doubt that the Grand Master's usual happiness of selection will be displayed in the appointment of a successor. It is interesting also to note in connection with India affairs that Bro. Lord Kitchener will be present with the Duke of Connaught at the Delhi Durbar.

Bro. the Earl of Donoughmore, the present Senior Grand Warden, does not regard his position as in any degree a sinecure. His lordship was again to be noticed in the chair, to which he has been appointed, at the last meeting of Grand Lodge. It may not be generally known that since the death of the late Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Lord Donoughmore has undertaken the duties of Scribe E. of the Chapter of United Strength, No. 1629, which numbers amongst its members so many well-known figures in Royal Arch Masonry.

By the end of October Lord Leigh will have attained his jubilee as Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, and members of the Craft in the province will take the opportunity of signalling the event by presenting him with an address at the Town Hall, Sutton Coldfield. The natural desire of the brethren of the province was to mark the occasion by an appropriate gift, but Lord Leigh expressly hoped that this would not be done, and in obedience to this wish, the address alone will be presented.

The annals of Masonry do not contain another instance of the post of Provincial Grand Master being held for half a century, and the circumstance that Lord Leigh has achieved this notable distinction is heightened by the fact that throughout his Masonic career he has been one of the most energetic and capable officers ever connected with the Craft. He has,

indeed, a remarkable record, and to his zeal is largely due the great growth of Freemasonry in Warwickshire during the last fifty years. Since he became the head of the province the lodges have trebled, and the membership has become about five times as strong.

The recent birthday celebrations of Bro. Major-General Lord Methuen remind us that of the distinguished generals who have been spared to their country from the recent war, there are none whose names are better known in the Craft than that of the late Commander of the 1st Division of the First Army Corps. It will be remembered that the home-coming of our gallant brother was not a little pathetic, for after continuous fighting in the field since the commencement of hostilities, he returned in so invalided a state as to render a public welcome impossible.

It will be remembered that as Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire, Lord Methuen's father had served the Craft long and well, having ruled over the country in which the family seat is situated for the remarkably long period of thirty-seven years. In attaining high office in Freemasonry, Major-General Lord Methuen has not failed to follow in his late father's footsteps, although his close attention to military duties has prevented a continuous participation in Masonic affairs. He was appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1896, having been initiated in the Windsor Castle Lodge, No. 771, in 1870.

The presence of Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Daly in the capacity of Acting Deputy Grand Master at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, affords the opportunity of calling attention to the remote district of British Guiana, of which he is the head. The district was created in 1899, and comprises the lodges in Demarara and New Amsterdam. Although so far removed from the Masonic centre, and necessarily working under considerable disadvantages, like all the other subordinate jurisdictions under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England, the brethren exhibit much zeal in their work and pride in being an integral part of the great family of English Freemasons.



BRO. LIEUT.-COLONEL THOMAS DALY.

Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Thomas Daly, who had the honour of being appointed the first District Grand Master, is a Mason of very long standing, having been initiated in the year 1855, and has thus nearly completed his half century of connection

with the Craft. He was installed as Master of the Union Lodge, No. 247, Demarara, in 1873, and was again elected in 1896, but was then unable to assume office on account of ill-health. He has also been a member of the Royal Arch since 1862, besides joining the Orders of Knights Templar and the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held at Worcester on the 17th September, under the banner of Lodge No. 280. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Frederick Godson, M.P., presided. A report was presented upon the state of Masonry in the province, and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were adopted. Formal business followed, and the Provincial Grand Master then made a presentation, on behalf of the whole of the lodges of the province, of Grand Lodge regalia to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. T. Page, on his appointment as Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of England. The Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers. Bro. E. Collens received the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden upon the accession of the Duke of Connaught to the Grand Mastership, and Bro. Enoch Wood similar rank in celebration of the King's Coronation. A banquet was afterwards served at the Guildhall.

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The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on Wednesday, the 3rd September, at the Bath Saloons, Torquay. In the absence of Lord Northcote, C.B., G.C.I.E., Provincial Grand Master, Bro. G. C. Davie, P.G.D., Deputy and Acting Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master; P. Colville-Smith, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall (Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution); Rev. Richard Peek, P.G. Chaplain; M. Fortescue, P.G.D.; F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D. of C.; John Stocker, A.G.D. of C., Provincial Grand Secretary, and upwards of 300 brethren.

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The Provincial Grand Secretary presented his report, which showed that the number of subscribing members in the province on the 31st of December last was 4339, an increase of 190 over the previous year, and the amount received in dues and fees £513 4s., an excess of £53 6s. over the previous year. The names of 297 brethren had been removed from the register. There had been 384 initiations and 103 joinings, an increase of 85 and 18 respectively over the previous year. The number of Past Masters returned was 946, an increase of 17. He had received 14 applications from lodges for the supplemental grants of ten guineas to enable them to acquire life-governorships in the great London Charities. Of these two were for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, four for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and eight were for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows.

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Bro. J. Clapp presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which showed that the fund was making steady progress. They were especially grateful to the executors of the late Bro. R. B. West for a legacy of £500, which had been invested. The Acting Grand Master then conferred Past Provincial Grand rank on several brethren in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty the King, and afterwards appointed the officers for the ensuing year.

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The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire was held at Knutsford Town Hall on the 17th September. The Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, presided. There was a large attendance; in fact, the greatest known at any similar gathering in the province. The Provincial Grand Master, in delivering his annual address, congratulated the brethren on the steady increase that Masonry was making, and the

continued prosperity of the lodges of the province. This year had been remarkable in that since their last annual meeting four new lodges had been consecrated, bringing the number up to fifty nine. The membership had risen to 3200. They felt profoundly thankful at the restoration to health of the King, and he hoped His Majesty might be spared for many long and happy years to reign over his loyal subjects.

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Bro. Broadsmith read an address which had been prepared for presentation to Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, congratulating him on having completed his fiftieth year as a member of the Fraternity. High appreciation was expressed of the services he had rendered to the cause of Masonic Charity, and especially in desiring that the sum of £210 contributed by the brethren last year for the purpose of presenting him with some article of vertu, as a token of their esteem and affection, should be devoted to the purchase of votes in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whereby sixty votes were obtained in perpetuity in that institution in the name of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the province.

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Comp. Captain R. J. Blackham, the First Principal of Umballa Chapter, No. 563, Umballa, was the recipient recently of a very pleasant appreciation of his services to his chapter. His Highness the Rajah of Faridkote, one of the leading Sikh Princes of the Punjab and a prominent member of Umballa Chapter, asked permission to give Comp. Blackham some token of his esteem during the Coronation year. Permission was granted, and his Highness,



COMP. CAPTAIN R. J. BLACKHAM.

with true princely generosity, presented Comp. Blackham with a complete suit of Knight Templar and Knight of Malta clothing and an exquisite Royal Arch Principal's sash and apron with chain, tassels, and fringe. His Highness, in the course of his presentation address, expressed a hope that the regalia would serve to remind Comp. Blackham of his numerous Sikh friends and brethren when far away from the Punjab.

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An important item in the proceedings of the last meeting of Grand Lodge was not unhappily anticipated by the Freemasons of Dover, whose combined lodges met on the last day of August for the purpose of commemorating the King's Coronation and at the same time His Majesty's

restoration to health. The meeting was characterised by harmony and enthusiasm, and an address of congratulation was duly transmitted to the Protector of our Order.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presence of Bro. Sir Henry M. L. Rundle, P.G.W., who presided at the meeting and at the banquet which followed. In a quiet but soldierly speech the distinguished General briefly referred to the objects of the meeting and to himself, his utterance being received with the respect and applause which was no less due to his personality than to the substance of his remarks.

Bro. George Ferguson, who occupies the position of District Grand Registrar of British Guiana, was initiated in 1891 in the Union Lodge, No. 247, Demerara, and filled the chair of Worshipful Master in 1897. He is also a P.Z.



BRO. GEORGE FERGUSON.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

of the Royal Arch Chapter attached to the lodge, and a member of the Rose Croix Chapter in Demerara, in which he holds the office of Marshal. Bro. Ferguson was appointed the first District Grand Secretary when the District was constituted, and held the office for two years.

Bro. Lord Kitchener received a great ovation at Ipswich on the 22nd September, on the occasion of his visit to that town to receive the freedom of the borough and to present war medals to more than a hundred town and country reservists and volunteers who had been with the army in South Africa. The proceedings at the public hall were followed by a meeting of the British Union Lodge, No. 114, held in a room of the town hall. Here he accepted honorary membership and the gift of a Past Master's jewel, on the centre of which the Union Jack was beautifully displayed. The Earl of Stradbroke (Provincial Grand Master), Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P. (Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland), and Colonel Lucas, M.P., were among the Masons present. Lord Kitchener subsequently left the town in a motor-car for Aspall, his family residence.

The distinction of being the smallest lodge belongs, we believe, to the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, at Taplow, in Buckinghamshire. Not many more than a dozen members figure on its roll, and what advantages the small lodge may claim to possess must be here felt in their entirety.

"The New Hall belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Freemasons, in Great Queen Street, is decorated in a most elegant manner for a grand assembly which is to be held the next week, to which the ladies will be admitted."

We hasten to explain to our readers that the above is not an announcement culled from the pages of a contemporary, but an extract from a London daily paper bearing date 1777, by which it will be seen that the lodge ladies' night is not altogether a modern innovation. Our Masonic ancestors were no less hospitable and attentive to the ladies than is the Mason of to-day; or was it an adroit method of disarming the opposition of the fair sex?

The *Marienbofen*, a German Catholic paper, intended for young ladies, tells a weird story of the doings of Master Satan in a certain convent. Wonderful and unaccountable things happened in the sight of the fair eyes which were imprisoned there. Glasses were filled with water by unseen hands; flowers which decorated the room were ruthlessly scattered about. The lady superior, with eyes full of tears, counted her beads and said her prayers; but no help was given until at length it was discovered that the daughter of a Freemason was among the pupils. The fair Jonah was then expelled, and Satan ceased to trouble.

One is reminded of the well-known print of the procession of the "Miserable Scald Masons," published in the 18th century, by the following paragraph which has appeared in the papers:—About a dozen young men caused a sensation on the Paris boulevards on the 15th September by marching about carrying banners and wearing aprons, on which were various symbols supposed by the wearers to be Masonic. As they refused to disperse, they were taken to the police station, where they explained that their only object was to parody the Freemasons, who now, they said, governed the country. They were released with a caution.—*Reuter*.

Bro. W. H. Woodroffe was initiated in the Union Lodge, No. 247, Demerara, British Guiana, and was elected to the Master's chair in 1899. He was exalted in the chapter attached to the lodge, and has since filled the chair of First



BRO. W. H. WOODROFFE.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

Principal. He is at present District Grand Secretary. He is also a member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Order of Knights Templar. In the former he is M.W. Sovereign of the Union Preceptory.

Bro. W. G. Cannon, P.M.

A SHORT time since, the brethren of the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, passed a resolution, subject to the approval of the M.W. Grand Master, changing the name to the Cannon Lodge. This approval having been obtained, it will be known henceforth under its new appellation. The name it has assumed is that of a brother who was an initiate of the lodge and who has since been its most prominent member. In 1883 Bro. W. G. Cannon filled the

No. 2262; P.Z. of the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25; and Vice-president of the South London Charitable Association.

In connection with the Charities, his benevolence does not stop short with himself. He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, Life Governor of the Girls' School, and has been Steward no less than twenty-three times. Besides this, the present Mrs. Cannon and the late Mrs. Cannon served



BRO. CANNON AND FAMILY, MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

chair of W.M. Thirteen years later he was elected Treasurer, and still retains that position. He has also been awarded Provincial Grand honours, being a Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer of Bucks. His other connections with Masonry are numerous and varied. He is a P.M. and Treasurer of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922; P.M. of the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262; P.M. and Treasurer of the Addington Lodge, No. 2683; P.Z. of the Dagmar Chapter,

eleven Stewardships, and twelve children hold Life Governorships in two of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. The latter have also served twenty-seven Stewardships, making sixty-one in all in connection with the family. At the present moment one of his sons, Bro. George E. Cannon, a founder of the Addington Lodge, is its Senior Warden, and a second son, Bro. James A. Cannon, is P.M. and founder of the Borough Lodge, and Senior Warden of the Dagmar Lodge.

New Masonic Lodge in South Africa—Algoa, No. 2886.

PORT Elizabeth has achieved the distinction of becoming the leading commercial gate of entry to Cape Colony and the Hinterland, and has a large and constantly growing population, who yield precedence to none in business enterprise and energy. In such a town, where British national feeling and loyalty are proverbial, Freemasonry has been a living force for many years. The Craft Lodges, Goodwill, No. 711, and Good Hope, No. 863, have

long worthily maintained the traditions and tenets of Masonry as exemplified by the Grand Lodge of England, and several years ago a Craft lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was instituted, and has attained to a large membership. In addition, the Royal Arch, the Mark, and the Rose Croix Degrees are regularly and efficiently worked, and hopes are cherished of the resuscitation of the Knight Templar preceptory.

Like Rome, Port Elizabeth is built upon seven hills, which rise abruptly from the waters of Algoa Bay on its south-western shore. The strip of foreshore and sundry hillocks between the hills and the water-line, upon which the curious gaze of the Albany settlers of 1820 rested when the fleet of sailing ships which brought them from England had cast anchor after a three months' voyage, has by the industry and courage of those settlers and their successors been long reclaimed from waste, and is covered to-day by the crowded buildings and streets of the "Liverpool of South Africa." This piece of the original littoral is almost entirely given up to business premises, residential Port Elizabeth being found on the slopes and hills referred to. For five years past an admirable system of electric tramways has reached every part of the scattered town, no less than eleven miles of line being in use, with extension shortly due to a suburb. It is the scattered nature of the town that has led to the formation of the Algoa Lodge, No. 2886.

For the convenience of their respective dwellings, a number of brethren living in the south end of the town met together three years ago, and under the presidency of Bro. the Rev. W. Wilkinson Rider, P.M., discussed the feasibility of instituting a new lodge conveniently near their homes. The war, which is now happily at an end, broke out soon after the first meeting of the brethren interested in the new venture, and by common consent further action was deferred until the political and social outlook of the country grew brighter. Finally, towards the close of 1901, the necessary steps were taken to petition for a warrant of constitution, and, with the kindly help of the District Grand Master of the Eastern Division, no time was lost in obtaining the sanction of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.

On Thursday, April 2nd, the event long looked forward to took place. The respected District Grand Master, Bro. Dr. C. J. Egan, was not able to come from King William's Town to consecrate the new lodge, but had delegated that important duty to his Deputy, Bro. A. E. Austen, who came from Cradock—about 200 miles away—especially for the purpose. A large body of Masons who had previously assembled in the temporary lodge-room respectfully received the Consecrating Officer, who was ably assisted by the Past Masters from lodges 711, 863, and 1590. Bros. R. R. Perrot, 711; E. R. Smyth, 863; and T. Cunningham, 1590, also assisted in other capacities.

The established rites of consecration were proceeded with, and as is customary, an oration by the Acting Chaplain, who on this occasion was Bro. the Rev. W. Wilkinson Rider, who dwelt at some length upon the operative antecedents of Freemasonry as we know it, drawing especial attention to the continuity of guilds of builders among the nations of antiquity, whose giant works, remaining to this day, attest not only their skill and devotion, but the fact also that they laboured in consonance with the plans laid down by master minds. A most interesting account followed of the building of Solomon's Temple, the sacred writings and our traditions being skillfully passed into the effort to delineate in language the appearance of the great fabric and the symbolical lessons of moral worth taught by its complicated but harmonious design. The building guilds of the days of Rome's splendour were described, as were the itinerant lodges of Craftsmen who went out from the Imperial City to erect throughout Europe the churches and public buildings which began to grace the several countries. Equally interesting was the narration of the events which led to the institution of speculative Masonry, the brethren listening with very marked attention to the history of how the events of nearly two centuries ago linked them as Freemasons with the operative Craftsmen of an earlier period. But it was in connection with the purposes of Freemasonry that the oration was most emphatic and most esteemed by the brethren. Drawing upon his by no means scanty experience in the formation of new lodges, Bro. Rider spoke in terms of high eulogy of Freemasonry as a unifying agency, calculated to lessen the differences which separate men. He urged the brethren

who were to be the first members of the new lodge to be careful about ceremonial working and adherence to the constitutions and land-marks, and, in addition, to attentively study the ethics of Masonry, with a view to making the new lodge a centre of peace and unity in a land much rent and vexed by political and racial strife. The oration was well received, and elicited valued words of commendation from the Consecrating Officer.

In due course the Algoa Lodge, No. 2886, was declared to be constituted, and the brethren, at the call of the Deputy District Grand Master, ceased from labour for the space of half-an-hour.

On resuming labour, the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. the Rev. W. Wilkinson Rider, P.M., was presented for installation as the first Worshipful Master of the infant lodge. The Deputy District Grand Master conducted this part of the inaugural proceedings with the dignity and efficiency which had characterised his work in the ceremony of consecrating the lodge. The newly installed Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Cunningham, P.M., I.P.M.; J. L. Williamson, S.W.; the Rev. G. T. Burbidge, J.W.; G. H. W. Poole, Treasurer; G. T. Hart, P.M., Secretary; J. Timmer, S.D.; C. Coles, J.D.; W. H. Brookes, D. of C.; Harold Gill, I.G.; C. B. Hurd and R. M. Cells, Stewards; A. H. Horn, Organist; and W. Campbell, Tyler.

The Deputy District Grand Master was elected to honorary membership of the new lodge, and it was resolved that a special jewel of honour be presented to him.

Bro. A. E. Austen gracefully and gratefully accepted the honour.

The Worshipful Master was then addressed by the Deputy District Grand Master, who explained that he had been commissioned by the District Grand Master to perform an extremely pleasing duty. To mark the Coronation of his Majesty the King, certain "honours" had been authorised by the Grand Master, and the District Grand Master had selected Bro. the Rev. W. Wilkinson Rider for the appointment of Past Senior Grand Warden in the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division of South Africa.

The announcement of the conferring of this dignity was very heartily received by all present.

Bro. Rider, who was evidently deeply moved by the entirely unexpected announcement, responded briefly in acknowledgment. His interest in Freemasonry was well-known, and he had taken part in establishing in all four lodges in South Africa. The honour conferred upon him to mark that great event, the Coronation, would incite him to labour yet more assiduously for the institution he loved so well.

The proceedings terminated formally at 5.30 p.m., but at 8 p.m. a banquet was held, at which a large company was present.

There are many evidences already that the Algoa Lodge has begun a successful career. It affords a Masonic home to a large section of the population of the town, particularly the officials and employees of the Harbour Board of Algoa Bay. There is a determination to aim at quality rather than quantity in the *personnel* of the new lodge, and the several experienced Masons who occupy the principal offices may be relied upon to carefully guard the portals of entrance. The founding of the lodge adds to the number of Masonic centres which under the Southern Cross are teaching and practising the tenets of Freemasonry. Who can doubt that in the period of the political reconstruction of South Africa which has already begun the influence of Masonry shall be for the healing of the contending peoples? The Algoa Lodge, true to our ancient charges, will not intrude upon the political sphere, but the brethren will endeavour to practice out of the lodge the lessons they learn within it, and among such lessons is inculcated the necessity, the bounden duty, of promoting the peace and good order of society. This lesson is being taken to heart by the brethren who have just been formed into a warranted lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Old Rock Lodge, No. 912, St. Helena.

THE 40th annual festival and installation of Worshipful Master and officers of the above lodge took place recently amidst as great and representative a gathering of Freemasons as has ever been recorded in the annals of that lodge.

The Worshipful Master elect, Bro. A. Lee Innes, P.M. of the St. Helena Lodge, was installed by the retiring Master, Bro. G. T. Craik, in the effective way which has become so familiar to the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters was a numerous one, and included Bro. F. Mygand (a late prisoner of war), also the Worshipful Master of the St. Helena Lodge, No. 488.

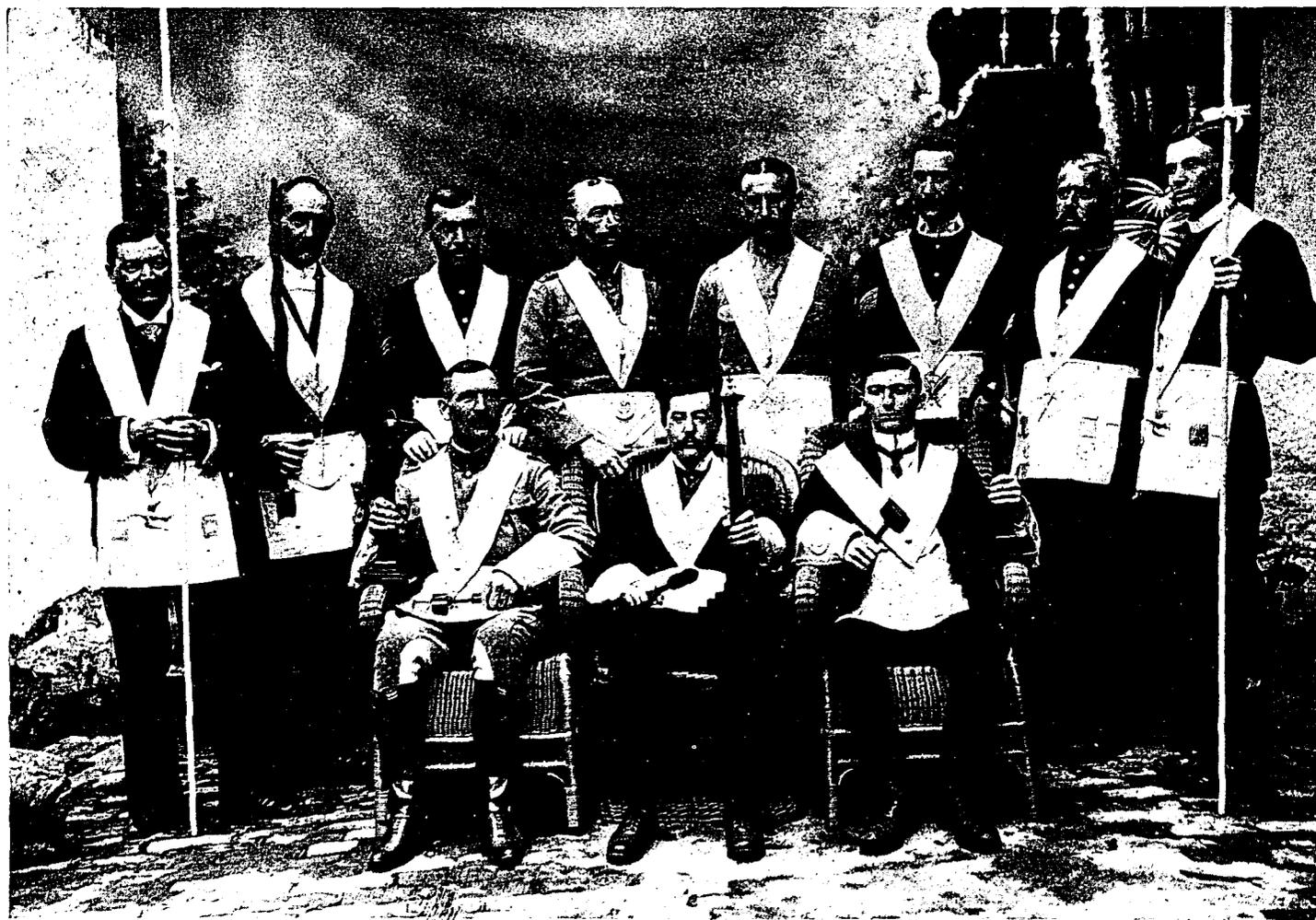
The Worshipful Master invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. G. T. Craik, I.P.M.; Lieut. J. McCullough, S.W.; R. Marven George, J.W.; T. Clayton, Treasurer; A. Godwin, Secretary; Major F. Horniblow, Organist; F. R. McIntyre, D. of C.; C. W. Tyler, S.D.; Arthur W. Pegge, J.D.; and W. G. Sturgess, I.G.

The ceremony over, "hearty good wishes" were tendered by brethren from various parts of the world, representing the English, Scotch, Irish, and Netherlands Constitutions. Bro. Captain De Witt-Hamer (a late prisoner of war) presented the lodge with a neatly carved charity-box as a small token of his esteem.

The health of the visiting brethren was proposed by Bro. Lieut. J. McCullough, S.W., in a speech brimming with humor.

This toast was responded to by Bro. Lieut. Day (Chaplain R.N.), who spoke with enthusiasm of that beautiful precept of Freemasonry—brotherly love, which so suddenly revealed itself to him at St. Helena, where he the least expected it. He said they were glad to be among the brethren there and to see their zealous work in behalf of the Craft.

Bro. Lieut. Day was followed by Bro. General Viljoen (late prisoner of war), who that evening visited the lodge for the first time since his arrival in the island. He spoke with much feeling, and said he never expected to meet with such signs of friendship as he had received at St. Helena, and attributed it to the fact of his being a member of the Order. He thought that on coming to St. Helena he would be confined to a living tomb, but to his surprise he found that hands of greeting, of friendship, and brotherly love, were extended to him wherever he went—that was Masonry in its purest state. He dwelt long and enthusiastically on the moral benefits derived from Freemasonry, and concluded by saying that he but voiced the sentiments of all other Freemasons who were confined at St. Helena or elsewhere in hoping with considerable certainty that Freemasonry



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND OFFICERS.

A banquet afterwards took place.

After the usual loyal toasts had been drunk enthusiastically, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the distinguished guest of the evening, Bro. W. Collar, P.S.G.W. of Gibraltar, who replied in a happy strain, expressing the pleasure which the working of the lodge had afforded him.

The health of the newly installed Master was proposed by the retiring Worshipful Master, who stated that after a successful year of office he gladly handed over the gavel to Bro. Innes, who, as an experienced Past Master, would render great service to the lodge and Freemasonry generally.

Bro. Innes briefly and feelingly responded.

would be a great factor in bringing about a state of happiness, tranquility, and mutual understanding in South Africa, and would pave the way of progress, enlightenment, and humanity for Briton and Boer alike.

Bro. Captain De Witt-Hamer (a late member of the now extinct Transvaal Volksraad) spoke in a somewhat similar strain, and in taking the opportunity of saying "good-bye" to the brethren, he expressed a hope that some day he would be able to entertain them in his home lodge with the same feeling of friendship as was shown to the Masons who were prisoners of war there—for greater friendship and greater consideration could not have been shown.



THE VISITORS.

Bro. Colonel Shiel (late prisoner of war) spoke similarly, and while bidding the brethren an affectionate farewell, said that while in South Africa he did not attend regularly to his Masonic duties, but St. Helena had taught him a lesson which would cause him to do better in the future.

Several other brethren, who during their sojourn there as "involuntary excursionists" (as Bro. Innes put it), also spoke gratefully and with warm feeling of the generous treatment extended to them while at St. Helena.

Other toasts followed.

The proceedings throughout were marked by much cordial good feeling between the members of the lodge and its numerous visitors.

The excellent photographs we have reproduced are by the Worshipful Master, Bro. A. Lee Innes. The first comprises the Worshipful Master and officers of the lodge, and the second are portraits of visitors, many of whom being late prisoners of war.

Grand Mark Lodge.

THE quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday, September 2nd, the Earl of Euston, M.W. Pro Grand Master, presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren.

Grand Lodge having been opened in ample form, the Earl of Euston submitted the following resolution congratulating His Majesty the King:—

"To His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., &c., &c., &c., may it please your Majesty,

"We, the members of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, assembled in Grand Lodge, humbly desire to approach your Majesty, and to offer our most hearty and loyal congratulations on your Majesty's happy restoration to health, and on the auspicious event of your Majesty's Coronation.

"The Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons feel they cannot allow this opportunity of testifying their feelings of loyalty and continued attachment to pass without presenting this humble address to your Majesty; and they pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may continue to pour His blessings on your Majesty, on her Majesty

the Queen, and on every member of your Royal House."

The address, which was seconded by the Hon. De Tatton Egerton, M.P., and signed by the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Secretary (Bro. C. F. Matier), was carried unanimously, all the brethren standing.

The usual business of Grand Lodge was then proceeded with, and at the conclusion,

Bro. Frank Richardson, President of the General Board, said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. The brethren would remember that the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master asked the Grand Master on his Royal Highness's installation for permission for the special Stewards on that occasion to wear a distinctive jewel, similar to one which he was graciously pleased to accept himself, to mark that ceremony. The General Board after that were pleased to suggest Lord Euston's acceptance of a similar jewel to that approved by the Grand Master. That was agreed to unanimously, and as the Board's representative, and as their mouthpiece, he now had the pleasure of presenting it, and hoped the most Worshipful Pro Grand Master would live long to wear it.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master feelingly responded. Grand Lodge was then closed.

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

1875. The Committee was re-elected and also the Treasurer, this being his twenty-ninth election to that office. William Smallpiece was elected Secretary on the retirement of Bro. Green owing to indifferent health. The thanks of the Lodge and a jewel value Five Guineas were voted to him in appreciation of his services as Secretary during the past three years.



JOHN M. HERVEY, GRAND SECRETARY,
Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, 1847-1880.

On the 22nd of October, "Bro. T. Fenn having announced to the brethren the great loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of the late Secretary, Bro. A. Green, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. G. E. Eachus, and carried unanimously: 'That a vote of condolence with the Widow and Family of the late Secretary, Bro. Alfred Green, be communicated to them by the Secretary, assuring them of the deep sympathy of the Lodge with them in their affliction and their high appreciation of his amiable character and Masonic acquirements.'"

Alfred Green was initiated in 1865 in the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 285, Shepton Mallet, and joined the "Emulation" the following year; he was a constant attendant thereat until his retirement from the Secretaryship. In 1868 he joined the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7, and was elected Master in 1873. Although a young Mason, comparatively speaking, he had made his mark in London Masonry as an accurate and fluent worker of both ceremonies and sections, while his gentle and pleasing demeanour had won the esteem and affection of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

The present writer will always remember him with feelings of gratitude, as he was mainly prompted to join the "Emulation" by hearing Bro. Green's masterly and eloquent rendering of a section or two at another Lodge of Instruction.

On the 29th of October the following resolution was passed unanimously:—"That the Five Guineas voted by the Lodge for a jewel for Bro. A. Green be supplemented by an additional Five Guineas and applied to the purchase of a Life-Governorship of the Girls' School, and presented by the

Lodge to Mrs. Green in affectionate remembrance of the services rendered to the Lodge by her late husband."

As an example of the strictness of the "Emulation" leaders at this period, the following may be cited:—"On the 12th November, the ballot for a brother, who had been proposed at the previous meeting, was postponed for want of proof of his having visited the Lodge." Early in the following year the brother visited the Lodge was again proposed, and duly elected a member.

The Annual Festival for 1875 was held on the 26th of November, Thomas Fenn in the chair, who was assisted in working the Second Lecture by Bros. H. T. Wood, H. Bishop, H. J. P. Dumas, J. A. Rucker, and G. B. Brodie. About 250 brethren were present, forty-five of whom joined the Lodge. Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, presided at the banquet, the proceedings at which were briefly reported in *The Freemason* of the 11th December, the speeches being omitted for want of space. At the meeting on December 3rd, "The Secretary read a letter from the Treasurer to Mrs. Green, the widow of the late Secretary, which, with her reply, was ordered to be inserted in the minutes." This order was obeyed literally by the Secretary, a pressed copy of the Treasurer's letter and Mrs. Green's reply thereto being inserted in the minute book by the aid of paste.

1876. The Committee and permanent officials were continued, and it may be assumed that they were re-elected each succeeding year in their respective offices until further notice. On the motion of Bro. T. Fenn on the 20th October, it was agreed to work the Installation ceremony on the first and third Fridays in the Winter months, instead of on the first Friday only as had hitherto been customary.

The Festival for this year was held on the 24th November, which date may not inaptly be described as a *red letter day* in the history of the Lodge, not alone because of the unprecedented number that attended, but for several



COL. SIR FRANCIS BURDETT, BART., PROV. G. MASTER, MIDDLESEX
Chairman of the Festival in 1873.

other reasons set forth in the following summary of the proceedings, which appeared in *The Freemason* of December 2nd, the same journal containing also a lengthy report of the business and the various speeches, which I regret that for want of space I am unable to reproduce:—

“The Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which was held in the Grand Lodge Hall on Friday week, was presided over by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, supported by the Earl of Limerick, the Earl of Donoughmore, forty of the most distinguished Grand Officers, Present and Past, and nearly 600 members of the Craft. One of the most interesting features connected with the meeting was the presentation of a silver inkstand to our worthy and distinguished Grand Secretary, who has acted as Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge for thirty years. The admirable remarks of Lord Carnarvon, cheered as they were by the large assemblage, must have been peculiarly gratifying to Bro. Hervey, and we will add, that there is no Brother in our Order who more truly deserves the regard and attachment and respect of all who know him. The sections were worked by eight Past Grand Officers, who were in past years active members of the lodge, and it was universally admitted that on no former occasion was the work so correctly and so admirably delivered, The sanction and support thus given to this celebrated lodge of improvement by the Pro Grand Master and other leading members of Grand Lodge undoubtedly places it at the head of all Lodges of Instruction, and goes far to authorize its mode of working as the model which should be universally adopted. This distinguished lodge has for some years—under the highest patronage—been extending its influence, and we trust it may ultimately be the means of establishing a uniformity of working throughout the Craft. We say all this, not dogmatically, as we are quite aware that a good deal may be said on archaeological grounds for the existence of slight discrepancies of independent rituals, and we by no means forget the services of instructors like our Bro. Muggeridge, who vary a little from the admirable system of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. But we feel warranted in asserting that the Emulation working may well be adopted now as the general expression of the ritual and ceremonial of our English Craft.”

The foregoing article, although in the main fairly correct, is not quite accurate. I am bound, therefore, to record the fact that Bro. Hervey opened and presided over the Lodge, except for a few minutes when the gavel was handed to the Pro Grand Master for the purpose of making the presentation referred to, and that the minutes of the meeting denote an attendance of about 400, instead of nearly 600, as stated. The Stewards numbered 75, including 43 Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, by whose united subscriptions the Testimonial was purchased.

The Earl of Carnarvon was Colonial Secretary, and was prevented by public business from attending until after the Lodge had been opened and the work for the evening begun; the same cause necessitating his withdrawal when the formal presentation had been made,

All the offices for the evening, except that of Secretary, were filled by Past Grand Officers, the sections being worked by the following brethren:—

FIRST LECTURE.

- 4th Section by W. Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.
- 5th " " " C. A. Murton, P.G.D.
- 6th " " " C. C. Dumas, P.A.G.D.C.
- 7th " " " J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.

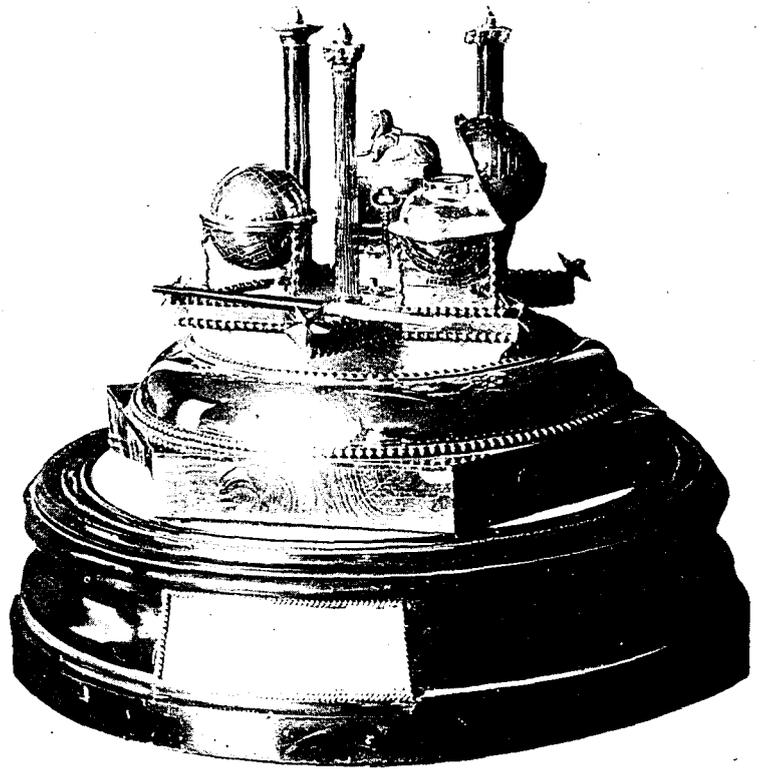
SECOND LECTURE.

- 2nd Section by W. Bro. R. Grey, P.G.D.
- 3rd " " " H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.
- 4th " " " Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B.
- 5th " " " T. Fenn, P.G.D.

The usual vote of thanks to the working brethren having been passed, 49 propositions for joining were handed in and the Lodge was closed.

The Earl of Limerick, Provincial Grand Master for Bristol, presided at the banquet.

The Testimonial, which is emblematic of Masonry, was designed by the late John Gibson, Grand Superintendent of Works, 1878-1882. Bro. Hervey bequeathed it to his friend and successor in the Treasurership, Bro. Thomas Fenn, who kindly lent it for the use of the M.W. Grand Master at the Jubilee Meeting in 1887. On the 4th of June, 1890, Bro. Fenn presented it to the Grand Lodge. It was also used by the M.W. Grand Master in signing an address to Her late Majesty at the Diamond Jubilee Meeting held at the Royal Albert Hall in 1897. The inkstand is of silver with gold enrichments, supported by a sexangular plinth of green malachite, the whole resting on a circular base of white marble encased in ebony, to which is affixed three silver plates with engraved inscriptions.



INKSTAND PRESENTED TO JOHN M. HERVEY BY THE STEWARDS FOR THE "EMULATION" FESTIVAL IN 1876.

1877. On the 26th of January the following resolution was proposed and carried unanimously:—"That the Lodge desire to express their sincere sympathy with Bro. Fenn and Mrs. Fenn in the sad bereavement they had sustained in the death by drowning of their eldest son, and that the Treasurer be requested to communicate this resolution to Bro. Fenn."

Bro. Fenn's acknowledgement of this vote of sympathy was duly pasted in the minute book by the Secretary at the following meeting.

The Festival was held on the 23rd of November, the chair of W.M. being occupied by Bro. C. A. Murton, who was supported by 109 members and 97 visitors, 36 of whom were proposed for membership and duly elected at the following meeting. The sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bros. W. A. Dawson, F. R. Spaulf, E. G. Tattershall, W. S. Lee, and W. G. Kentish. The Earl of Donoughmore Past Senior Grand Warden, presided at the banquet.

1878. The first item out of the usual routine work is found in the minutes of the 6th of September, and is of a sorrowful nature; it is as follows:—"It was proposed by Bro. W. A. Dawson, seconded by Bro. F. R. Spaulf, and carried unanimously, 'That the Lodge desires to express its deep sense of the great loss it has sustained by the melancholy death by drowning of Bro. Craven Proctor Cobham, who was one of the passengers on the 'Princess Alice' steamer which was wrecked in the river Thames on the 3rd instant.'"

Bro. Cobham was a Past Master of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, and had been a regular attendant at the "Emulation" for several years. A similar vote was passed at the next meeting with reference to Bro. Charles Jardine, of St. George's



SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G. WARDEN,
Chairman of the Festivals in 1875, 1890, and 1892.

Lodge, No. 140, who also lost his life in this dreadful catastrophe, when upwards of 600 perished while returning from a pleasure trip, and when many of them were actually within sight of their homes.

The Festival was held on the 29th of November, Thomas Fenn, W.M., who, with the assistance of the following brethren, worked the First Lecture:—A. C. Spaul, G. C. Pulsford, A. D. Renshaw, E. Hornblower, E. G. Tattershall, F. R. Spaul, and W. A. Dawson. Total attendance 180, being somewhat smaller than that of the previous Festival. Thirty-five propositions were received for joining members. At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman for the festive proceedings, Lord Henniker, Senior Grand Warden, evinced his fitness for that post by taking the Master's Chair and closing the Lodge in the three degrees.

The 27th of December saw the admission to membership of a brother whose name has become as familiar in Masonry as a household word, and will long be remembered in connection with the Lodge as one of its most able, earnest, and kindly Preceptors—Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, of whom we shall probably have something more to say later on.

1879. Nothing of importance is recorded in the minutes of this year prior to the Festival on the 28th of November, when Bro. C. A. Murton occupied the Master's Chair and put the questions of the Second Lecture to the following brethren:—F. R. Spaul, W. S. Lee, Albert Escott, G. C. Pulsford, and Albert Marvin.

Bro. Thomas Fenn proposed and Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, seconded the following resolution, which was supported by Bro. Murton and carried unanimously:—

"The members of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement at their Anniversary Meeting have heard with deep regret that their much respected brother, John Hervey, who has held the office of Treasurer of the Lodge for upwards of thirty years, in consequence of serious illness, has deemed it necessary to resign the office of Grand Secretary, the duties of which he has discharged with such eminent ability and conscientious zeal, and so greatly to the advantage and satisfaction to the Craft. They desire to record on their minutes their sincere sympathy with Bro. Hervey in his affliction, and they trust they may indulge in the hope that a release from the anxieties of his office may so far conduce to his restoration to health as to enable him in his retirement

to enjoy the quiet and repose he has so well earned. They fervently hope that the G.A.O.T.U. may grant him yet many years of peaceful life to enjoy the society of his brother Masons with whom he has been so long associated, and who, one and all, entertain towards him the most sincere esteem and affection."

There were present 134 members and 91 visitors; 34 propositions for membership were received.

Lord Kensington, Senior Grand Warden, presided at the banquet. In the course of the evening several interesting speeches were made, notably those of Bros. McIntyre, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Fenn. The last named, in proposing the toast of the "Sister Lodge of Instruction," the Stability, alluded regretfully to the absence, through failing health, of its esteemed President, Bro. Henry Muggeridge, who had for so many years been a welcome guest at the "Emulation" Festivals. This was the last occasion on which the toast of "The Sister Lodge of Instruction" was given at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

1880. In the minutes of the 23rd of January it is recorded that "Bro. R. R. Davis, on behalf of the Lodge of Unions, presented to the Lodge their first Minute Book, which had been discovered amongst the Books of the Lodge of Unions."

A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the Lodge of Unions for their much valued presentation.

The discovery of this precious treasure naturally created considerable jubilation amongst the older members, and there would have been good reason for it had the book been what it was represented to be. When, however, it was handed to the writer after the Lodge was closed he did what neither the givers nor receivers appear to have done—examined it—with the result that he felt compelled, reluctantly, he admits, to inform the Secretary at the next meeting that in his opinion the book in question had never belonged to the "Emulation," for this Lodge was founded in 1823, while the Lodge of Instruction to which the book belonged was established in 1818, under sanction of the British Lodge, No. 8, the title being the United Lodge of



ALFRED GREEN,
P.M. OF THE ROYAL YORK LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 7,
Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, 1872-1875.

Perseverance. The book was filled up, the last meeting therein recorded being held on the 26th of September, 1821, although the list of members shows that the Lodge was working in 1822.

(To be Continued).