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*The M. W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst,
Provincial Grand Master of Kent.*

The Province of Kent.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent is one of the oldest and the fourth largest in this country, and, moreover, was never more united and prosperous than at the present time. The brethren of Kent are especially favoured in having the Right Hon. the Earl Amherst to preside over



BRO. A. REYNOLDS NORMAN,
W.M. OF ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

them, who is the esteemed Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, and one of the most capable, genial, and enthusiastic Craftsmen who have ever graced the roll of the United Grand Lodge of England.



BRO. A. H. HASTINGS,
S.W. OF ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

The Province of Kent has long been noted in many ways, and being the home of the oldest lodge outside of the metropolis, its position in that respect calls for special mention. There are only nine lodges in the metropolitan

district which date before the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, and of provincial lodges the next in order of age were started in 1732, viz., No. 37, Bolton, and No. 39, Exeter, the latter having preserved the oldest *Warrant to constitute*, of all provincial lodges, which were originally established in the country.

No. 20, Chatham, was formed in 1723 at the "Anchor, Dutchy Lane," London, its first number being 13, which was altered to 12 in 1740, and from 1755 to the Union of December, 1813, it became 10; the present number being given to it when placed on the united roll in 1814. Bro. Hughan wrote a sketch of the lodge for the *Freemasons' Manual* for Kent, 1893, and reproduced some of the signs of the taverns in which the members assembled. From his paper we find that after being at the "Fountain" in 1731, and the "Bedford Arms" (as 13) in 1733, the lodge occupied eight other houses at different periods, from 1736 to 1744, and finally removed to Chatham in 1748 to the "Queen's Head," changing to the "Bunch of Grapes" in 1751 and the "Globe Tavern" in 1763. It is now held at the "Sun



BRO. F. R. A. STIGANT,
J.W. OF ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

Hotel" where it has been for many years. In the by-laws of the province, 1877, it is declared that the lodge met at the "Crown," Cripplegate, London, but this is an error.

In 1723, and later on for some thirty years, the charter so well known since was not used, but *Warrants to constitute* were issued for country lodges and for those in London. Petitions were presented to the Grand Master by brethren, when the Most Worshipful Brother would approve in writing of the application and fix the date for constitution. The earliest instance preserved of this custom will be found narrated in the transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge for 1897, by Bro. Hughan, being for a London lodge of 1726. The Lodge of Felicity, No. 58, and the Peace and Harmony, No. 60, have still their original permissions to be thus constituted for 1737-8.

The first Master of No. 20 (1723) was called Joseph Maisters, the two Wardens being Bros. Weatherhead and Rotherham. In 1725 there were sixteen brethren, but at that time the average membership was much smaller than now. As respects the lodge at Chatham it is one of the largest, as well as oldest, at the present time, returning 135 subscribers in 1902, and has a centenary warrant dated

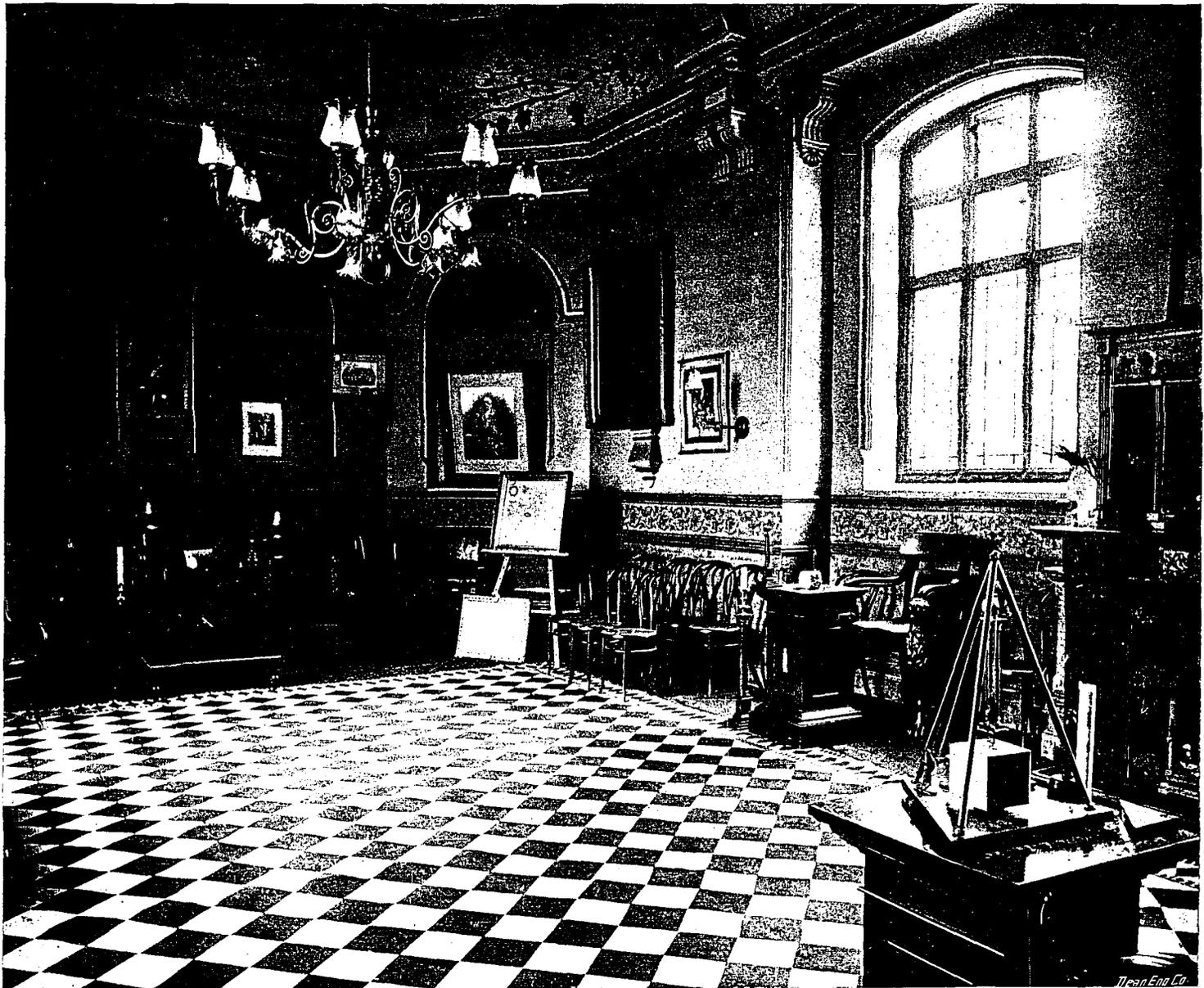
30th June, 1873. It has had two warrants of confirmation, the later being of the year 1820, and the earlier of 1787 is kept in Grand Lodge. The Lodge of Unanimity, No. 729, joined No. 20 in 1828. It is a pity that the application for a centenary jewel warrant was delayed, for had the lodge petitioned prior to 1867 it might have been privileged to secure for its members a medal of a distinctive and special design.

There was a lodge that was started at the "Ship," Fish Street Hill, London, in 1723, which lapsed in 1803, and was reissued to the Fraternal, No. 13, Deal, in the same year, but it was erased in 1822 as No. 24; the present lodge in that town being the Wellington, No. 784, dating from 1859, another of 1762 having also collapsed.

The next of the old lodges was formed at the "Red Lion," Canterbury, 3rd April, 1730, as 66, but was erased in 1754 as No. 58. It never was No. 40, though it is said once

Its warrant of confirmation dates from 1847, and it has had two centenary jewel warrants, one in 1870, and another of confirmation in 1890. Its original number was 211, and seven more numbers distinguished the lodge at different periods, until No. 77 was given it in 1863. The name was selected in 1789, or possibly earlier. The Right Hon. the Earl Amherst is a P.M. in this lodge, and so of several others in the province.

The Union, No. 127, Margate, established in 1763, is the only lodge in Kent distinguished with a special centenary jewel warrant, which bears date in 1863. The Lodge of Harmony was established in 1764 at Faversham, and was so named in 1789. The original members, however, were previously connected with an "Ancient" lodge of the year 1763 as No. 14, which, though it lapsed soon afterwards, strange to say is inserted in the official lists for 1804 and 1813. An interesting history of this old lodge has been



LODGE ROOM OF THE ROYAL KENT LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

to have had that number in a "brief sketch" published at the Canterbury Press Office. The "King's Head" likewise boasted of a lodge in 1760, but it was struck off thirteen years later.

Ramsgate in 1754, Dover in 1761 and 1763, Rochester in 1763, Gravesend and Sittingbourne in 1764, Chatham and Folkestone in 1767, had lodges started in the years named, but the members failed to keep them on the roll for long, though subsequently others have been warranted and happily have had a better fate.

The Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, was granted in 1751, but unfortunately has not its original authority preserved. It paid for its constitution on the 4th September of that year, and probably had a similar document to authorize its establishment as the earlier lodges, though a change to the since adopted form was made in that decade.

written by one of its esteemed Past Masters, Bro. F. F. Giraud. The centenary warrant was granted in 1879.

These were all originated by the regular Grand Lodge known as the "Moderns," prior to the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent in 1770, when the Hon. Robert Boyle Walsingham was appointed the first Provincial Grand Master by his Grace the Duke of Beaufort, followed in 1774 by Captain Charles Frederick, by appointment of the Right Hon. Lord Petre, Grand Master. The third Provincial Grand Master was Captain George Smith, who was installed at Chatham on the 7th July, 1777, but only ruled the province for a few years. He is well known as the author of a work entitled, the "Use and Abuse of Freemasonry" of 1783, and was the author also of a "Charge to the Lodge of Friendship, Dover, Dec. 27th, 1778." He was Inspector of the Royal Academy at Woolwich, and a regular attendant at

Grand Lodge. The Duke of Manchester on intimating his intention to appoint Captain Smith to the office of Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary (Bro. James Heseltine) objected that, "being a Provincial Grand Master was a disqualification for serving the office of Grand Warden." This was at the annual meeting, May 1st, 1780, and "being a day of festivity, the objection was waved," but on that brother resigning that office on November 1st on the plea of ill-health, it was resolved that "it is incompatible with the laws of this society for any brother to hold more than one office in the Grand Lodge at the same time"; thus ended the matter.



BRO. HENRY SADLER, GRAND TYLER OF ENGLAND,
P.P.G.D.C. KENT.

Colonel Jacob Sawbridge succeeded in 1785, his installation taking place in the City of Canterbury, the appointment being made by H.R.H. the Duke of Cumberland as Grand Master; and in 1794, while H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was on the Masonic Throne, Dr. William Perfect became the ruler of the province, the ceremony of installation being held at Faversham in 1795, being the fifth during the eighteenth century. At Maidstone, in 1810, Sir Walter J. James, Bart., was installed as his successor, the seventh Provincial Grand Master being General Sir Samuel Hulse, G.C.B., who was a very distinguished Craftsman, the first Deputy Master of the Prince of Wales' Lodge in 1787, holding that office to 1820, and was also Provincial Grand Master of Sussex from 1788. His duties for the Province of Kent began in 1814, under the *United Grand Lodge of England*, so it will be convenient now to take a glance backward at what the "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons" did in the county, and how the "Moderns" fared from 1770 to 1813, inclusive.

Greenwich and Woolwich were included in the province prior to 1814, but having since been omitted we shall follow the same plan and make a free use of Bro. Hughan's valuable tables prepared from time to time for the *Fremasons' Manual* for Kent.

Excluding military lodges with warrants located at Dover, &c., because sojourners only (though during the 18th century they were the means of making Freemasonry known in Great Britain and Ireland, as well as abroad, better than any other medium), there were many stationary charters issued by the "Ancients" for Kent; the first of those existing now being for Deptford in 1757 as No. 64, the members securing the vacant No. 13 two years later. It is now the Neptune, No. 22, London. The *United Industrial Lodge*, No. 31, Canterbury, has also an "Ancient" origin through No. 24 (which was started at Bristol in 1753), which it obtained in

1806, its name being selected through its union with a lodge in 1819, with a "modern" warrant of A.D. 1776. A centenary jewel was authorised in 1878.

The next on the roll of that Grand Lodge is the Prince Edwin, No. 125, Hythe, which, as 168, annexed the warrant of A.D. 1771, first of all at Bath; closely followed by the Adams, No. 158, originally started in 1778 at Sheerness, where it still assembles, and has a centenary warrant of A.D. 1897. It works with the old charter which was re-delivered to some of the members in 1797, on the revival of the lodge. The *United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence*, No. 184, New Brompton, has well earned its prefix, for in 1824, original Nos. 260 and 318 joined the senior of the trio, No. 243 of the "Ancients," a charter of consolidation being granted on April 17th of that year, as well as a warrant of confirmation in 1833. Until the final name was selected, others used were "Royal Marine," "Globe," "United Globe," and "United Chatham." A centenary warrant was obtained in 1888.

The last of the "Ancients" on the existing roll for Kent is Peace and Harmony, started at Maidstone in 1791, and located at Dover from 1801, the present number being 199. A still later lodge was at Rotherhithe, No. 320, in 1799, and after various changes in two other counties, it found a resting place at Devonport in 1860, and is now Fidelity, No. 230.

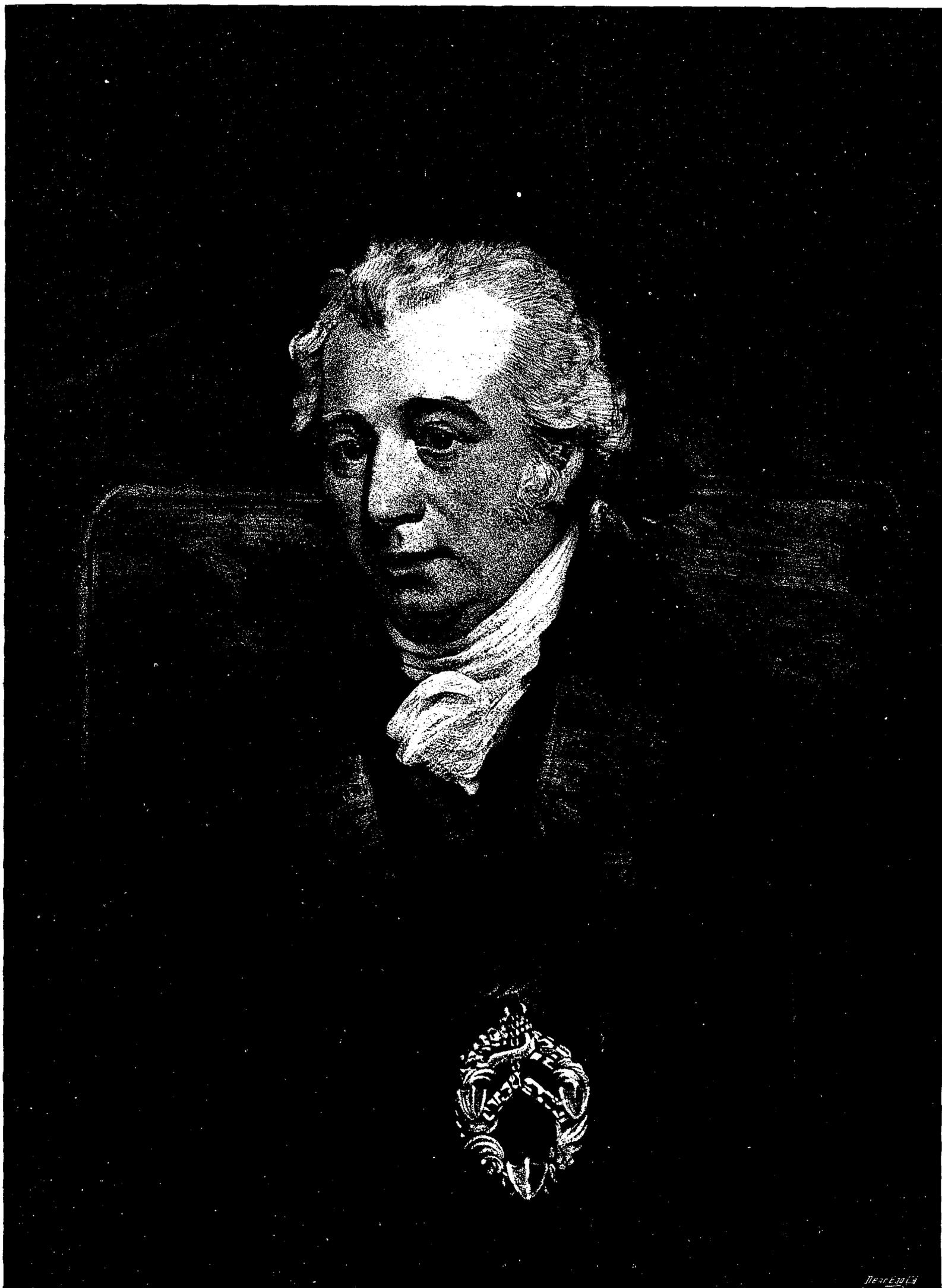
The only other eighteenth century lodge still on the roll is the *Emulation*, No. 299, Dartford, which was established by warrant of 4th January, 1793, signed at Faversham by Bro. Julius Shepherd, D.P.G.M., by command of Colonel Sawbridge. The centenary warrant was granted in 1893.

The province during the nineteenth century, especially the latter part, advanced by leaps and bounds. The Hon. W. T. E. T. Fiennes, afterwards Lord Saye and Sele, became the Provincial Grand Master in 1830 (installed at Chatham in the following year); the lodges still existing and granted during his rule being the *Royal Navy*, No. 429, Ramsgate



BRO. FRANK HITCHENS,
PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR AND CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE.

(A.D. 1835); the *Sympathy*, No. 483, Gravesend (A.D. 1842); and the *Belvidere*, No. 503, Maidstone (A.D. 1844). His lordship's successor was the R.W. Bro. L. Charles Humfrey, Q.C., in 1847, and who died in 1852; the R.W. Bro. Charles Purton Cooper, Q.C., following in 1853, the inaugural meeting taking place at Folkestone on the 20th June. His resignation occurred in May, 1860, and he subsequently resided in France, being a frequent contributor for many years to the defunct *Fremasons' Magazine*.



William Perfect, M.D., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, 1794-1809.

The new lodges for that period, 1853-60, are St. John and St. Paul, No. 615, Belvedere; the Invicta, No. 709, Ashford; and the Wellington, No. 784, Deal.

On the 18th of June, 1860, the Earl Amherst (then Viscount Holmesdale, M.P.) was appointed by patent of the revered Earl of Zetland, M.W. Grand Master, to be Provincial Grand Master of Kent, being the eleventh on whom that honour has been conferred from the year 1770, but not one of his lordship's successors has held that honourable office anything like so long, nor indeed have any worked to the same extent for the welfare of the province. There were seventeen lodges in Kent when the present Provincial Grand Master was appointed, the first granted



FIELD-MARSHAL THE RIGHT HON. SIR SAMUEL HULSE,
PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF KENT, 1814-1829.

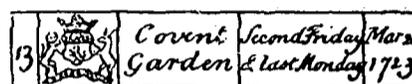
since then being the Sydney, No. 829, Sidcup, which was constituted in November, the month after his lordship's installation at Greenwich. *There are now sixty-seven*, an extraordinary advance, and proves how wonderful has been the prosperity of the Craft in Kent during the genial and efficient rule of their beloved Provincial Grand Master. The membership cannot now be less than 5,000, a still greater increase during the period.

Another indication of the remarkable vitality of the brethren in Kent is to be found in the sums donated to the Central Masonic Charities, over £18,000 being subscribed during the five years, 1898-1902.

One can quite understand the pride felt by the brethren in seeing their Provincial Grand Master raised to the exalted position of the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of England, an honour conferred by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (now His Majesty King Edward VII.) in 1898, and likewise confirmed by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as the Most Worshipful Grand Master; Lord Amherst having been the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master from 1896 to that year; the vacancy created being due to the decease of the lamented Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., the long esteemed Pro Grand Master.

Lord Amherst has been ably supported by his Deputy Provincial Grand Masters for the time being, and particularly by most energetic Provincial Grand Secretaries, and other more or less permanent officers.

Bro. W. F. Dodson, M.P., was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master from 1860, followed by Bro. Edward Water (formerly Provincial Grand Secretary) in 1873, and by the lamented Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D., in 1874. On his



OLD TAVERN SIGNS.

decease, the Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.G. Swd. Br., who has been the indefatigable Provincial Grand Secretary from 1873. His successor as the Secretary of the province is Bro. S. R. Macartney, who, though young in years, Masonically and generally, is undoubtedly the right brother in the right place, and being fond of work is sure to get it. Portraits of these brothers so distinguished, will be found in recent numbers of the MASONIC ILLUSTRATED.

The Province of Kent has long been favoured with an excellent *Freemasons' Manual*, which was originated and ably edited by the late Bro. T. S. Warne, of Rochester, in 1878. On his decease, quite recently, Bro. Frank Hitchens, P.M. 77, Past Provincial Grand Registrar, succeeded to the editorial chair, the duties of which he discharged most admirably on the lines previously laid down. On his retirement in 1902, the twenty-sixth edition has been under the care and most efficient supervision of Bro. S. R. Macartney, P.M. 1464, the present Provincial Grand Secretary.

Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

THE Annual Festival of our chief, or what might very properly be called our official, school of Masonic ritual and ceremony was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, on the 27th February. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., who presided as Worshipful Master, and was supported by Bros. Lord Barnard, Provincial Grand Master for Durham (President of the Festival); George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal; Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary; and many other Grand Officers and brethren, numbering upwards of 450. Bro. E. Cutler, K.C., P.G. Organist, presided at the organ, and played selections during the assembling of the brethren. The work was the First

Lecture, in which Bros. Sudlow, Oliver Notcutt, J. F. Roberts, Algernon L. Collins, W. R. Bennett, J. H. Jenks, R. L. Devonshire, and T. W. Allsop, took part. It was listened to with wrapt attention, and at the close was heartily applauded.

Lord Barnard, in proposing a vote of thanks to those brethren who had taken part in the work, said that it had been with a feeling of profound admiration that he had listened to the lecture that had just been concluded. The very earnest reverence and the marvellous eloquence of the recitation must, he thought, have appealed to every brother who had heard them. He felt confident that the repetition of the ritual and the eloquence of its great teachers could not

but seriously advance the Order. He only wished it were possible that arrangements could be made for London brethren to deliver them in the provinces. Personally he congratulated the working brethren on their skill and ability, and concluded by moving a very hearty vote of thanks to those brethren who had been good enough to enlighten the company in the very excellent way they had then witnessed.

The motion was seconded by Bro. George Richards and carried with much applause.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, in returning thanks for the vote, remarked that he was well aware that great things were expected from every individual Freemason who took part in the work of the lodge, and on behalf of the seven brethren who had worked that evening he could say that they had been made happy if it had been proved that the great prestige and high standard of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had not suffered at their hands.

After a large number of names had been handed in to be balloted for at the next meeting the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a supper at Freemasons' Tavern.

The chair was occupied by Lord Barnard, who proposed the toast of "The King, Protector of the Order," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught."

Bro. C. E. Lewis proposed the toast of "The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers."

Bro. Geo. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal, in responding, remarked that the Grand Officers who had been present that evening had experienced a treat which did not often fall to their lot to witness. To dilate much on the marvellous accuracy, eloquence, and perfect rendering of the beautiful ritual presented to them would be but to paint the lily and to gild refined gold. It was a great advantage that so many were privileged to sit at the feet of that Gamaliel, their trusty and well-beloved Bro. Sudlow, and learn from him what was meant by the perfect ceremonies of Craft Masonry. Bro. Lord Barnard had alluded in his opening remarks to the loyalty of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Richards) was proud to say that in the district he ruled the Freemasons under the Grand Lodge of England were second to none in loyalty to King and Throne, and it had always been their aim there to uphold loyalty to the home of Freemasonry, as they did loyalty to the Empire to which they all belonged; and whether in the Transvaal or South Africa, God forbid that loyalty to the King and Empire and loyalty to the Grand Master were other than synonymous terms. If they ever were, he trusted he should not then be wearing the badge in that distant part. He wished a long career of Masonic usefulness to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

Bro. Sir E. Letchworth next said it was his privilege, as Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, to propose the next toast, and it was a privilege of which he availed himself with the very greatest pleasure, because it was one which required no speech to secure for the toast a favourable reception at the hands of the brethren, and because the subject of it was one which could not fail to receive the heartiest welcome. The toast was "The Health of the distinguished brother who had done them the great honour of presiding over their festival that evening." They were all probably aware that Lord Barnard was not only a Past Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of England, but that he presided over one of the most important provinces in the North of England, the members of every lodge of which were most devoted to him. His lordship had discharged his duties that evening with that geniality and ability which were so characteristic of him, and on behalf of the Committee of this lodge he begged to tender his warmest thanks to Lord Barnard for the great honour he had done the brethren by presiding over them.

Bro. Lord Barnard, in reply, said the toast, which had been proposed in such glowing terms by the Grand Secretary, he felt somehow or other to be entirely out of place. No thanks, he considered, were due to him for

presiding that evening; on the contrary, the gratitude ought to be on his part to the Grand Secretary and the brethren for giving him the opportunity of attending the most interesting among the many interesting Masonic functions he had ever been at. He attached the greatest importance to the perfect rendering of the ritual, and in the exalted position in the Craft he had the honour to hold in the important Province of Durham, he had always done his best to insist on the ritual being carried out in the best possible manner. After this visit, he should go back to his district and try more than ever before to insist—although he felt no insistence on his part was necessary—and encourage his brethren as much as he could to emulate the example he had had set before him that evening. He regretted, as he had already intimated in the lodge, that those opportunities were not more common than they were. Among the large number of brethren of various capacities enrolled in the Craft, all had not the same faculty or the same ability, but every brother could do his duty in one form or other, and, therefore, brethren who had a particular skill and aptitude, such as they had had in an unusual form that evening, had performed the ceremonies of the Order. Living, as he and some others did, some 250 miles from London, it was impossible that they should take that part in London ceremonial that they would like; and now and then, in some of the districts of set purpose, slight variations of ritual did creep in. Some said that, provided the sense was maintained the actual form of words was not important, but he did not altogether agree with that, because he felt it might lead to a deviation from the ancient landmarks of the Order, and, therefore, it was of the utmost use to the Craft in general that an institution like the Emulation Lodge of Improvement should exist. He only wished there were many others in different parts of the country. He was permitted now, before he sat down, to propose, on behalf of himself and all others who had the great privilege of attending, "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and most heartily and cordially did he present it to the brethren's notice. He coupled with the toast the name of their most capable and esteemed Master, Bro. Sudlow.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, in acknowledging the toast, expressed his very high appreciation of the honour again conferred upon him of responding to the toast of "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement." He thanked Lord Barnard for the extremely kind way in which he had presented the toast for their acceptance, and desired also to thank those Grand Officers and brethren who had assembled in such goodly numbers to celebrate with the Committee the virtual completion of eighty years of active work—work, he ventured to say, which was fraught with the greatest possible benefit throughout the whole of that period to the Craft. To whom on such an occasion did their thoughts naturally turn? To whom was the Craft really indebted for the teaching of that lodge? Surely, to those who, at the invitation of the Grand Lodge in 1813, gathered together the various and varying systems of ritual, digested, arranged, and brought them into a regular system—a system practised, he was glad to say, by most lodges in the present day; a system that, he submitted, could not be bettered by any improvements. It was curious and interesting to notice how the truth of the adage, that history repeats itself, had been exemplified in the annals of that lodge; he would give two instances only, but those who were reading the very ably written series of articles on the history of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, by Bro. Sadler, appearing now in the MASONIC ILLUSTRATED, would easily be able to find others. It appeared that in 1848 the Masons of Birmingham approached that lodge with a request that an expert might be deputed to visit them and bring their working into harmony with the Emulation Lodge system. The request was granted, and Bro. Honey, a pupil of Bro. Peter Gilkes, was commissioned to carry out the work. Some time after Bro. Honey had returned to this lodge, differences in the working began to creep in, and as these differences grew and multiplied, the Masons of Birmingham in 1891 again approached the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and invited an expert from that lodge to

again put them right. The expert on this second occasion was Bro. Sudlow, a pupil of Bro. Thomas Fenn. The next instance was no less singular. In 1840, Bro. Richard Daly was elected Secretary of that lodge. He was a member of the British Lodge, No. 8. To-day, in their Bro. Russell, they had not only one of the most genial, but one of the most devoted Secretaries the lodge ever possessed. Moreover, he was a Past Master of the British Lodge, No. 8. That was an age of record making and record breaking, and he confessed that he had a very great ambition to make a record in some way in connection with the lodge; but it was by no means easy. His twenty years' service as senior Past Master faded almost into insignificance in comparison with the achievements of more than one of his predecessors. Still, he did not propose to give up entirely all hope. Granted a continuance of health and of memory, he might yet see the fulfilment of his desire; but even if that was not to be, the future of the lodge was absolutely safe in the hands of his

colleagues, Bros. Lewis and Lander; they were masters of the ritual, and they were profoundly impressed with the importance and with the sacredness of the trust reposed in them as members of the Committee. Moreover, should vacancies occur in the course of time in the Committee, he was glad to say that at present there were not a few members of the lodge competent to fill the breach. That being so, he looked forward with every confidence to, he would say, twenty years' time, when the lodge would be celebrating its centenary, and then it would be found as strong, as useful, and as high in the estimation of the Craft as it was to-day.

The toast of "The Lodge of Unions, No. 256," under the warrant of which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement works, was given by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., and replied to by Bro. G. Booth Henning, P.M. and Treasurer of Lodge 256, and the toast of "The Secretary and Stewards," proposed by Bro. W. G. Kentish, and responded to by Secretary Bro. Joseph Russell, brought the meeting to a close.

United Grand Lodge.

THE quarterly communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th March, the Pro Grand Master presiding. The Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master for the Transvaal, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Victor Williamson, P.G. Warden, and Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.G. Chaplain, occupied the chairs of Senior and Junior Grand Warden respectively. A large number of brethren were present, the Temple being filled to its utmost capacity.

The first business after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the December communication was the election of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the duty of proposing the re-election of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught fell to the lot of Major Badham, P.G. Steward. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., and carried with acclamation, all the brethren standing while Bro. Frank Richardson, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, formally proclaimed his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The next business was the election of Grand Treasurer, and as no other brother had been nominated for the office, Bro. W. S. Penley shared the honour with the Grand Master of being elected by acclamation.

The report of the Board of Benevolence, presented by Bro. James H. Matthews, President, showed that during the previous quarter the sum of £3450 had been granted to 108 applicants, in sums varying from £5 to £200. The report was received and ordered to be entered in the minutes, and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was an unusually lengthy one. It contained a list of twenty-six Past Grand Officers who had been removed by death during the previous year, all of whom had been conspicuous by their devotion to the Craft. The report also contained a

recommendation that the salaries of the staff in the Grand Secretary's office should be increased in the following manner:—That of Assistant Grand Secretary from £500 a year to £600; the cashier and accountant from £400 to £450; and other members of the staff to £250 and £150, each by annual increments, and on the motion of Bro. Loveland-Loveland, K.C., President, the resolution was carried approving the several recommendations. The Board also reported that it had become necessary to summon to the last meeting a London brother at present filling the position of a Past Grand Officer to answer complaints of having withheld certain books from the lodge of which he had been Secretary, of having mutilated the minute book and inserted false minutes therein, and other charges which the Board had investigated and declared to have been proved, and had ordered the said brother to be suspended for the period of two years and six months, and further recommend that he be removed from his rank as Past Grand Officer. The Grand Registrar stated that the Board of General Purposes had gone so far as it was empowered to do by suspension, and moved—"That Grand Lodge having considered the communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, agreed to the propriety under the circumstances of removing the said brother from the rank to which he had been appointed, and respectfully requests the Grand Master to deprive him of his rank accordingly." The motion was carried unanimously.

The question of the unauthorised publication of matters relating to lodges was discussed, and resulted in a motion respectfully requesting the Pro Grand Master to communicate with the parties concerned, and that the general question be referred to the special consideration of the Board of General Purposes.

An appeal against a decision of the District Grand Master of British Guiana was presented by the Grand Registrar, who moved that it be dismissed, which resolution was carried.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712.

THE Jubilee Masters' Lodge, which is composed of the Masters and Past Masters of London lodges, was established in 1898, and was the outcome of the great meeting held at the Albert Hall in the previous year, to

celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, when the members of London lodges dined together to celebrate that historic event. Commencing with a list of founders numbering seventy-five, the lodge now comprises

representatives of nearly half the London lodges, and its complete success has been placed beyond doubt. Much of this has been due to the unwearied devotion to the interests of the lodge of Bro. Under-Sheriff J. D. Langton, who has from the first—with an interregnum of one year, during which he filled the Master's chair—acted as Secretary. The lodge also was fortunate in securing the services of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G. Treasurer, as its first Master, and the choice of his successors has been equally happy in the persons of such able Craftsmen as Bros. Imre Kiralfy, J. D. Langton, E. R. Bartley Denniss and F. C. Van Duzer. This year the Master's chair is filled by the able exponent of our standard type of working as practised in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, who was



BRO. R. CLAY SUDLOW, P.A.G.D.C.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Van Duzer, at the Hotel Cecil, on the 20th March. Nearly 200 brethren were present, and the proceedings were of a most interesting character. The Worshipful Master appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. R. J. Maitland Coffin, M.D., P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; Wm. Briggs, M.A., J.W.; W. Singleton Hooper, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., P.M., Secretary; H. Kemp, P.M., S.D.; J. H. Catten, J.D.; C. Butcher, I.G.; F. T. Pain, D.C.; G. H. Fennell, L. S. Burt, and H. Oppenheimer, M.D., Stewards; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The names of several brethren were proposed as joining members, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet followed, presided over by the Worshipful Master, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, that of "The Grand Officers" was submitted by Bro. Newton Crane, P.M., in a speech both eloquent and original. Referring to various forms of government, he said, that, "whatever is best governed, is best," and if they applied that test to Grand Lodge and the Grand Officers, they would find that the present form of government in Masonry, which had been so prosperous for many years, was best for all. They all had their preference for various forms of government. Some Englishmen preferred Republican, and many Americans might prefer Monarchical. Freemasonry was governed by a body which only seemed to rule, and which legislated in a way that all the subjects were content. The officers did not succeed each other by birth, and, therefore, it was not a hereditary monarchy. With a Grand Officer like their Worshipful Master, they knew the government was honoured, and the lodge was also honoured in having him,

and when it came to the I.P.M., Bro. Van Duzer, his appointment showed a wise selection, and they were very proud of him, not only because they were affectionately attached to him, but for the good work he had done. He wished to pay homage to Grand Lodge for honouring an American. Other Grand Officers were Bros. Kiralfy, Langton, and Denniss, but they had a guest present who had come from the remotest parts and whose name he coupled with the toast.

Bro. G. Richards, D.G.M. Transvaal, in reply, described himself as an "over sea" Grand Officer—one of the guardians of the outposts of His Majesty's dominions. He could, therefore, speak of the energy, skill, and ability with which the Grand Officers controlled the affairs of Grand Lodge. He congratulated the Worshipful Master, wishing him health and strength, and hoped he would live for many years to confirm them in the opinion that he was one of the pillars of Grand Lodge.

"The Worshipful Master" was then given by Bro. Van Duzer, I.P.M. He said that those who could look back many years could realise what the Worshipful Master had done in the Craft, and those responsible for introducing Bro. Sudlow into Masonry deserved their deep debt of gratitude. The Worshipful Master had shown in the various offices he had held that determination to do the work as it should be done, and in rising to the proud position of head of the great Lodge of Emulation, had shown to the brethren of this country not only what Masonry is, but also how the ritual should be rendered. He wished to congratulate the brethren on having such a Worshipful Master, and also to tell Bro. Sudlow how glad they felt when he permitted his name to be put forward. Every member would give him loyal and hearty support.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., Worshipful Master, said it was a phase in the life of a Mason to be installed in the chair of his lodge, but it was a very notable phase in the life of a Past Master to be elected to the chair of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge. He was deeply sensible of the great honour they had conferred upon him, and was very grateful to the I.P.M. for the kindly words in which he had put the toast before them. When he was elected Master a member said to him, "Now we shall expect great things." It was a remark not altogether calculated to make a Worshipful Master elect feel comfortable and at his ease. At the same time it was an absolutely just and fair remark. They had every right to expect great things from the brother they put into that chair. It might be that he could not do great things, but he was positive and certain that the Jubilee Masters' Lodge could do great things. He was very anxious to see the lodge identified with some practical schemes which should be not only for the benefit of the members of the lodge, but far-reaching. In this connection he was delighted to hear from the Secretary that the charity organisation scheme had found much favour, but if that was to be the success it deserved to be he thought that the London lodges must be more largely represented in their lodge. He was going to ask great things of the members, and ask them during the next twelve months to bring into their lodge the Worshipful Master or a Past Master of every lodge not yet represented, and this would be of immense service in pushing forward the organisation they had in hand.

The Worshipful Master called attention to a handsome lodge banner presented by Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.M., who was heartily thanked for the gift.

In response to "The Visitors," Bros. Trehawke Davies, W.M. 2771; Bril, W.M. 2160; and Harvey, W.M. 2191, replied.

"The I.P.M. and Past Masters" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, who presented Bro. Van Duzer, I.P.M., with a silver beaker in the name of the lodge.

Bro. Van Duzer, P.A.G.D.C., I.P.M., expressed his deep thanks for the handsome gift, and also for the Past Master's jewel. He would drink from the beaker to their health, and wish them the greatest happiness and success during their lives.

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The Right of Visitation.

MANY brethren regard the visits they may pay to lodges not their own as a privilege that has been wholly conferred upon them by the courtesy and good will of the brother who invited them, and the lodge which has admitted them within its portals. Such excellent feelings on all sides ought not to be discouraged, but there is a possibility that the *right* of visiting may be lost sight of in the interchange of courtesies.

Under certain limitations, any Freemason in good standing has the inalienable right to visit any lodge in the world which is also in good standing, and which holds under a recognised Grand Lodge.

Whilst the chief limitation referred to is that conveyed in the expression, "in good standing," there are one or two of lesser importance, and we shall notice them in their order. For the purpose under discussion, good standing on the part of the visitor means, first of all, that he shall be a member of

some regularly warranted lodge, and that he shall have paid his dues, or at all events shall not be liable to any of the penal provisions of his lodge by-laws on account of his failure to have done so. If he be what is called an unattached Mason, a phrase that ought to describe a brother whose attachment to the Order is declining, he can, however, only visit the same lodge once during his disability.

Now it may be asked, how is it to be known how a brother stands in his own lodge, when he presents himself, say, at the door of a lodge a hundred miles away from home, and where he is unknown to anyone? A practice prevails in some lodges of granting a "no dues certificate," armed with which a brother has been known to go round the world, tasting Masonic hospitality wherever he has willed. Such a certificate is quite illegal. Article 203 allows a certificate to be given of all dues having been paid, but only for the purpose of "joining another lodge." Whether the word "join" can be held to include visiting, may be left to the casuists.

Article 213 also deals with the granting of certificates, but only to brethren who have severed their connection with their lodge, or who have had it severed for them. Neither of these articles contemplates a certificate for visiting purposes. It is therefore the practice, in some lodges, for the Tyler to obtain from the visitor an affirmation that he has never been excluded nor expelled, and that he does not labour under any other form of Masonic disability.

Up to this point the visitor has only got as far as the ante-room. Further trials await him. His Grand Lodge certificate has to be produced, and if that important document be framed, as it often is, and hanging up in his study at home, he has only himself to blame if he be sent about his business. He will be asked to sign his name, and signatures will be compared, *ne varietur*. This is all preliminary to the real business.

The last of the charges read to the Worshipful Master at his installation, enjoin upon him that visitors to his lodge shall be "duly examined." If the brother be a stranger to all present, all this procedure is absolutely imperative, but if he be known to some brother present who can vouch for him, some of it may be omitted. But in any case, whether vouched for or not, the Worshipful Master is quite within his rights in insisting upon the visitor standing on his own footing. Brethren ought to be very careful for whom they vouch. Common report or hearsay is not good enough. The two should have sat in open lodge together, and even then the vouching can only extend to the degree in which the lodge happened to be working.

Carelessness in this respect multiplies itself with great rapidity. For, imagine a case in which a visitor has gained admission into a lodge to which, with proper precautions taken, he could or ought not, henceforth there are some forty brethren to whom, in the future, he can appeal as having sat with him in open lodge, and thus the original error is beyond recall.

The right of an unattached Freemason to visit a lodge once has often been discussed, but it appears reasonable to suppose it was permitted in order to allow a brother to choose for himself a new Masonic home. The objection on the part of some to allow indiscriminate invasion of their lodges by strangers, who, they argue, are actuated only by curiosity or by the desire to pass a spare evening pleasantly, has its origin in one great mistake. The proceedings of a lodge are not a private concern, in so far as ritual work is concerned. If the business of the evening is to admit a candidate to the Order, it concerns every Freemason in the world, in a more or less degree. The lodge is not only admitting a new member into its own ranks, but it is admitting him to the light of Freemasonry, and making him a member of the larger brotherhood on which the sun is always at its meridian. To that extent the honour of the whole Order is for the time being in its keeping, a consideration which ought to invest the ballot box with a good deal of solemnity.

The Worshipful Master has a discretionary power to refuse admission to visitors whose presence he thinks may disturb the harmony of the lodge, but it is hard to see how

he can entertain any such opinion with regard to the visitor who is an utter stranger. The presence of a stranger at all has been known to disturb some lodges, but Article 151 does not contemplate this abstract objection.

What should be the object in view to justify a brother in putting every one concerned to the amount of trouble we have described. One motive has been mentioned, the desire to spend a pleasant evening. The motive is a very laudable one, as it infers a high appreciation of the Order which can bring the lodge meeting into successful competition with all the other means of distraction to be found in our large towns. The brother who turns up at a strange lodge actuated by such a motive, will certainly be one who is regular and punctual in attendance at his own lodge. Perhaps he comes to learn, another very laudable motive, and one specially recognised by Article 149 of the Constitutions. A Freemason should be always learning, and the only fount of instruction officially open to him is the lodge meeting.

He may be, and in the colonies often is, "down on his luck," and he hopes to find a friend or two. Now this kind of visiting brother is discouraged, and brethren who make a trade of this sort of thing are now and then deservedly exposed. But until it is proved that the visitor is making a trade of it, his motive is a perfectly Masonic one, and it is only in accordance with the teaching of the lecture at the North-east part of the lodge that he should receive a warm welcome, and made to feel that there is a disposition to help him.

It is the right of visitation, and the cordial recognition of that right that more than any thing else tends to make Freemasonry what it aims to be—a world-wide Brotherhood founded on the eternal principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



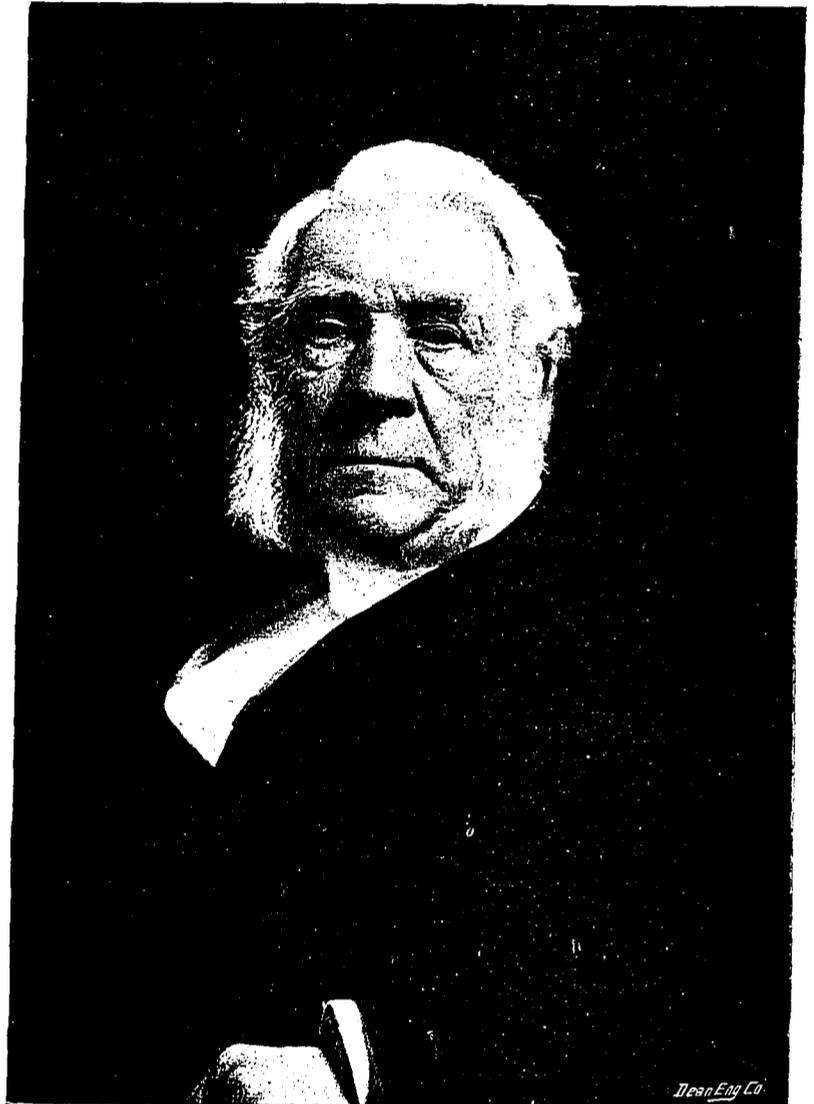
The new Library at Freemasons' Hall was the scene on the 1st of April of a very pleasant gathering. The room was filled with a large number of Grand Officers and ladies, and the occasion was the presentation of a portrait of himself to the Grand Secretary and Lady Letchworth. It will be remembered that Sir Edward Letchworth was last year the recipient of numerous gifts and innumerable letters of congratulation on the occasion of his marriage. The Grand Officers, both Present and Past, were naturally among the first to convey to him their good wishes, and also to give expression in some more tangible form to their esteem and affection.

A small committee was formed with Bro. Sir Horace Brooks Marshall as Treasurer and Bro. Under-Sheriff Langton as Secretary, and although the amount of each subscription was limited to one guinea, a sum of nearly 400 guineas was quickly subscribed; the name of almost every Grand Officer residing in England appearing on the list. In selecting the form which the present should assume the wishes of both Sir Edward and Lady Letchworth were consulted, and the desire of the latter to possess a portrait of her husband led to the commission being placed in the hands of Mr. Oules, R.A., and the result has been the production of such a work of art as might have been expected from the brush of so distinguished an artist.

The presentation was made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Bucknill in a characteristically genial and happy speech. To this Sir Edward responded in feeling and grateful terms, and

a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., seconded by Sir Horace Marshall, terminated the pleasant proceedings.

An interesting personality amongst the great ones of the Craft has recently passed away from our ranks in the person of the late Bro. James Glaisher, F.S.A., F.R.S., Past Grand Deacon. Although best known as the most daring aerial navigator of modern times, his fame rested on a more solid basis, for he was not the least authority of his day on many subjects of scientific research, having virtually created the meteorological department at Greenwich, and founded the Royal Meteorological Society in 1850.



THE LATE BRO. JAMES GLAISHER.

Initiated into Freemasonry in 1863, in the Britannic Lodge, No. 33, our late distinguished brother's attainments in the Craft were recognised ten years afterwards by his appointment as Senior Grand Deacon in Grand Lodge, and Assistant Grand Sojourner in the Royal Arch. He on two occasions filled the chair of his mother lodge, and was the first M.E.Z. of the well-known St. Mary's Chapter, No. 63.

Not to many of us has been given the experience of such adventures as were experienced by the late Bro. Glaisher. On the occasion of his greatest balloon ascent at Wolverhampton he became unconscious in mid-air, and having in the meantime ascended to the unprecedented height of seven miles, he recovered to find himself descending at the rate of 2000 feet a minute! Our deceased brother died in his ninety-fourth year.

The Worshipful Master of the Asaph Lodge, Bro. Louis Honig, at its recent meeting, paid a warm tribute of admiration and esteem to the memory of the late Bro. W. Meyer Lutz, who was one of its oldest Past Masters and a Past Grand Organist of Grand Lodge. As a composer and

musician Bro. Lutz, he said, was one of the greatest masters in London. Skilled in technological science and instrumentation, a superior organist and an inspiring conductor, able to infuse and obtain desired effects without any apparent effort and unnecessary display, due to his intimate acquaintance with, and appreciation of, the full scores he was entrusted to execute. Had there existed a better demand for elaborate compositions, Bro. Lutz would undoubtedly have achieved still greater distinction. This alone prevented him from devoting the best part of his life entirely to the classics. He possessed a keen appreciation of humour and a store of sparkling wit, as is evidenced in his delightful "Musicians I have met," which appeared in the *Era Annual* for 1902.

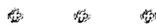


There was a very large gathering at the Bridge House Hotel on Saturday, February 28th, when Bro. J. F. Henley was installed Worshipful Master of the Alleyne Lodge, No. 2647. Bro. Henley is an official of the House of Commons, and several of the most distinguished Masons in that assembly were present at his installation. Viscount Valentia, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was the Installing Master, and was supported by Bros. Colonel Lockwood, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Essex; Sir Joseph Dimsdale, Bart., M.P.; the Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire; and Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary. Besides these brethren, a number of Members of Parliament wrote expressing their extreme regret at being unable to be



BRO. J. F. HENLEY.

present. These included Sir John Aird, M.P.; the Hon. R. Greville, M.P.; the Hon. A. Stanley, M.P.; the Hon. J. Hozier, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland; Sir F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Worcestershire; Sir Thomas Firbank, M.P.; George Lambert, M.P.; Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., Grand Master of Middlesex; H. S. Samuel, M.P.; Lord H. Bentinck, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland; F. S. W. Cornwallis, P.G.W.; Ernest Flower, M.P.; Admiral Lord C. Beresford; Sir Joseph Lawrence, M.P.; Major Seely, M.P., P.M. 698; and telegrams from many other distinguished brethren.



After the ceremony was over, a banquet was served in the hotel. "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Viscount Valentia, who said that he had known Bro. Henley for many years. He was confident that he was well fitted to fill the high office to which he was called, and he was gratified at having the pleasure of installing him.

Speeches were also delivered during the evening by Colonel Lockwood, the Hon. T. F. Halsey, and Sir Edward Letchworth. An excellent programme of music was provided, and guests and members alike voted the evening one of the most pleasant in the history of the lodge. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Sidney Gandy.



Bro. Lieut.-Col. William Watts, whose installation as Worshipful Master of the newly consecrated Royal and Loyal Lodge is reported in another column, was initiated into Masonry in Lodge Honour and Friendship, No. 1266, Blandford, Dorset, in 1886, and in 1895 took a prominent part in founding the St. Aldhelms Lodge, No. 2559, Branksome. He is also Senior Warden of Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765, Kensington, a member of the Quadratic Lodge, No. 1691, and while serving with the Forces in South Africa became a member of the Wynberg Lodge, No. 2577. In 1895 he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden for Dorset.



Bro. Col. Watts was exalted in the St. Cuthberga Royal Arch Chapter, No. 622, Wimborne, and became M.E.Z. in 1892. He is now Z. elect of the Quadratic Chapter in the Province of Middlesex. In Mark Masonry he has also taken an active part, having been advanced in the St. Cuthberga Lodge, becoming Worshipful Master in 1892, and Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Dorset in 1894. While in South Africa he acted for same as Deputy District Grand Master of the Southern Division. Col. Watts is also a Past M.W.S. of the Vigne Rose Croix Chapter, and a Past E.P. of the Hyde Preceptory of Knights Templars. It only remains to be said that he has not failed in the cardinal Masonic virtue of charity, having served seventeen times as Steward to the three Masonic Institutions.



"Eastbourne's desire that the Duke of Devonshire should not only receive the freedom of the borough, in special recognition of his gift of a valuable site for a free library and technical institute, but should lay the foundation-stone of the necessary building with Masonic ceremony will not surprise Freemasons. There would be a special fitness, indeed, in the Lord President of the Council performing this ceremony at Eastbourne, as that is the home of the earliest founded of the three Hartington Lodges which exist in this country, the others being at Barrow-in-Furness and Derby, all these places being closely associated with the Cavendish family. But when in 1862 the Hartington Lodge at Eastbourne was established, the Marquis of Hartington (as the present Duke of Devonshire then was) had already been a Provincial Grand Master for four years, he having succeeded his kinsman, the sixth Duke, in 1858, as Grand Master for the Province of Derby when he was but twenty-five. That kinsman himself had been called to the position in 1814, when he was twenty-four; and this is a striking example of Masonic continuity, only to be nearly paralleled by the tenure of the Grand Mastership of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, which has been filled since its creation in 1817 by no more than three persons, and those the three successive holders of the peerage of Zetland, one of whom became Grand Master of England. The Duke of Devonshire, it may be added, holds the second place in point of seniority among the Provincial Grand Masters, the premier position being occupied by Lord Leigh, who last year celebrated the jubilee of his presidency over the Masonic Province of Warwickshire." These facts we glean from the *Westminster*, whose Masonic Correspondent provides the editor from time to time with various interesting notes on "the Craft."



The extraordinary increase in the Craft in Aldershot that has occurred since the troops returned from South Africa bids fair to continue, judging by what has taken place in the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331, since the installation night in January. Last year fifty-one candidates were initiated, all, with one or two exceptions, being serving

soldiers. This year so far twenty-six candidates have been proposed and approved, and nearly all initiated, four emergency meetings having been necessary to cope with the amount of work entailed. At the last regular meeting on Wednesday, 11th March, fourteen more candidates were nominated and two joining members, so that the Worshipful Master and his officers have yet to face some heavy work. The extraordinary popularity of the Craft in the Army at the present time is due to a large extent to the undoubted benefits Masons received in South Africa. Military Masons who fell into the hands of the Boers in many cases received far better treatment than the other prisoners, much to the astonishment of the unenlightened, whilst more than one owed his liberty to his membership of the Order.



COMP. E. G. FINCH.

On Monday, 9th March, the annual installation of principals of the Aldershot Camp Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 1331, took place at the Masonic Hall, Al'ershot. There were a very large number of visiting companions present, besides a big muster of companions of the chapter. The First Principal's chair was filled by M.E. Comp. F. Hazzard, P.Z. 903, P.P.G.D. of C., by invitation, in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Atkinson, M.E.Z. The ceremony of installation was performed by Comp. J. Yond, Comp. E. G. Finch being exalted to the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. J. B. Harrison, H.; and Comp. W. Cockburn, J. The newly installed M.E.Z. then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Comps. G. H. Lawrence, Scribe E.; H. A. Roberts, Scribe N.; E. J. Sercombe, Treasurer; J. H. West, P.S.; C. E. Atkins, 1st A.S.; C. Webster, 2nd A.S.; J. R. Boxall, D.C.; A. Foulkes and H. Reilly, Stewards; and G. Richardson, Janitor. At the banquet, which followed the closing of the chapter, the usual Masonic toasts were honoured, that of "The Visitors" being responded to by Comps. Yond, Hazzard, and Wynne.

Bro. W. F. Lamonby writes:—"Referring to Bro. J. Spiers' note in the March number of the MASONIC ILLUSTRATED, on the incident of the Past Grand Warden's jewel, presented to the King of Oude's envoy by the Duke of Sussex in 1836, this same matter was brought under my notice some years ago. The inference, I think, is a very safe one, as to how the jewel in question found its way to Queensland. The King of Oude played a very prominent part in the Indian Mutiny in 1857, and was captured at the fall of Delhi. No doubt, therefore, the jewel was a part of

the loot which fell into the hands of the British Army, and subsequently was taken to Queensland by a soldier, on the removal of his regiment from India to Brisbane. It would, perhaps, be worth the while of Bro. Spiers, the first time he is in Brisbane, to take the jewel round to the various pawnshops of the city and inquire whether such an article was ever taken in pledge or was ever on sale?"



The Standard during the past few weeks has been publishing some correspondence in reference to the correct spelling of the word By-laws or Bye-laws. Bro. Case, Provincial Grand Secretary for Dorset, is responsible for raising the question in the following letter:—

"By-laws *versus* Bye-laws. To the Editor of *The Standard*. Sir,—There seems to be a growing tendency to alter the old spelling of this word from By to Bye. Until recently, in Acts of Parliament and other important official documents it was spelt By-laws. Johnson's Dictionary, Todd's edition, 1818, gives the following:—

"By-law, n.s. [Sax, bilaze]. 'By-laws are orders made in court leets, or court barons by common assent, for the good of those that make them.'—Cowel.

"There was also a law to restrain the by-laws and ordinance of corporation.'—Bacon.

"In the beginning of this record is inserted the law or institution to which are added two by-laws as a comment upon the general law.'—Addison.

"I think that Johnson, with the additional authorities of Cowel, Bacon, and Addison, should be sufficient to preserve By-laws from any variation of spelling which only serves to perplex but not to enlighten one.

"I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
"Dorchester, March 11. "ROBERT CASE."



This was followed by a letter from Mr. J. Foster Palmer, who maintained that Bro. Case was perfectly right, and stated that he had recently had occasion to trace its meaning and derivation for the purpose of framing rules for a society. It was derived, he said, from the Danish word "by," a town—so frequently met with in this country as a termination to place-names—from Rugby in the South to Duncansby Head in the North, and always as a certain proof of Scandinavian occupation. It originally referred to the laws of a "town" as distinct from the laws of the state, and naturally came to be applied to all laws, whether of a town, or corporation, or society, or of any body of men requiring special laws of their own in order to carry out the particular functions for which they had incorporated themselves.



Another writer takes the view that the word is formed in the same way as "Bypath," "Byname," "Byblow," "Bystreet," "Bylane," "Bywork." In all, the prefix by implies something accessory or additional, and in high German is generally translated by the word "neben," meaning "near," *i.e.*, by. "Byname" is in German "Beiname"; "Bywork," is "Nebenwerk," and so on. After all, English is a Teutonic tongue at bottom; and questions of this kind can often be decided by reference to the other Teutonic languages. "By-law" in German is "Nebengesetz," *i.e.*, a "near or bylaw."



Bro. Case sums up the correspondence as follows:—
"This correspondence ended without producing one letter from the advocates of the 'perverted' spelling, so that it may be presumed the above quoted authorities could not be upset. Probably the new spelling originated from simple carelessness and has continued from indifference, but ill weeds grow apace even in official circles. May we venture to express a hope that the authorities who should be foremost in preserving the etymology of our English language, will restore the original spelling of by-laws in our official documents. 'Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.'—Michael Angelo."

Installation Meeting of the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771.

THE installation meeting of this important lodge was held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday, the 17th March, when Bro. F. Trehawke Davies was installed Worshipful Master. He appointed and invested his officers as follows, with the exception of Bro. E. Lockwood, who was absent in South Africa :—Bros. E. Lockwood, S.W. ; J. Bannister Howard, J.W. ; the Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, D.D., P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain ; Clarence Sounes, Treasurer ; Stanley Pringle, Secretary ; George Robins, S.D. ; Duncan Tovey, J.D. ; James Chapman, I.G. ; W. S. Penley, Grand Treasurer elect, D.C. ; A. J. Winter, E. T.



BRO. F. TREHAWKE DAVIES.

Addyman, and J. Louis Knight, Stewards ; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The ceremony and addresses were rendered with exceptional impressiveness and dignity by the outgoing Master, Bro. Alexr. Watson, S.G.W. Bucks, to whom in the lodge the Worshipful Master presented a Past Master's jewel.

The subsequent banquet was partaken of by about seventy brethren.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master stated that he had amongst them many friends, and it was an especial honour and pleasure to have the Venerable Archdeacon of London as Chaplain of the lodge. It was also quite unique to welcome three Grand Treasurers—they had both the present, the past, and the Grand Treasurer elect amongst them.

In reply, Bro. Archdeacon Sinclair said he was glad to

take the opportunity to thank the Worshipful Master for the great honour he had bestowed upon him in appointing him Chaplain of the lodge. It was most pleasant to him to end his day of labour with such a congenial gathering. He was most impressed by the addresses given by Bro. Watson, and thought they contained more flowers of speech than he had before discovered, which was no doubt due to the admirable manner in which they had been delivered.

Bro. Captain J. Barlow also tendered his hearty thanks.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said it was very difficult to talk about the Worshipful Master's virtues, and quite impossible to speak of his vices, for he had none, and if he confined himself to the former he would, like Tennyson's "brook," go on for ever. He was a young Mason, yet he was Secretary of three lodges, and devoted a great deal of his time to Masonic work, although he had other work to do in the municipality of Marylebone. He announced that the Worshipful Master reached his fiftieth birthday this year and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, and sincerely trusted the year would be a happy one to himself, his wife, and his daughter.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said he was exceedingly nervous, and the very flattering speech of the I.P.M. rendered him even more so. He would say, however, he had done, and would do, his best for the lodge, although he felt he was a very young Mason to become a Worshipful Master. He thanked the brethren most heartily for having elected him and for the way they had received the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to propose the combined toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and remarked how excellently they had done their work. As an example, he referred to the installation ceremony, and said that it had made so great an impression upon him that it would never be effaced from his memory.

The I.P.M. thanked the Worshipful Master exceedingly for the terms in which he had proposed the toast. He had determined for months past, if he was only well enough, to instal his very dear old friend in the chair. He vacated the office with feelings of regret, as he had not done all he perhaps might have done ; but it was a great consolation to him to know that the lodge had such an admirable Master.

Bro. E. R. Bartley Denniss said he conceived that it was the duty of the Past Masters to look after the ordinary members of the lodge, and exhorted them to be perfect Masons, kind, and courteous, which would generate feelings of happiness to themselves and the other brethren. He paid a kindly tribute to Bro. Penley, who, he assured them, was one of the best and truest men he had ever come across, and he thought he most thoroughly deserved the great honour he had received at the hands of the Craft, an honour, too, that was much appreciated by the members of the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given by the Worshipful Master and responded to by Bro. Harry Nicholls.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast followed, and a delightful musical programme terminated the proceedings.

Royal and Loyal Lodge, No. 2952.

THE above lodge, founded in the interests of the cadets of the King's Royal Rifles, was consecrated at the Great Eastern Hotel on Thursday, February 26th, and the beautiful ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Major-General Astley Terry, G.S.B., as S.W. ; Lieut.-

Col. G. E. Blunt, P.G.S.B., as J.W. ; the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., P.G.C., as Chaplain ; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Reg., as D. of C. ; and Major H. Vane Stow, D.G. Swd. Br., as I.G. ; upon completion of which Bro. Col. Williams Watts, C.B., P.P.S.G.W. Dorset, was installed as Worshipful Master, and invested his officers as follows :—

Bros. Major F. W. Pixley, P.P.G. Reg. Bucks, S.W. ; Bandmaster Hiram Henton, P.M., J.W. ; Capt. M. P. Molesworth, Treasurer ; Staff-Paymaster Orton Cooper, Secretary ; Bandmaster John R. Hansford, S.D. ; Colour-Sergeant H. Viney, J.D. ; Colour-Sergeant T. W. Roberts, I.G. ; Lieut.-Col. R. M. Holden, D. of C. ; Frank Swinford, Organist ;



BRO. LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM WATTS, C.B.

and Arthur Spawforth and Colour-Sergeant A. Dudson, Stewards. The Consecrating Officers were elected hon. members and the Grand Secretary was presented with a founder's jewel. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a dinner, after which the loyal toasts were duly given and honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master remarked that he hoped those present would come again, and he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, P.G.C., who, in a brief reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind reception they had met with.

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said that all knew it was a very difficult task to start a new lodge, and great credit was due to the Worshipful Master. There were, he said, twenty-seven candidates for initiation, which would put the Worshipful Master on his mettle and give him plenty of work to do.

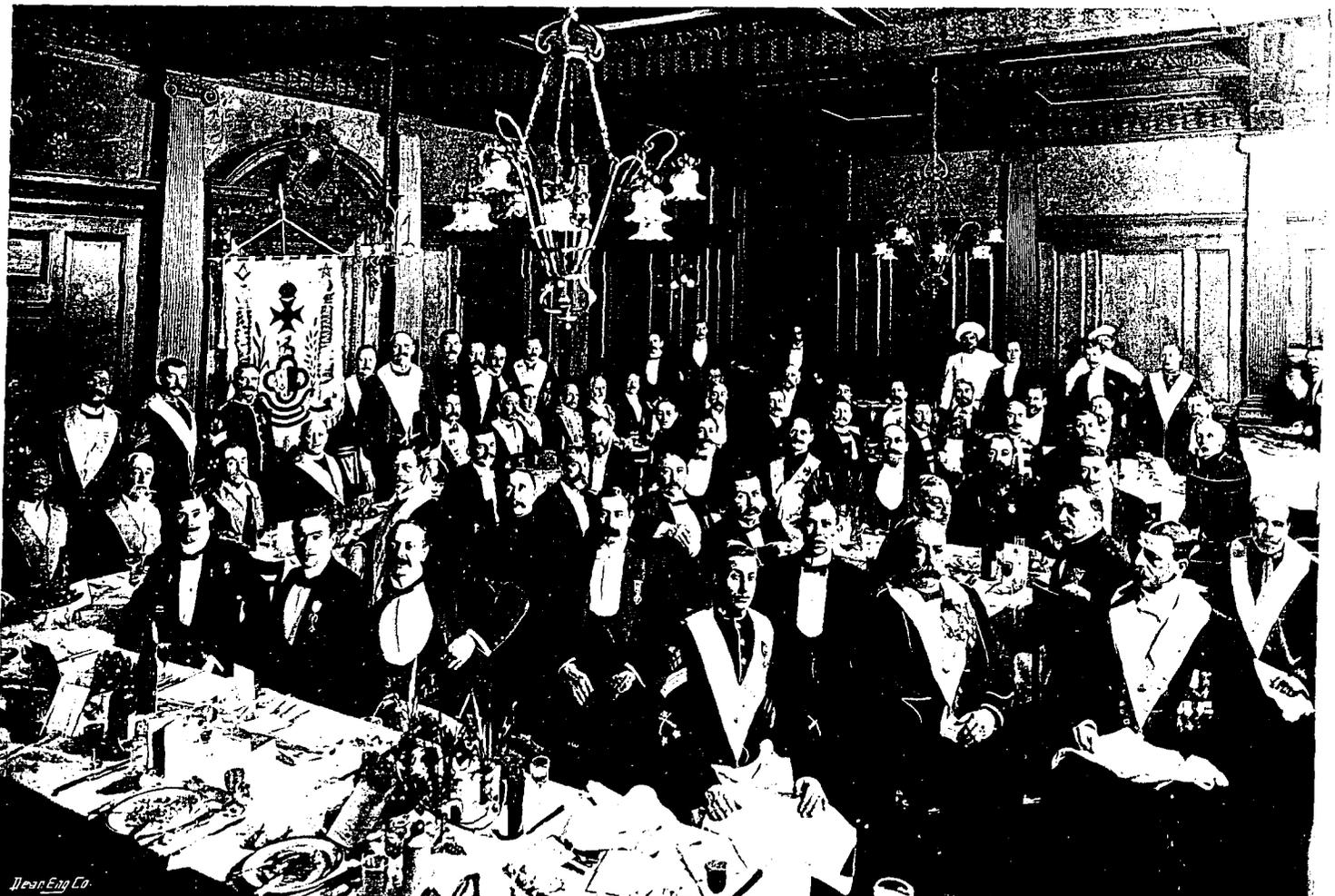
The Worshipful Master, in his reply, observed that he did not deserve the laudatory remarks passed by the I.P.M., but he had made up his mind to found the lodge, and that he would do his utmost to benefit Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular. His great motive was to promote Freemasonry in the fullest sense.

The Senior Warden, at the request of the Worshipful Master, then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," and remarked that although it was exactly thirty years ago since he had been initiated, he had not before that evening witnessed a consecration ceremony ; he was, therefore, all the more impressed by the magnificent manner in which it was performed.

Bro. F. Richardson, in responding, said he regretted the absence of his chief, the Grand Secretary, at the dinner, as he always knew what to say ; he, however, wished every success and prosperity to the lodge, and he was sure the Worshipful Master would carry the responsibilities of the first year very lightly, upon the termination of which he was sure they would all say, "Well done, Worshipful Master."

The toast of "The Visitors" was then given by the Junior Warden, who mentioned that they were honoured with the presence of a large number of distinguished visitors, and he coupled the toast with the names of Bros. Lieut.-Col. Carpenter, Colville Smith, and Capt. Haig Brown, each of whom returned thanks.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toasts then followed, bringing the meeting to a close.



THE BANQUET.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455.

THE installation meeting of this large and important lodge, mainly recruited from the district of St. Martin's, Trafalgar Square, from which it takes its name, was held at the Grand Hotel, Charing Cross, on Wednesday, March 25th. The large number of visitors present, including Grand Officers, betokened the popularity of both the outgoing and incoming Masters. After completing the whole of the work of his year of office, Bro. T. Farthing, the outgoing Master, installed his successor, Bro. H. Bristow Wallen, as Worshipful Master, with the dignity and impressiveness for which that veteran Mason is famed. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Robert James Godson, S.W.; Tom R. Essex, J.W.; the Rev. Prebendary Kitto, M.A., Chaplain; Edward Browning, P.M., Treasurer; Charles Farror Partridge, Secretary; Ernest Lucas Vinden, S.D.; Charles Richard Enever, J.D.; William Challice, I.G.; Charles W. Cole, P.M. 2455, 2105, P.G.D.C. Middlesex, D.C.; Arthur Edward Podmore, A.D.C.; Herbert Hodge, F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., and Francis G. Sanders, Mus. Bac. Oxon., F.R.C.O., A.R.C.M., Organists; George Herbert, Robert William Rudolph Stokes, Charles Fredk. Kennedy, P.M., and Herbert Wm. Saward, Stewards; and H. Jarvis, Tyler. The work of D.C. was performed in a perfect manner by Bro. C. W. Cole, P.M., P.G.D.C. Middlesex.

After the lodge had been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. E. W. Nightingale, Grand Pursuivant, replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," felt it an honour to reply for that august body, which comprised so many noblemen and men of letters and learning, and he esteemed it a compliment to be admitted into their ranks. He congratulated the lodge both upon the work of their Installing Master and that of their new Worshipful Master.

Bro. W. B. Fendick, P.G.S.B., also replied, complimenting his old friend, Bro. Farthing, upon the excellent way he had installed his successor.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., who reminded the brethren that Bro. Bristow Wallen, whom he had installed that night, was initiated at the second lodge meeting after its consecration, and since that time he had taken the keenest interest in the welfare of Freemasonry, and of their lodge in particular. He had, with other of their initiates, devoted time and study to make the rendering of the ceremonies in the St. Martin's Lodge both perfect and impressive, and had regarded Freemasonry from the standpoint of its highest principles. He sincerely congratulated the Worshipful Master on attaining that dignity, and promised that all would assist him in discharging his important duties.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the generous way in which the toast had been proposed by the I.P.M. and received by the brethren. The proceedings had taken his thoughts back to ten years ago, when he first saw the Masonic light, and when he then set out for that goal which he had reached that evening. It had been his pleasure to fill the minor offices of the lodge, and he had only been absent from one meeting during that time. It was a red-letter day for any brother to be installed Master of his mother lodge, and he could assure them he would do his utmost to uphold the traditions of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," the Worshipful Master remarked that the progress made during the year just ended had exceeded their most sanguine expectations, and Bro. Farthing had during that time endeared himself to them by his uniform kindness and courtesy. He might be pardoned by applying to their I.P.M. that well known quotation from Meredith, "A man of a more genial heart you might march a day without finding." Although not enjoying the best of health, his labours and wise counsel had been of the greatest value to the lodge for many years. It now gave him pleasure to pin

upon his breast the special clasp to his Past Master's jewel voted at their last meeting, and he would impress upon Bro. Farthing the fact that the lodge would for many years need his valuable aid.

The Installing Master, in reply, thanked the Master and brethren for the heartiness of the toast. He had the pleasure of acting as I.P.M. for the first year of the lodge, and now, after the lapse of time, found himself occupying the same position. He was amply repaid for all his labours if they had tended to promote the good of the lodge and of the Craft, and was glad to be able to retire in favour of such a Master as Bro. Bristow Wallen.



BRO. H. BRISTOW WALLEN.

The Worshipful Master then announced that he intended serving as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and hoped the brethren individually, as well as the lodge, would support him. A common libel, he said, against Freemasonry, was that it consisted of eating and drinking. True Masons knew this to be false. Charity was one of its best characteristics, and the brethren of St. Martin's Lodge had done work in that great cause by joining the Benevolent Association, of which their Senior Warden, Bro. Godson, was Secretary, through the instrumentality of which £324 had been given to the three Masonic Charities within two years.

The toast of "The Visitors" was received with very great heartiness.

Bro. W. F. Bates, in replying, congratulated the Worshipful Master upon being installed in the chair of his mother lodge, and upon the number of propositions which had been made in the lodge that night, testifying to his popularity. His work was a credit to the Preceptors of the lodge of instruction he attended, and his co. Preceptor, Bro. Welsford, and himself were proud of the fact that nearly all their officers were among the most regular and enthusiastic of their students.

Bros. Sidney and Ingram also replied.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was responded to by Bros. Willing, Mason, and Cole, and the combined toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," was responded to by Bros. Browning, Treasurer; Partridge, Secretary; R. J. Godson, S.W.; and C. R. Enever, J.D.; all of whom expressed pleasure in serving under a Master they so much esteemed, and again promised to render him all assistance in their power to make his year of office a successful one.

The Tyler's toast brought a successful meeting to a close.

Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686.

THE installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, on the 14th March, in the presence of a numerous gathering of distinguished visitors and a large number of members.



BRO. ERNEST J. RIX.

The outgoing Master, Bro. Arthur Strutt, installed his successor, Bro. Ernest J. Rix, in a very able and impressive manner. The Worshipful Master then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. T. Gordon Heighington, S.W.; John W.

Jupe, J.W.; James Bailey, M.P., Treasurer; W. Baister Abbott, P.M., Secretary; W. H. Eardley, S.D.; Herbert Redgrave, J.D.; W. C. Freeman, I.G.; Richard T. Pearce, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. Middlesex, D. of C.; W. Windsor, Organist; and Edward Vernon, Alfred Howell, Harry Johnson and Harry Day, Stewards.

A banquet was subsequently served in the new hall.

After the loyal toasts had been disposed of, the Worshipful Master gave that of "The Grand Officers," and said that they had several of those distinguished brethren amongst them, and regretted that Sir Alfred Newton was not able to stop to the banquet. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Imre Kiralfy, P.A.G.D.C., who, in replying, spoke of the perfect manner in which the Worshipful Master and all his officers had done their work, not only in the lodge, but also right through the evening.

Bro. Arthur Strutt, in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said it was just ten years ago when he and the Worshipful Master were initiated, and he could not speak too highly of the admirable manner in which the Worshipful Master had always done his work. He had much pleasure in presenting him with a silver cup, being the fifth that had been presented to the lodge by Bro. Sir Alfred Newton for that purpose.

The Worshipful Master thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and asserted that anything he could say would be quite inadequate, but he hoped to justify their opinion of him. He then gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," and said no one in the Alfred Newton Lodge had merited more thanks, and to attempt to speak of his thoroughness in the work would be like painting the lily; it was, however, so well known to the brethren that it would not be necessary to dwell upon it.

The I.P.M., in responding, could only say that he had always endeavoured to do his duty, and if he had given satisfaction it was most gratifying to him.

Other toasts followed, and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close by an excellent musical programme.

Consecration of the St. Michael le Querne Chapter, No. 2697.

THE enthusiasm which characterised the proceedings at the consecration of the above-named chapter at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, the 16th March, cannot but be regarded in the light of a happy augury for the future, while the fact of the chapter having been called into existence but four years after the starting of the lodge to which it is attached is a certain proof of the earnestness and zeal of its members.

The formal constitution of the chapter was effected by Comp. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S.E., in his usual admirable manner, assisted by Comps. W. A. Dawson, P.G. Std. Br., as H.; the Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A., P.G. Soj., as J.; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Reg., as D.C.; and W. Lake, A.G.S.E., as S.N.

The founders were afterwards invested as follows:—Comps. A. C. A. Higerty, M.E.Z.; Léon Francis, H.; Leonard Cook, J.; R. Grist, S.E.; Hugh James, S.N.; W. Hall, Treasurer; C. Martin, P.S.; J. J. Henigan, 1st A.S.; W. Prince, 2nd A.S.; and H. Inglis, D.C. Proposals were received during the evening for sixteen candidates for joining and exaltation.

At the subsequent banquet, Comp. W. A. Dawson, replying to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," said he had to convey to the companions Comp. Sir Edward Letchworth's sincere regret that he had been unavoidably called away from them, as he would very much have enjoyed



COMP. A. C. A. HIGERTY.

the opportunity of dining with so many members of his official staff as were present that evening.

In responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Comp. J. W. Martin, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.E. Berks, spoke of the great regard he had for Comp. Higerty, their M.E.Z., who, he said, had been his colleague in Berkshire, both as Junior Warden of the province and as a founder of the Downshire Lodge at Wokingham, where the character of Masonry had entirely altered for the better in consequence of the starting of that lodge.

"The Health of the three Principals" was next proposed by Comp. F. A. Powell, P.G. Std. Br.

In returning thanks, Comp. Higerty, M.E.Z., said that although he was already a P.Z., he was not less proud of the position he held as M.E.Z. of that chapter, which had been founded to enable St. Martin's le Grand officials to see more

of Masonic life, and every member of which, he was able to say, was personally known to him. He was reminded that he was also Worshipful Master of the St. Michael le Querne Lodge, and that he brought from each of its members the heartiest wishes for their future prosperity.

Comp. Léon Francis, responding as H., felt that while surrounded by so many companions of experience he should not feel his comparative youthfulness any drawback to his position.

Comp. L. Cook, J., who also replied, hoped that they might be able to emulate the work which had been so well performed by the Consecrating Officers that evening.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Comps. Clark, M.E.Z.; Boswell, P.Z.; and Bates, P.Z., all of 1339; Comps. Grist and H. James replying on behalf of the officers of the chapter.

Ladies' Night of the Playgoers' Lodge, No. 2705.

A SUCCESSFUL ladies' banquet was held recently at the Victoria Hall, Hotel Cecil, in connection with the above lodge. The chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master Bro. Walter Schröder, and upwards of 250 ladies and brethren were present. The usual toast list was necessarily curtailed in the presence of those from whom it is to be hoped no secrets are hidden but those of Freemasonry. Under the circumstances the toast of the evening was naturally "The Ladies," which was proposed by the Worshipful Master in a genial and humorous speech, full of appropriate poetic quotations, who concluded thus—"on every ground of chivalry, gratitude, and of justice, let us, by



BRO. WALTER SCHRODER.

the enthusiasm with which we receive this toast, testify to the measure of our obligations to the ladies for adding so largely, so indispensably to the joys, comforts, and happiness of a life that would not be worth living without them, and would not be lived at all without their loving and fostering aid." Other toasts were "The Guests," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by Bro. Chas. Townley; "The Worshipful Master," proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Sparks, and "The Officers," proposed by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by Bro. Farrington, the Secretary, and Bro. Godstein, the Treasurer. Interspersed with the speeches was an excellent musical programme.

Installation Meeting of the Holborn Lodge, No. 2398.

THE installation of the Worshipful Master of the above lodge took place in the Masonic Temple at the Holborn Restaurant, High Holborn, on Tuesday, March 3rd, when Bro. Richard Sandland was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Naphthali Dukas, P.M., and the addresses were delivered by the I.P.M., Bro. Frederick German. Bro. Frederick German, before the installation, performed the ceremony of raising, and Bro. R. Sandland, after his installation, initiated two candidates into Freemasonry, the whole of the work being done in a highly satisfactory manner. The officers are as follows:—Bro.



BRO. RICHARD SANDLAND.

F. German, I.P.M.; J. B. Munday, S.W.; D. B. Crane, J.W.; C. H. Perryman, P.M., Treasurer; C. R. Ellis, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Cambs. and Surrey, Secretary; T. Cole, S.D.; F. W. Bailey, J.D.; A. J. Paten, I.G.; A. Goldsmith, D.C.; L. Simmons, A.D.C.; A. J. Jorden, Organist; A. E. Porter and E. J. Peter, Stewards; and J. W. Harding, P.M., Tyler. After the banquet an excellent concert under the direction of Bro. Alfred S. Bishop, Mus. Director, assisted by Bro. A. Jorden, Organist, was thoroughly enjoyed by the brethren. The usual toasts were given by the Worshipful Master and cordially responded to by the brethren, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

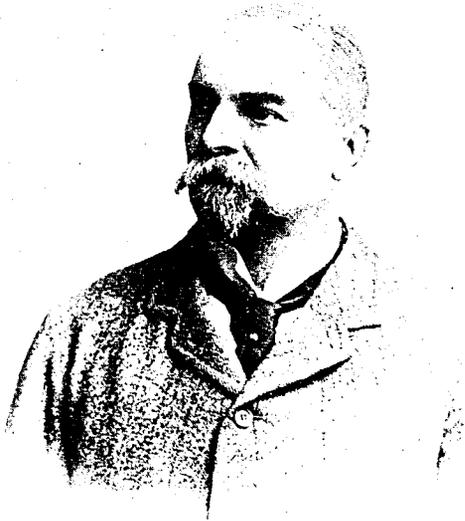
History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, No. 256.—(Continued).

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

ON the 7th of October a vote of Sympathy and Condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. Charles A. Murton, P.G.D., for many years Secretary of the Lodge, who had been called away during the Summer recess.

1899. The Committee and executive officers were again re-elected on the 7th of January. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow presided as W. Master at the Annual Festival on the 24th of February, having Bro. Rushton as I.P.M., with Bros. Charles Lewis and Major Badham as Wardens. He was ably assisted in working the First Lecture by the following members, viz.:—

- 1st Section by Bro. J. Collett Smith.
- 2nd " " D. D. West.
- 3rd " " J. F. Roberts.
- 4th " " W. R. Bennett.
- 5th " " Charles Lewis.
- 6th " " G. R. H. Clark.
- 7th " " T. W. Allsop.



LORD CREMORNE (NOW EARL OF DARTRY), P.S.G.W.,
Chairman of the Festival in 1891.

About 400 brethren attended the meeting, 103 of whom were proposed as joining members. The Earl of Dartmouth, Prov. Grand Master for Staffordshire, made an excellent chairman at the banquet, and was loyally supported by his Deputy, Lieut.-Col. John A. Bindley, P.G.D., and many other distinguished members of the Craft.

The noble chairman was peculiarly happy in his mode of dealing with the various toasts that fell to his share, and it is with much regret that we are precluded, by considerations of space, from giving more than a very brief extract from his reply to the toast of his health and his remarks in proposing Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement: "I am aware that from my youthfulness in Freemasonry no doubt many of my friends would be a little surprised to find me occupying the place that I do to-night as President of the

annual gathering of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. Probably many of you may be acquainted with the opera played some years ago of 'The Grand Duchess.' There was in that opera a character named Fritz, who, having rendered some service to the Grand Duchess, was offered a reward; but that reward—to the surprise of everybody—which he selected was the post of a village schoolmaster. It was pointed out to him that he was unable to read, and he said, 'That is the very reason why I want to be a schoolmaster; I want to learn.' Brethren, it is to a certain extent for that reason that I occupy the post I am trying to fill to-night, and I am bound to own that I have learned a very great deal if I can remember only half of what I have heard. But it seems to me that Freemasons generally when anybody renders some little service are apt to look at those services through very strong binocular glasses; they try to make those services look as big as possible; and if there is a failure the glasses are reversed, and they look through them at the other end and see them as small as possible. That is a comfort to you in going through life, and I can say of Freemasonry that I have always received a kind and courteous consideration, and that, however undeserved it may be, is at any rate most gratifying to the individual. Before I sit down I have a very pleasant duty to perform, and that is to propose another important toast. I understand, brethren, that there are something over 100 new members—probationer members—who have sent in their names to-night. I may be allowed to say that I am one of those members, and as I have every hope that the result of the ballot may not be altogether unsatisfactory, I take this opportunity, which will probably be denied me as a member of the Lodge, to propose hearty success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. I have been favoured by Bro. Letchworth with some facts connected with the Lodge, which, though familiar to some of you, may be new to others. In the ritual and work of Freemasonry carried on throughout the country there must be a sort of head, a Court of Appeal. To be of any value that Court of Appeal must have antiquity; it must have ability; and it must have the confidence of the brethren generally. I think the Emulation Lodge of Improvement answers those requirements. . . . One might think I was in some little difficulty because I have to call upon some brother to return thanks to this toast, but I feel you will agree with me that there is very little difficulty about such a selection, because if there is a man whom the Emulation Lodge would wish to return thanks for them they will agree that Bro. Sudlow is the right man. I am glad to find that that suggestion is so unanimously endorsed, and I am proud to own that all this evening, beautiful as the work was, I have been forcibly reminded of the lines of the poet—

"And still they gaz'd and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew." *

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, in responding, said: "R.W. Brother in the Chair and Brethren,—If the continued success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement depended upon the measure of kindness and goodwill with which this toast was proposed by his lordship, or upon the heartiness and cordiality with which it was received by this splendid gathering of Masons, then, indeed, that success is already assured. Certain it is that the members of the Committee upon whom the work of the Lodge devolves should feel greatly encouraged in their

* GOLDSMITH'S *Village Schoolmaster*.

labour of love—labour more arduous and exacting than is generally supposed. It may not prove uninteresting if I to-night mention, and in a very few words deal with, a criticism that now and again is given expression to in connection with our mode of conducting the business of the Lodge. You might reasonably imagine, in view of the fact that this Lodge has been in existence for nearly 80 years, and that absolutely no material change has been made in its aims or in its methods during this long period, that nothing like criticism would have a place. But, as I have already hinted, such is not quite the case; our critics say that the Past Masters of the Lodge—and I believe I am considered the greatest culprit—are unnecessarily severe in requiring absolute perfection in the working of our ceremonies; they do not recognise, in other words, the necessity of our interrupting



W. ALFRED DAWSON, P.A.G.D.C.,
Member of the Committee, 1881-1890.

a brother in his work if the mistake made is a trivial one. Now, let me say at once if this were an ordinary Lodge of Instruction, or even a regular Lodge, I should cordially agree with and heartily endorse the criticism. It is not necessary—and in many cases it is impossible—in a Lodge of Instruction to correct every verbal slip, and in a regular Lodge nothing, in my opinion, can be more unfortunate than to hear, as one often does, corrections given to the W.M. Surely it is inadvisable to say a word unless the mistake is a serious one, and likely, if uncorrected, to lead to disaster. Interruptions at once suggest to the candidate, for whom after all the ceremony is being performed, that the speech of the Master is not altogether out of the abundance of his heart, and the impression which might otherwise be secured is to a very great extent lost. But applied to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement the criticism is not a just one, and for this reason: It must always be borne in mind that our system of working, adopted and approved by the United Grand Lodge soon after the union, is virtually a standard, and if a standard is to be of any real value, it must be absolutely unaltered and unalterable. I will not, brethren, press this point, because I am quite sure it will be at once conceded. It therefore behoves the Past Masters of this Lodge to guard most jealously this system of working from any change, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that while we maintain the traditions of this Lodge, while we are faithful to the very important trust committed to our care, we at the same time are very helpful to every brother who comes to our meetings."

1900. No change was made this year in the Committee or the executive officers. The Annual Festival on the 2nd of March was, we believe, a record meeting, upwards of 500 brethren being present, 112 of whom were proposed as members. A probable reason for this large gathering may be found in the fact that the Earl of Warwick, Dep. Grand Master, had consented to preside at the banquet, but almost at the last moment was prevented by illness, and his place was ably filled by Lt.-Col. A. R. Mark Lockwood, M.P., Past S.G. Deacon, his Lordship's Deputy in the Province of Essex. The sections of the Second Lecture were worked by Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, as W. Master, Bro. W. G. Kentish acting as I.P.M., and Bros. Charles Lewis and George Rankin as Wardens. The following brethren answered the questions in the various sections:—

- 1st by Bro. J. H. Jenks, I.P.M. No. 8, P.G. Steward.
- 2nd " " W. R. Bennett, P.M. No. 1965.
- 3rd " " Major R. L. S. Badham, No. 21.
- 4th " " Charles Lewis, P.M. No. 1706, P.P.G.D. Essex.
- 5th " " T. W. Allsop, P.M. No. 88, P.P.G.D.C. Bucks.

At the close of the work Bro. Col. Lockwood, who said it was the first time he had witnessed the working of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked the sections.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Thomas Fenn, P.G.W., who said that having formerly occupied the position held that evening by Bro. Sudlow he might perhaps be allowed to be a judge of the work, and in that capacity he could say that during his long experience he did not recollect having seen the work done more perfectly. Every word of it came back to him; it was absolutely correct.

The motion was unanimously carried, and Bro. Sudlow briefly acknowledged it.

After the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to supper. The number was so large that in addition to the Great Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, the Crown Room had to be utilised for the accommodation of the company.

The usual toasts having been given and responded to in due order, the V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, Treasurer of the Lodge, proposed "The Chairman." Whether as a soldier, a legislator, a sportsman, or a Mason, Col. Lockwood had won the esteem and respect of those who had been fortunate enough to be brought in contact with him, and on behalf of the Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, he tendered his warmest thanks to him for presiding that evening.

Col. Lockwood warmly thanked the brethren for their cordial reception, and then proceeded to the toast of "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," prefacing his remarks by a sympathetic allusion to the illness of the Earl of Warwick and expressing a hope that his lordship might soon return to our shores completely restored to health.

Then followed a brief sketch of the history of the Lodge, with which our readers are doubtless familiar, and a reference to the munificent support given by it to the charities of the Order.

The Chairman included in his remarks a dissertation on Secret Societies, and their doings in bygone days, which, though undoubtedly interesting, forms no part of our history, and concluded as follows:—But what was the end of all these societies? They perished and fell away; and for this reason—the principles they worked on were wrong; they were principles of bloodshed and of working against the laws of the land; while Masonry—a great guild founded on principles of religion and virtue—remained, and ever would remain, as long as she followed her present course, a great instrument for good in the world. It was only when men were initiated and began to know the work Masonry carried on that they fully appreciated the duties of Freemasonry. Long might that Craft flourish, long continue to increase, and, intimately connected with it, long might the Emulation Lodge of Improvement continue to flourish and to set the standard of excellent working.

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