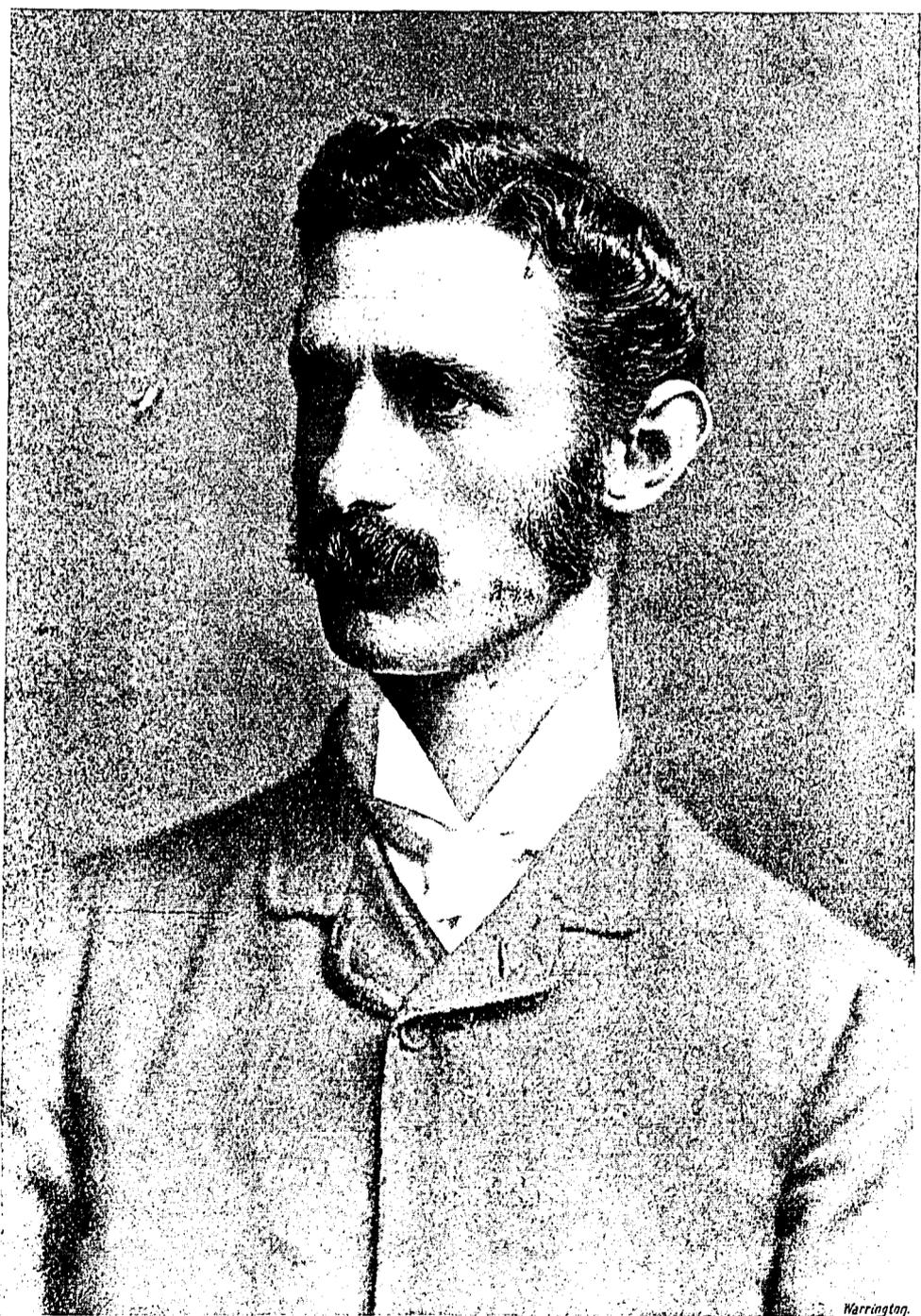


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*Bro. The Right Hon. Earl Fortescue,  
 who, as Viscount Ebrington, was  
 Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire 1879-96.*

## *Death of Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire.*

FREEMASONRY has suffered a severe loss in the death of Lord Leigh, as not only was he the *doyen* of Provincial Grand Masters—having held that position in the Province of Warwickshire since 1852—but he had, up to the last, taken keen interest in the Craft. As an evidence of his continued interest in Masonic affairs, he had, notwithstanding his advanced age, promised to preside next June at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; and preparations worthily to celebrate so striking a chairmanship had already commenced at Birmingham and elsewhere in the province.

Lord Leigh was the oldest Provincial Grand Master in the country, having entered on his fifty-fourth year as ruler of the brethren of Warwickshire. He was appointed by the late Earl of Zetland, August 1st, 1852. There is but one older Grand Officer of England, Sir Francis Beilby Alston, who was made Senior Grand Warden in 1850. Lord Leigh was appointed Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons of Warwickshire in 1864, in succession to the first Earl Howe.

Throughout Warwickshire there was no man more widely known or more respected than the late Lord Lieutenant. This not by reason of his birth, but because, associated with every good work carried on in the county, he had won his way into the hearts of the people.

Like the Earl of Shaftesbury, he made use of his high position to further the interests of humanity. He was possessed of those substantial qualities which befitted the high station in life which he was called upon to fill. Of that eloquence which always sways, if it does not convince the ordinary mind, he had little; but his perspicacity of judgment and kindness of heart carried weight wherever they were exercised. Harshness, either in the interpretation of the motives of others, or in the laying down of his own views, formed no part of his genial nature. It would be very difficult to recall any single instance of his lordship having been betrayed into vehemence of expression in commenting on the conduct of those from whom he differed in opinion. To his kindness of disposition, there-

fore, was owing much of the popularity he enjoyed among all sorts and conditions of men, not only in his native county, but wherever he was known. In Lord Leigh was to be found a perfect type of the old school of English gentleman. He could always find something for head and heart to do, and there was scarcely a philanthropic movement in the county in which he chiefly resided, in which he did not take active part.

Amongst the numerous public tributes to the virtues of the late Lord Leigh, that of the Mayor of Leamington, at a special meeting of the Borough Council, very aptly describes

him as a true and splendid type of a good old English gentleman. "I feel it is no easy task to give an adequate idea of such a life as the late Lord Leigh's: so kind, so strenuous, so gentle, so full, and yet so strong, in short, a life that it would be well for everyone to strive to imitate and follow. Lord Leigh has died full of years and full of honours after but a very brief illness. His kindness of heart, nobility of purpose, constant unselfishness, and devotion to duty, and the affectionate sympathy with which his whole career was prompted, is well known to all." To this appreciation the Mayor, at another public meeting, added this further testimony to the late Earl's character:—"He bore," he said, "an honoured name, and held a very distinguished position in this country. He was one of His Majesty's Privy Councillors, and a



THE LATE LORD LEIGH.

few years ago he declined an earldom offered to him by the then Prime Minister, Lord Rosebery. He was sympathetic to all alike, and served his generation faithfully and well in every capacity. For his kindly deeds and noble actions his name will be revered; he will ever live in the grateful memory of all classes of the community. A valued and a blameless life has ebbed away, full of years and honour, with troops of friends to mourn their irreparable loss, and to-day we are thereby the poorer. It is hard for me, and I am sure it is for you, to realise that dear old Lord Leigh has gone from amongst us. His watchword was undoubtedly 'Duty,' and that in a marked degree.

He passed away on the centenary anniversary of that great hero of our Empire, who above all others set us a splendid example of duty, saving his country in the hour of direst peril. In Lord Leigh a good friend had gone from our sight, but, thank God, not from our memory, and 'After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well.' Words cannot properly express my sorrow, and, I believe, your sorrow."

Between three and four hundred Freemasons, representing most of the lodges in the province of Warwickshire, assembled in the Cathedral Church, Birmingham, in order to pay a last tribute to the memory of Lord Leigh. It is doubtful whether any other Provincial Grand Master has ever taken a more active or practical part in the work of the Craft than the deceased nobleman, and under these circumstances it was not surprising that the majority of the leading Freemasons of the province put in an appearance at the memorial service. The entire body of the cathedral was filled with Masons. There was a considerable contingent of past and present officers of the Grand Lodge of Warwickshire, together with a considerable number of Grand Officers from surrounding provinces. As an opening voluntary the organist played "O rest in the Lord," and immediately the choir and clergy had taken their seats the solemn notes of the Dead March in "Saul" pealed forth from the organ. Following this came the touching words of the opening sentences of the Burial Service, on the conclusion of which the congregation, which included a large number of ladies and gentlemen outside the Craft, who occupied seats in the galleries, joined in

singing the prophetic words of the 90th Psalm. The Lesson from 1 Cor. xv. 20, was next read by Bro. the Rev. J. D. McCready, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and no sooner had the concluding sentences been uttered than the well-known hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was sung. Ascending the pulpit, Bro. J. D. McCready delivered an oration to the members of the Craft, emphasising the goodness which had characterised the public and Masonic life of Lord Leigh, and the love and esteem in which he was held by everyone with whom he had come into contact. The service concluded with the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and the patriarchal benediction.

The funeral, which, in accordance with the wishes of the deceased, was of the most simple character, took place at Stoneleigh, and the remains were placed in the private chapel of the Abbey, where a short service was read by the Vicar, and afterwards removed for burial in the Leigh chapel in the parish church. Evidences of sorrow were to be seen on every hand. Great numbers were present, and every class of the community seemed to be represented, all keen in their desire to pay their tribute to the man who in his life had won their hearts. While the service was being held in the church, a short service was held in the open air in the immediate vicinity, and was intently followed by the large crowd. The funeral was attended by deputations from all the leading societies and institutions of the county, including the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

## Royal Albert Hall Lodge, No. 2986.

THE third installation meeting of the above lodge took place at the Imperial Restaurant, Regent Street, W., by dispensation, on Friday, October 27th, when Bro. A. P. Du Cros, J.P., was installed by the Grand Secretary, V.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, who was supported by many Grand Officers and a full muster of the brethren.



BRO. A. P. DU CROS, J.P.

The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. Darch, P.M., S.W.; G. H. Hedzes, J.W.; Daniel Mayer, P.G.D., P.M., Treasurer; J. P. Dickson, P.M., Secretary; H. L. Balfour, S.D.; W. S. Spaul, J.D.; W. J. Mason, P.G.S.B., P.M., D.C.;

C. H. Wheeler, I.G.; S. W. Borrow, Steward; A. G. Boswell, P.M., Organist; and G. J. Bailey, P.M., Tyler.

A banquet followed, the Worshipful Master being supported by the following Grand Officers:—W. Bros. Sir E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary; the Revs. V. P. Wyatt and S. T. H. Saunders, P.G. Chaplains; Ernest Clarke, J.G.D.; H. L. Florence, G.S.Wks.; Sir J. Brickwood, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Colu, P.G.St.B.; and Leonard Potts, G. Purst.

The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Worshipful Master proposed "The M.W. Grand Master," and said that in whatever capacity, either as a member of the Royal Family, as a keen and capable soldier, or as supreme head of our Order, he commanded our esteem and affection. Long might he be spared to be the head of our grand institution and retain our honour and esteem.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," he had the honour of welcoming an unusual number that evening, and he was sure all present greatly appreciated their presence as a mark of their interest, not only in that lodge, but in Freemasonry generally. They greatly appreciated the presence of the Grand Secretary to carry out the installation ceremony, which he had so beautifully and capably rendered. He knew the Grand Officers took a keen interest in the work, and their sincere thanks were due to them.

Bro. the Rev. F. P. Wyatt, in one of those rapid speeches he so well knows how to make, in replying, felt it was a great honour not only to be present, but to reply for Grand Lodge. He assured them they very much appreciated the kind terms in which the toast had been proposed. He ventured to say that if any of them were to enter Grand Lodge as Grand Officers as he did, thinking there was some new initiation to go through, they would be mistaken. He found it a place of grand work. It was not a place of extinct volcanoes. If they could only see how the Pro Grand Master and Dep. Grand Master performed their duties, they would be indeed proud of them. The Grand Officers present were sure from what they saw that the lodge would be a continual success.

Bro. Daniel Mayer, in proposing "The Installing Master," Bro. Sir E. Letchworth, said the members of the lodge

would long remember the beautiful work that he had done which could not have been in a more able manner. All knew there was a great deal of work to be done in Grand Lodge, and the principal was done by him. His genial, kind, and generous manner had drawn all to him, and he hoped he might long be spared to them.

Bro. Sir E. Letchworth, in reply, said in view of the programme he would not take up their time other than to thank them for their reception of the toast. It seemed to him but the other day he took part in the consecration of the lodge. It was a great satisfaction that his prophecy had not been falsified. He was sure the lodge would have a very successful future.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said he was quite prepared for and expected the toast would be received with acclamation. The Worshipful Master was a brother who had the true principles of Masonry in him. They could look forward to a very successful year, and that he would advance the lodge in every particular.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, said he thanked them very sincerely and the I.P.M. for the kind references to himself. None but an Irishman could have proposed it as he had done, and, being an Irishman himself, he the more appreciated it. He had yet as a Worshipful Master to win his spurs, and he hoped at the end of the year to have won them; at any rate, he would spare no pains on his part to do

so. The Worshipful Master went on to propose "The Immediate Past Master," saying all those who could claim intimacy with him knew him to be a good friend and thorough Mason. He was one of the principal promoters of the lodge, and he had more than succeeded in his year. He had the greatest pleasure in presenting him with the P.M.'s jewel, with the sincere wishes that he might long be spared to wear it.

The I.P.M. thanked him for the flattering and all too kind terms used towards himself. He highly appreciated their kindness, and took that opportunity to thank the officers for their support. His health had been precarious, but he gave in to no one in his enthusiasm on behalf of Freemasonry. He thanked them for the jewel, which he would hand down in his family as a mark of the esteem he had gained during his year of office.

Bros. Webster and Harvey Du Cros replied for the visitors, the latter W.M. of the Empire Lodge and brother of the W.M. congratulated him in a special manner as he was his oldest living friend. He did not suggest that he had been or was a prodigal son, but he had certainly killed the fatted calf in entertaining them that evening, and in doing so had endeared himself more than ever to him as his oldest friend.

The Tyler's toast closed a most successful evening.

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## *Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.*

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THE first Ladies' Night of the above lodge was held at the Gaiety Restaurant, on Saturday, October 28th. After a fully attended reception by the W.M., Bro. W. W. and Mrs. Robinson, the company numbering no less than 150, sat down to a sumptuous banquet, during which the Gaiety Orchestra played a selection of music.

The W.M. in proposing the toast of "The King" said, that Freemasons were proud of their King. He had endeared himself to the nation at large. The country had never at any time felt such a sense of comfort and safety as they did under him.

Bro. H. Hollingshurst, I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., said to the brethren he needed no introduction for he always did his work with tact and circumspection. He had been the first to inaugurate a ladies' night, which had proved such a success. His amiability had carried him through every Masonic difficulty, and in fact every other. He had the pleasure to propose the toast of "The W.M.," otherwise known as "Sunny Jim of fifteen stone solidity and of amiability." All knew his energy, which, when once started was bound to succeed. He had made up his mind to have a ladies' night, and when he *had* made up his mind it was best to let him do it. If this was a sample he would say let them have more of them. It was one of the pleasures of Freemasonry to meet their non-Masonic friends at these gatherings.

The W.M. on rising to reply was received with musical honours, and good humouredly frowned all round to stop the cheers with which he was received. He thanked them for the flattering way the toast was proposed and acclaimed and was very gratified to see so many present, and he could only express his pleasure in presiding over such a "bevy of beauty." He made up his mind years ago, that when he came to the chair to have such a night. He was reminded that some time ago he was watching a brother who after the dinner took some of the flowers from the table. He asked him why he took them? and he replied, they were a peace offering to his wife, and besides his mother-in-law was staying with them. He was sure there were none of that kind present that evening. He was proud of the fact that he was

one of four fathers present who each had a son in the lodge. He thought that spoke well for Masonry, for a father would not take his son where he should not go. He hoped this would become an annual meeting.

Bro. E. J. Turnbull in proposing the toast of "The Ladies," said, all would agree with him that it was a very important one, in fact the most important. It was one that bristled with possibilities of saying sweet things, and for this reason he was sorry that it was entrusted to his care, as although he was very capable of thinking all manner of sweet things about the ladies, he was not so capable, he feared, of putting them into language. He contended that a ladies' night should commend itself to all men, particularly Masons, as it proved that we are not so selfish as generally supposed, it also was a great help, masonically particularly, to the married brethren, as their wives were more ready to forgive their coming home a bit late, and to believe the usual "true story" of much hard work, etc., so familiar to them. The ladies might believe him that that night was a specimen of some of the "hard work" they had to get through, and take his word for it, they could "do a lot of it." They hoped to have a yearly renewal of this happy event. His experience showed him that this toast was usually received with three degrees of enthusiasm. First, the young unmarried members, who received it most enthusiastically, owing no doubt to the pleasure of anticipation. Second, the married members who received it with due reverence and decorum owing to the close proximity of their own or some one else's wife, and their knowledge of realisation; and third, the old fossils or unmarried members who received it in a more or less stately manner to show their knowledge of the world in general, and of women in particular. They had several fine specimens of these first and third degrees amongst them, whom he could strongly recommend to their kindly consideration, and he should be very glad to enter them for the matrimonial stakes. He would not inflict anything in the way of a speech upon the ladies, far be it from him any such unworthy motive as they would be much better pleased in taking part in the dance which was to follow, so would conclude by expressing a hope that every lady present might

have the wish of her heart granted, and carry away with her a most pleasant and happy recollection of their reception at the first ladies' night of the Duke of Connaught Lodge.

In reply for the ladies, Bro. Leo Taylor said, he was proud to claim the name of brother. He did not know why generally a young man was chosen to reply to this toast. On behalf of the ladies, he must first congratulate the W.M. on the splendid start they had made. He did not know if our ancient brethren entertained their ladies in a similar manner, but at any rate they meant to thoroughly enjoy it. With all the beauty that was present it must be a very anxious moment to know whom they should choose as their partners

for the dance. Masons were renowned for their courtesy, so as a lady he said they did not expect to see any "wallflowers," but to provide them with partners for all the dances. On behalf of the ladies he thanked them, and hoped to have many such evenings.

During the evening each lady was presented with a very handsome silver scent spray.

The dancing which commenced at eight o'clock, was kept up until close on midnight.

The W.M. and the joint Secretaries, Bros. G. J. and H. G. Buzzard (father and son), are to be heartily congratulated on a most successful evening.

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## *Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall.*

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THE annual Provincial Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons of Cornwall was held at Penzance on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, under the banner of Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121. In the absence of the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe, M.E. Grand Superintendent, M.E. Comp. P. Colville Smith presided. M.E. Comp. G. B. Pearce acted as H, and M.E. Comp. R. A. Courtney as J. On the roll of Chapters being called, all were present with the exception of Valletort Chapter (Callington). The financial statement showed an increased balance in hand. A satisfactory report as to the progress of the degree in the province was presented by M.E. Comp. W. Hammond, P.G. Sc. E. He mentioned that he was struck in visiting the Chapters in the province with the very few votes in the great Masonic charities held by Chapters, although individual members, of course, held votes. The total voting strength of the province was only 142, and the largest number of votes held by any chapter was 17. He expressed a hope that it would be increased at an early date. From various causes the total membership was two less than last year. Bro. Hammond emphasised the need of the utmost care being exercised in the admission of candidates.

As Provincial Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year M.E. Comp. R. Faull, 510, was unanimously elected, and M.E. Comps. R. A. Courtney and A. Hancock were appointed auditors.

The Provincial Grand Chapter voted ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons, and M.E. Comp. E. M. Milford was elected to attend the annual festival of that institution as Steward representing the Province of Cornwall.

On the election of officers the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe notified the re-appointment of Bro. P. Colville Smith as Grand H. ; M.E. Comp. E. M. Milford was appointed Grand J. ; Comp. Hammond was re-appointed Sc. E. ; J. C. Burrow, 450, was appointed P.S.N. ; J. C. R. Crewes, 331, P.G. Soj. ; G. B. Treverthon, 330, 1st Assist. P.G. Soj. ; M. Richards, 75, 2nd Asst. P.G. Soj. ; F. A. Cozens, 351, Swd. Br. ; R. Walters, 121, Std. Br. ; E. W. Newton, 1,006, Director of Ceremonies ; R. Colenso, 121, Assist. Director of Ceremonies ; E. Oliver, 970, Org. ; T. D. Lander, 330, Assist. Grand Sc. E. ; J. E. Rogers, 121, Janitor.

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## *Grand Lodge of Scotland.*

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A QUARTERLY meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in Edinburgh on the 2nd November, when a large attendance was presided over by the Grand Master Mason, Bro. the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay. It was reported that £140 had been granted out of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Fund during September and October to decayed Masons and widows of Masons. At the last meeting of the Annuity Board it was reported that 11 annuitants had died, and there are now on the list 221 annuitants receiving annuities amounting to £2,385. Bro. James Grant was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire. Charters were issued to two new Lodges—"Sierra Leone Highland" at Sierra Leone and "Charlestown" at Charlestown, Natal.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to nominate office-bearers for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. J. D. G. Dalrymple of Woodhead, Past Grand Master Depute, seconded by Bro. R. K. Inches, Grand Jeweller, Bro. the Hon. C. Maule Ramsay was unanimously elected for the third time to be Grand Master Mason of Scotland. In accepting the office, the Grand Master said he could only, without the slightest reserve, assure them that he was deeply sensible of the honour and deeply grateful for being allowed

to serve Grand Lodge for another year. He looked back with the greatest pleasure on the labours of last year and the support of the brethren. He had been brought largely into contact with the brethren throughout the length and breadth of Scotland, and found in all parts the most encouraging evidence of the manner in which Freemasonry was carried on, and the most earnest desire of the members to promote that increased and increasing esteem and regard with which it was held generally. In the coming year he would do all he could to further the interests of Grand Lodge.

The following were then appointed to the other offices :— Bros. J. Macpherson Grant, S.G.W. ; the Earl of Cassillis, J.G.W. ; the Rev. James Park, S.G. Chaplain ; the Rev. James Macmeekan, J.G. Chaplain ; Colonel Lewis A. Hope, S.G. Deacon ; James Grierson, J.G. Deacon ; Alexander Ross, G. Architect ; R. K. Inches, G. Jeweller ; Robert M. Johnston, G. Bible Bearer ; James A. S. Kerr, G. Dir. of Cers. ; Hubert G. McLaren, G. Bard ; Colonel Thomas Cadell, G. Swd. Br. ; George A. Campbell, G. Dir. of Music ; Arthur A. Curle, G. Organist ; Thomas Lindsay, G. Marshal ; James Graham, G. Inner Guard ; and George Hay, G. Tyler.

The members of the present Board of Grand Stewards were nominated for re-election.

## *Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.*

FREEMASONS of West Yorkshire assembled in considerable numbers at the Mansion House, Doncaster, on the 25th October, on the occasion of the half-yearly meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The meeting was under the banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 242, of which the Mayor of Doncaster, Councillor George Smith, is Worshipful Master during the present year. Lord Allerton, Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by a large number of past and present provincial officers, including W. Bro. Richard Wilson, D.P.G.M., W. Bro. Henry Smith, P.D.P.G.M., and W. Bros. John H. Whadcoat, J.P., P.G.D., and J. E. Fawcett, Provincial Grand Wardens.

In his address to the brethren, Lord Allerton said they were glad to again meet in Doncaster, where they last assembled ten years ago. There were a great many ties personally between Doncaster and himself, and therefore, he had a special sense of satisfaction that their meeting should be held in the town. Doncaster had long been associated with freemasonry. St. George's Lodge, under whose banner they were met, was founded in 1780, and had the distinction of celebrating its centenary in 1880. This was the tenth time Provincial Grand Lodge had accepted its hospitality. The last occasion was one of considerable interest, since they were then called upon to accept the resignation of Bro. Henry Smith, whom they were happy to congratulate on his attendance at the present meeting, looking younger than ever. The records showed that in 1827 the Provincial Grand Master, with the assistance of the brethren of St. George's Lodge, laid the foundation stone of that very beautiful church, Christ Church. The lodge gave the initiative to the movement which led to the establishment of Sunday schools in the town, and to a movement for the enlargement of the Parish Churchyard. In 1847, Sir William Bryant Cooke, Bart., the acting W.M., assisted by the Mayor and Corporation, laid the foundation stone of the new Market

Hall. The lodge had had the honour of having as W.M. quite a considerable number of citizens who had filled the office of Mayor, but this was the first time an individual had filled at once the dual positions of Mayor of the borough and Master of the lodge, and he congratulated Bro. Smith on the honours which he had attained, the more heartily as he learned that he was also celebrating this year his silver wedding. Lord Allerton proceeded to allude to the removals which death had occasioned among prominent members of the province during the year, sympathetically mentioning the death of Bro. H. J. Garnett, for a long period a prominent figure at all Masonic gatherings within the province. Sheffield Masonry would feel his loss greatly, and Provincial Grand Lodge shared his loss with the brethren of that city. Lord Allerton congratulated the province and the Charity Committee upon the enormous success which had attended the effort to augment the West Yorkshire Benevolent and Educational Fund. Thanks to the generosity of the brethren, and the care exercised by the committee, there was the prospect of placing the fund upon a basis which would make it of the greatest possible service to the province. Of the £7,500 which it was originally proposed to raise, more than £5,000 had already been paid in, and there was now in contemplation a proposal to increase the sum to £10,000. The brethren had the satisfaction of knowing that every shilling subscribed went direct to the object for which it was intended, the voluntary work done reducing expenses to a minimum. In conclusion, Lord Allerton expressed the obligation of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster for the use of the Mansion House.

On behalf of St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 2,263, Bro. C. H. Smith, W.M., invited Provincial Grand Lodge to meet under the banner of that lodge in Sheffield on the occasion of the annual meeting in April next. Lord Allerton promised that the invitation should receive consideration.

## *The St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817.*

THE St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817, which was consecrated in 1900, with Bro. C. J. Drummond as its first Worshipful Master, held its sixth installation recently at the Hotel Cecil, Bro. Alderman Sir George Truscott, W.M., presiding. There was a large company present.

After the reading of the minutes, W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who consecrated the lodge in 1900, was next requested by the Worshipful Master to perform the ceremony of installation. Thereupon he assumed the chair, and, on the presentation to him of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, elected as Worshipful Master on April 3rd, duly installed the Past Grand Treasurer and Worshipful Master-elect as the Master of the lodge for the year ensuing. Bro. Sir George Truscott was invested as the Immediate Past Master, and the officers of the lodge were duly appointed and invested at the subsequent banquet.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "His Majesty the King," and that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, etc.," was responded to by Bro. Major H. Vane-Stow, P. Dep. G.S.B., who referred particularly to the pleasure he experienced in finding that the brethren of the St. Bride Lodge had chosen the Lord Mayor-elect as the Master during the coming year. He had much satisfaction in responding to the toast of the Grand Officers of the Lodge, because, as a working Grand Officer, he took a great interest in Masonic work; and their lodge, of which he was an original member, had, from the time that Bro. Drummond was its first Master, always been famous for the correctness with which it did its work. He wished it a long career of usefulness, and its present Master a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Sir George Truscott, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying that there was no one present who would not be delighted to propose the health of the new chief. The members of the St. Bride Lodge were proud that they had the Lord Mayor-elect as the Worshipful Master. They rejoiced that he was among them, and most heartily congratulated him upon the high position to which he had attained. In proposing the Worshipful Master's health, and feeling the great privilege and honour of doing so, he expressed, on the brethren's behalf, the fervent prayer that the Almighty would preserve him during the coming year in health and strength to perform the many duties which would fall to his lot. In the Lord Mayor-elect they had exactly the chief required—an experienced Craftsman, a gentleman who had been a very active member of the Masonic body, and one who took a great interest in charity. These were qualities which gave them every reason for drinking heartily the toast of his health. They wished him a happy year as Lord Mayor, and a happy year as Worshipful Master of the St. Bride Lodge.

The Lord Mayor-elect, in responding, referred briefly to the friendship that had existed between the late Sir Francis Truscott and himself, and to the happiness that friendship was to him for many years. In conclusion, he warmly thanked the brethren for having elected him to the high and distinguished position of Worshipful Master.

Bro. Alderman Sir Thomas Vezey Strong proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Smallman and Bro. Sheriff Bowater, C.C., were the principal respondents.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was accompanied by the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sir George Truscott as a souvenir of his year of office.

## Royal Edward Lodge, No. 1489.

ONE of the largest meetings of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Friday, October 6th, when Bro. Walter Gooderidge was duly installed. Bro. Ernest Raynham, the W.M. of the lodge, performing the



BRO. WALTER GOODERIDGE, W.M.  
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installation ceremony, assisted by W. Bro. Sparrow, who acted as Director of the Ceremonies. The ceremony was

ably carried out and received the encomiums of the large company present.

The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. Ernest H. Raynham, I.P.M.; G. W. Manning, S.W.; Frank E. George, J.W.; the Rev. S. J. Carlton, B.A., Chaplain; A. F. Hardyment, P.M., Treasurer; Edwin George, P.M., Secretary; Fredk. Maskrey, S.D.; W. G. Pinhorn, J.D.; C. T. Pannell, I.G.; — Sparrow, P.M., D.C.; A. Green, Asst. D.C.; Jno. Brittan, Organist; W. G. Guthrie, Steward; E. T. Heron, Asst. Steward; David Legg, P.M., Tyler.

At the banquet, which was held afterwards, the usual toasts were proposed, W. Bro. Baddeley, P.A.G.D.C., responding on behalf of the Grand Officers, present and past.

The Immediate Past Master, Bro. Raynham, in an eloquent speech, testified to the ability and conscientious work of the new Master, who, he said, was fully competent to perform any ceremony that might devolve upon him during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in his response, thanked Bro. Raynham for his words of praise, and hoped that the brethren would test the accuracy of the statement by giving him plenty of work during his year of office. He knew that it was difficult to follow such excellent Masters as the Royal Edward Lodge had been privileged to enjoy, but his devotion to Masonry would make him feel the responsibility, and try his utmost to maintain the splendid record that the lodge held for perfect working.

The other toasts included "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," coupled with the names of the Secretary and Treasurer, and "The Visitors."

In the programme of music, which was arranged by the Organist, Bro. J. Brittan, the following artistes took part:—Mr. Arthur Bridge, Mr. William Gillard, Bros. Wilson James, Harry Barratt, and W. Bro. Harris, P.M.

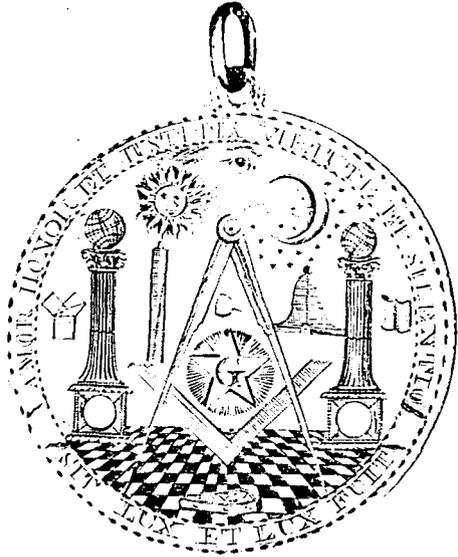


INSTALLATION BANQUET.

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## An Old Medal.

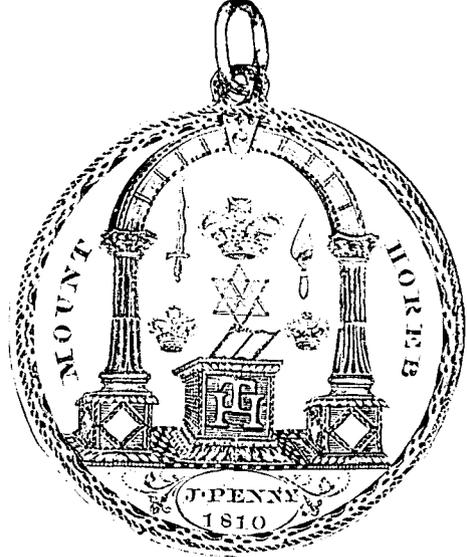
RECENTLY, when in the Lake District, Bro. J. F. Hope, P.M. Greta Lodge, No. 1073, Keswick, P.P.A.G.D.C. of Cumberland and Westmoreland, showed me the following interesting and well-preserved medal in silver, which came into his possession some time ago, after winding up the estate of a deceased relative :—



OBVERSE.

The obverse of the medal, it will be observed, refers to Craft Masonry, whilst the reverse is made up of emblems connected with the Royal Arch. Strange to say, the latter supplies the only means of identity, that is to say, as to the original owner, the chapter, and date. It may, however, be explained that there was a Mount Horeb Chapter in the City of Carlisle, the earliest information as to which is about the year 1805, and in 1823, a charter of confirmation was

granted. This reference to the Mount Horeb Chapter will go to show that the lodge to which it was attached was the Lodge of Harmony, also in Carlisle, warranted by the regular Grand Lodge in 1771. This lodge made its last payment to the Grand Lodge funds in 1831, and twenty years later was erased. In the early part of the last century its membership

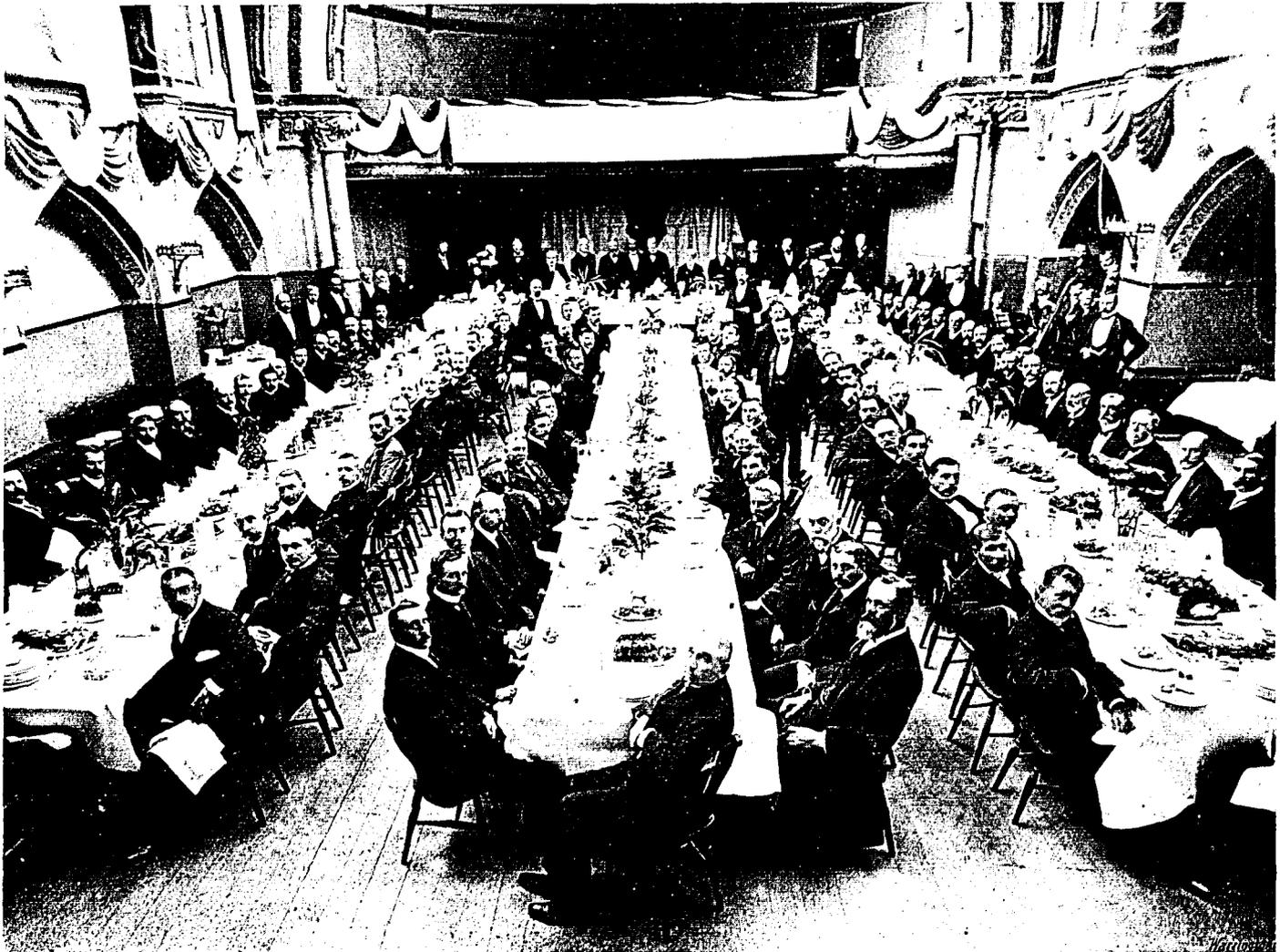


REVERSE.

roll included some of the leading men of position in the county, amongst them three successive Provincial Grand Masters of Cumberland, and the second Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland. Further, the Harmony Lodge during the first half of its existence regularly appeared in the Grand Lodge reports as a subscriber to the General Charity and Hall Funds.

W. F. LAMONBY.

## Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.



THE BANQUET.

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## Cornish Lodge, No. 2369.

THE installation meeting of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2,369, held recently at the Holborn Restaurant, in consequence of the alterations going forward at the Freemasons' Hall premises, was attended with its usual success, the visiting brethren from Cornwall being representative, and the muster of members of unusual strength. The names included Bros. F. E. Grose, W.M.; Richard Greenwood, I.P.M.; A. H. Simons, S.W.; Lewis Vague, J.W.; W. Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary, Treasurer; J. O. Widger, B.A., Secretary;



BRO. A. H. SIMONS, W.M.

J. Leach Barrett, P.G.St.B.; T. Hawken, S. Cope, and the Rev. E. Geard, P.M.'s; E. A. P. Broad, P.P.S.G.W., Cornwall; Dr. W. Hammond, P.P.S.G.W., Cornwall; the W.M. of Lodge No. 75, Falmouth; and the W.M. and a P.M. of Lodge No. 967, Penryn.

Bro. Grose, the outgoing Master, performed the whole of the work of installing his successor, Bro. A. H. Simons, who invested his officers; and the other business of the lodge

included the acceptance of a portrait of the Provincial Grand Officers of Cornwall, as well as of the lodge balance-sheet.

At the subsequent banquet West Country enthusiasm prevailed, and after the toast of "The King," Bro. Leach Barrett, P.G.St.Br., responded for the Grand Officers. He said that he always preferred to feel in that lodge that he was there rather as a member of it than in his capacity as a Grand Officer; nevertheless, he could speak of the sterling abilities both of the Pro and the Deputy Grand Masters, and of their capacity for dealing with the various problems presented to Grand Lodge, as well as with the turbulent spirits sometimes assembled there. Freemasonry was to him a very real thing indeed, and speaking amongst Cornishmen, who were divided into more sects than, perhaps, any community of a like number on earth, he might confidently say that he had derived more benefit from Freemasonry, and had been enabled to do more good by it, than by any other organization.

Bro. W. Lake, Asst Grand Secretary, also briefly replied.

The toast that followed was probably more keenly greeted than any—that of "The Province of Cornwall." It was answered by Bro. E. A. P. Broad, Charity Representative, who eloquently discoursed on the charitable work of the province, and by Bro. Dr. Hammond, who spoke of other parts of Masonic work in Cornwall. Bro. Gundry, W.M., 75, as well as Bro. Hosken, 967, were also listened to with gratification.

Bro. Grose, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," Bro. Arthur Hendy Simons, and called on the lodge to drink to one who would not fail to do the work he had to do as well as it could possibly be done remarking that he hoped there might be plenty of new blood introduced during his year of office, and that at the same time the candidates would be of the kind they appreciated in the Cornish Lodge.

Bro. Simons, W.M., in response, said he should not have taken that office if he had not felt able to do what was required of him in the lodge; the proceedings after the lodge were what disconcerted him. But, anyhow, he meant to do the best he could to give them, one and all, satisfaction.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, replied to by Bros. Chapman, Ross, Gilmer, and others.

The newly-admitted brother, J. Manell, returned thanks, and the officers of the lodge were represented orally by the Senior and Junior Wardens.

The singing, under Bro. Vivian Bennett's direction, was wholly Cornish in character, and was much appreciated.

## Royal Arch Masonry.—Province of Durham.

AT the annual convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Durham at Durham, on Saturday, October 21st, the proceedings were rendered this year additionally interesting from the fact that Lord Barnard, who already holds the position of Provincial Grand Master of Craft Masonry, was to be installed as Provincial Grand Superintendent in succession to Canon Tristram, who has felt compelled, in consequence of advancing years, to resign that position, which he has filled with such conspicuous ability. The attendance of companions was exceedingly large.

At the opening of the convocation, the retiring Grand Superintendent the M.E. Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram, presided, and was supported by many prominent Royal Arch Masons.

The Grand Chapter having been opened, Canon Tristram announced his resignation as Provincial Grand Superintendent. Advancing years, Canon Tristram said, behoved him to resign some of the many offices he had held owing to the

goodwill of the brethren in connection with Masonry. He felt that it was quite impossible for him to pay that attention to the many departments of Masonry which he should like to do, and in his opinion there was nothing that looked more senile than in clinging to office when one was too old for it.

On the motion of E. Comp. T. M. Barron, seconded by E. Comp. Dr. Hill Drury, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Tristram.

Canon Tristram, in acknowledging the compliment, said his consolation was that, although he was retiring from the chair, he was not retiring altogether from Royal Arch Masonry.

The ceremony of installing Lord Barnard as Grand Superintendent followed. The Grand Superintendent Designate was introduced by a deputation consisting of E. Comps. Dr. C. D. Hill Drury, R. Luck, F. H. Bennett, J. D. Todd, H. J. Turnbull, Thos. Coulson, John Robinson, W. E. Moffat, C. F. De Pledge, and W. Gray.

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### Qualifications of Candidates.

#### I.—THEIR MOTIVES.

THE great privileges with which Freemasonry endows those who are admitted into the Order, very properly require that there shall be strict watch kept upon the door by which that admittance is gained. It has to be remembered that the honour of the Craft is virtually committed to every newly-initiated brother. It is not of course impossible that some among us may, after perhaps years spent in creditable pursuit of the Craft to which they have put their hands, ultimately reflect discredit upon the Order. But it is a rare occurrence, and the majority of the cases over which we have to mourn, are of brethren who have been admitted without due precaution. In this connection, the motives with which an outsider seeks to join us become matters of the highest importance.

On this head, the candidate himself makes a declaration, but it is to be presumed that those responsible for his appearance in that capacity are not without previous knowledge. His proposer and seconder have, *ipso facto*, assured the lodge that in his private and public life their nominee has a high reputation. They are themselves under an obligation not to recommend any one who is not qualified to be a credit to the Order.

The lodge, however, is not entirely dependent upon what may be the partial recommendation of friends. The custodian of the honour of the lodge is its Master, and when he reads out the name and description of the candidate, from the East, before allowing a ballot to be taken, he is in effect giving the brethren an independent assurance that as far as

he knows, there is no disqualification. It will thus be seen that the Master is not without responsibility for the characters of his candidates. Most of the brethren who go to the ballot know nothing that would justify them in rejecting the candidate, but they would not like to incur the onus of admitting any one to the Order to whose merits there was not some independent testimony on which they could safely rely. But since the Worshipful Master's means of acquiring information are necessarily limited, it is the bounden duty of any brother who possesses knowledge affecting the candidate, to communicate with the Master. True there is the ballot box, but at this time of day, the ballot box is the *ultima ratio*, the last line of defence, and it is not exactly in accordance with the spirit of the times to resort to the ballot box till other means have failed. Still the ballot box is constitutional, and a black ball is as constitutional as a white one, and there is neither rhyme nor reason in abusing the brother who prefers that way of expressing himself. The writer, when in the chair, once had a peculiar case to deal with. A candidate was proposed, who seemed from all visible points of view to be likely to be an ornament to the Order. He was privately objected to by an influential member, who was not likely to be swayed by pique, and his name was reluctantly withdrawn. It transpired subsequently that the proposed candidate had intended going to foreign parts shortly, and had been heard to say that the fact of his being a Mason was one likely to further his prospects. This was considered to be an improper motive, and without expressing any opinion on the subject, it may be held that the Craft would never suffer if all its members were equally jealous of its honour.

Articles 186 and 187 define what is to be expected of every candidate. We are at present dealing with his motives, other points being referred to later. He has first of all to declare that he has not been improperly solicited. It might be a question whether any form of solicitation is permissible, proper or improper. The general opinion is that the first suggestion must proceed from the aspirant, but if so, why say "improper"? Would it be wrong to suggest to a peculiarly eligible person that his usefulness would be enlarged if he became a member of the Order? We venture to think that if the candidate and the brother who made the suggestion are able to say that there was no improper solicitation, nothing more can be required. Still, as a matter of safety and utility, it would be better for younger brethren at all events to refrain from even the appearance of evil. That which is got cheaply is often not valued highly. If the candidate unhappily finds out that the favourable opinion he preconceived of the Craft is not borne out by the facts, it is better that he should have only himself to blame.

He has to disclaim any unworthy motive, mercenary motives being especially mentioned. A question arises here as to the initiation of a serving brother when such has been chosen who is not at the time a Mason. Or in fact of anyone who seeks to be a Mason with a view to subsequent emolument. The Dispensation referred to in Article 193 has only to do with the remission of fees, and it would be interesting to know how the difficulty of the declaration is got over.

After a disclaimer of wrong motives, the candidate has to make a positive statement. He has preconceived a favourable opinion of the Order. How he has been able to do this is not stated, but the fact is that wherever there is a lodge whose members act up to all that is best in Masonry, that is the best advertisement the Order can want. It is after all only a part of Masonry that is secret, and that its least important part. What is not secret, and what cannot help making itself known, is the existence of a true fraternal spirit, of the spirit of true charity both of word and deed, and of the deeper sense of mutual responsibility. There is no hiding these things. If they are there, there will be no lack of applicants for membership, without any suggestive impulse. And if they are not there, the sooner the lodge goes into abeyance the better. Such a lodge acts as a danger post to the Order.

And lastly in this connection, the candidate expresses his desire of knowledge. This does not mean a curiosity to know our secrets, though it is true a good many Aryan brethren get into the Order whose desire for knowledge goes

no further, and these generally resign after some months. The secrets are but the locks and bolts on the door. Now the candidate is entirely ignorant of what Masonry can do for him, and especially in the way of increasing his knowledge. It may, therefore, be useful to know that it has been laid down that a candidate who stated that his motive was to acquire a more intimate knowledge of certain members of the lodge, whom he had admired from a distance, was held to express a perfectly Masonic desire. That particular case was decided by an eminent authority.

Our next article will refer to a candidate's limitations.



An obituary notice of the late Lord Leigh will be found in another column. His successorship as *doyen* of the Provincial Grand Masters devolves upon the Duke of Devonshire, who became Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire, as the Marquis of Hartington, in 1858; and the next in order up to a few months since would have been Earl Amherst, who, finding his duties as Pro Grand Master sufficiently heavy, has handed over the lesser position to R.W. Bro. F. S. W. Cornwallis. Next in seniority rank the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe (Cornwall, 1872), Earl Ferrers (Leicestershire and Rutland, 1873), the Marquis of Zetland (North and East Yorkshire, 1874), Lord Glanusk, then Sir Joseph H. Bailey, Bart. (Herefordshire, 1880), and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach (Gloucestershire, 1880). Certain District Grand Masters in the colonies may rank with them in seniority:—Charles J. Egan, M.D. (South Africa, E. division, 1875), Right Hon. Sir William Whiteway (Newfoundland, 1878), and others; but among all who are named, the record of Lord Zetland is the most striking, for there have been only three Provincial Grand Masters of the North and East Ridings since the creation of the province, these being the first, second, and third Earls (and this last the first Marquis of Zetland), while the second Earl occupied the supreme position of Grand Master from the year 1841 to 1870.

Lord Llangatock, as Provincial Grand Master of South Wales (Eastern Division), on October 23rd, laid the foundation stone of a Masonic hall at Barry in the presence of a very large gathering of the Craft and the general public. Masonic ritual was observed throughout, the ceremony being of a very interesting character. Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and of the local lodge met at the Masonic Rooms of the Barry Hotel, and proceeded in processional order to the site of the building, all wearing full regalia, Craft clothing, and jewels. Bro. the Rev. J. Alban Davies, Provincial Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer, and a hymn was sung. The Worshipful Master of the Barry Lodge (Bro. George Wareham), addressing the Right Worshipful Grand Master, requested Lord Llangatock to lay the foundation stone. The ceremony was duly performed, and Lord Llangatock declared the stone laid according to ancient custom, and trusted that the Masonic building would prove a power of the greatest good to the cause of Masonry. "May its members," his lordship concluded, "be always a body composed of God-fearing men, whose watchwords are 'Religion, loyalty, and charity.'"

The Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, R.W. Bro. Sir Thomas Bucknill, has appointed W. Bro. George Edward Redwood to be Provincial Grand Secretary in place of the late Bro. C. Tyler. The new Provincial Grand Secretary

resides at The Oaks, Wray Common, Reigate, and is a son of the late Professor Redwood, the eminent chemist. He was connected with one of the best known chemical industries in the country, but retired from business life before coming to Reigate about ten years ago. Bro. Redwood was initiated a member of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, Reigate, in 1896, and in 1903-4 he filled with much distinction the office of Worshipful Master, being subsequently appointed Director of Ceremonies. He is also prominent in Royal Arch Masonry, is a very liberal subscriber to the various Masonic charities, and is well known for his kind-heartedness in other walks of life. In Reigate, where his hospitality and geniality are well-known, he is highly esteemed, and his appointment will give great pleasure to his numerous friends in the Craft.

Though it is, happily, not unique, it does not fall to the lot of many Masons to initiate their eldest sons. Such a happy distinction has just occurred to W. Bro. Fred Phillips, J.P., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Monmouthshire, who on October 18th had the satisfaction of initiating into his own lodge (Isca, No. 683), at the Masonic Hall, Newport, his son and heir, Mr. F. Gordon Phillips, and his nephew, Mr. D. Stone Phillips. The Worshipful Master of the lodge,



W. BRO. FRED PHILLIPS, J.P.

Bro. T. Lloyd-Evans, generously stood aside to allow Bro. Fred Phillips to perform the ceremony, which he did with very great credit in a full lodge. The charge was impressively delivered by the Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master of the Province, Bro. H. Martyn Kennard. Both at lodge and at the banquet, which was afterwards held at the Westgate Hotel, the two initiates were heartily received.

While the welfare and reputation of a lodge is mainly due to the skill and assiduity of the master, its reputation is scarcely less dependent on its executive officers of which the secretary is the more important and responsible. For while the master directs and controls the inner working of the lodge, the secretary is its representative in all business matters and is in a position largely to make or mar its reputation especially with the supreme authorities. As much judgment and care therefore should be exercised in making this appointment as in the election of a master, seeing that the latter appointment is evanescent and lasts only for the year and the former is more often than otherwise practically a fixed tenure. Very few masters of a lodge have the courage to replace an inefficient secretary even when known to be lax in the carrying out of the simplest duties of his office.

What his predecessor has considered a sufficiently effective discharge of the duties of the office, the newly-installed master often weakly accepts, and in order to preserve peace and tranquility chooses the plane of least resistance.



Next to the accurate records of the transactions of the lodge and the tactful dealing with all matters in relation to individual members is the proper rendering of the annual returns and other communications to Grand Lodge. We have a shrewd suspicion that if the staff in the Grand Secretary's office were consulted, it would elicit an expression of opinion as to the capabilities of a great number of these officers sufficient at least to ruffle their self-complacency if not to demonstrate their utter inefficiency for performing the simplest duties of their office. Unreasonable delay in the rendering of the returns—neglect to comply with the requirements of the constitutions by failing to notify resignations—exclusions and the decease of members, thus necessitating repeated applications for particulars, neglecting to retain copies of their returns from year to year, together with other lapses from the paths of rectitude too numerous to mention.



In connection with the proposed readjustment of the rules relating to the constitution and membership of Grand Lodge dealt with in our last issue, a correspondent sends us the following suggestion, which he thinks worth a consideration, if only to clear the ground. That is a movable Grand Lodge. Hold the quarterly communications, say in London, York, Manchester and Bristol.

This sounds well on a first hearing, but the result would be that there would be no continuity. North country members would attend one meeting, West country brethren another, and so on, and the conduct of affairs would inevitably drift into the hands of the few whose Masonic duties called upon them to attend every meeting. In other words, instead of the Craft being managed as is now alleged to be the case by a few hundred London brethren, it would be dominated by half-a-dozen officials. As things are, a considerable number of those present at one meeting attend the next, and are well informed of what goes on. But this would not be the case with a movable Grand Lodge.



Instead of brethren being London or Provincial, we should have a fourfold classification, and whatever uneasy feeling may now exist would be intensified, for the North country brother for instance would, when he looked at the honour list, compare the amount of recognition he received, not alone with London, but with the other centres, and there would be four centres of Masonic interests and we should be infinitely worse than before the Union. Moreover the foreign brother would be out in the cold quite as much as he is at present. Under the arrangement previously described the interests of District Grand Lodges would be fully conserved, for they could elect representatives resident in England.



The real difficulty is not one of providing accommodation for a full meeting of Grand Lodge. No practical suggestion could be made that would meet this difficulty. But it has been suggested that the representation of each lodge might be reduced; that membership of Grand Lodge should be reserved for Worshipful brethren; or that even this number should be reduced by selection. This proposal if acted upon would reduce membership to something approaching reason-

able limits; but it would not touch the difficulties of time or expense, nor would it benefit the foreign brother. It would certainly remove one anomaly. The qualification for membership of Grand Lodge should be on a higher plane than that for membership of the provincial assembly, and so far so good. But the proposal would not, in effect, do anything more than rectify that anomaly. It might also afford some brethren the satisfaction of feeling that they were not so likely to be outvoted by London brethren as they are. But we repeat such feeling should be discouraged.



Bro. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Master of Virginia, in *The American Tyler*, writes:—

"After forty years of active Masonic work, embracing and covering duties from the ground floor to the grand East, I am yet without knowledge and experience enough to give a succinct and definite answer to the interrogatory, 'What is Masonry?'"

"I know that I could not frame one so terse and compact that, after hearing it, all Virginia Masons would stand up and say, 'That is the meat of the whole matter.'"

"The philosopher tells us that man, though he separates himself from his fellow by the physical mountain and the intellectual doctrine, is, after all, generously gregarious in his nature and seeks the level of association with his kind.

"If this be true, he must have originated Masonry as a means to the end, for of all the organizations devised by the wit, wisdom and experience of man, this Order of Orders touches more points of the compass of our human needs and nature than does any other whose records we know from history or tradition; in fact, it could not be otherwise, for beneath the universal surface is the great core of brotherly love, which unites men of every country, sect and opinion.



"Many are made Masons who take no further interest save and except to pay their stipend of dues and keep in fair standing. These may be termed surface Masons and whose use is to assist in supporting the inevitable expense which follows every effort of organized man. Of others 'the scythe of time cuts the brittle thread of life;' and of others, the undeposited and inoperative dimit does its work of disintegration; then again, through the gate, over whose portals is inscribed the legend, 'Non-Payment of Dues,' many wander out and, few returning, swell the ranks of those derelict known Masonically as non-affiliates.

"These negative classes I dismiss and turn to the rare few—those splendid spirits whose inspiration and industry and whose efforts and *esprit de corps* are ever feeding the fires on the altars of Masonry.



"The young and enthusiastic Mason who is charmed with the rhythm of the ritual; he of maturer years who begins to penetrate the inner courts, and here and there catches faint glimpses of the high morality and human philosophy which dwell therein; and he who has wrought his regular hours and earned the wages of knowledge and virtue and learned his duty to God and man, and who has clearer visions as to how that duty should be performed, and who has imbibed the great truth that while Masonry is not a religion, there is a religion of Masonry which teaches him virtue and morality; to be temperate, industrious, honest and just; to be kind, compassionate and merciful; to be benevolent, forbearing and patient, and, above all, to be truthful and



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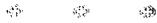
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to have in his heart the love of charity and the charity of love, so that when he steps to the greater centre and selects his doctrine and denomination, he cannot, if he be a true Mason, be a partisan, for true Masonry conserves and preserves true religion."



Those who are prone to believe what they read in the daily papers, may take pleasure in the thought that Masonry exists in some form or other in every country of the globe—even in China. The general press makes frequent reference to "Chinese Freemasonry," and one might infer that the secret organization dignified by this name bears a striking resemblance to Freemasonry. Such, however, is not the case. It is said that by those who have taken the trouble to investigate the ceremonies of Chinese secret societies that, while some forms are used which are common to practically all secret societies, the Chinese have nothing which at all resembles the Masonry we know. There are, of course, Masonic bodies in China, but they are chiefly of American and English constitution and their membership correspondingly of English and Americans.



It is characteristic of our American brethren, and perhaps a sign of the times of more than passing moment, that almost the first number of the new American Journal, the *Tyler-Keystone*, should be wholly devoted to articles on and reports of the proceedings of the Order of the Eastern Star which, as our readers are aware, admits ladies to membership and indeed is worked and controlled by the gentler sex. The Order is apparently growing rapidly both in numbers and influence, and bids fair to become an integral part of American Freemasonry. To English freemasons of the orthodox type who are stupid in the traditions and customs of the past such an organisation is hardly conceivable, but without expressing an opinion as the merits of the movement we will venture to predict that its counterpart will not be seen in Great Britain during the lifetime of the present generation of masons.

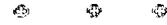


The Beckenham Lodge, No. 2047, held its installation meeting at the Public Hall, Beckenham, on Thursday, the 12th October, when W. Bro. Edwin J. Tumber (to whom a Past Master's Jewel was presented) retired from the chair, and W. Bro. Henry William Clarkson, P.M. of Lodge "Honor and Generosity," No. 165, was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed in a most charming manner by Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who also accepted the position as hon. member of the lodge. The company present included the Grand Secretary; W. Bro. Albert E. Neville, Dep. Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, P.G.S.B.; W. Bro. Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary; and a large number of members and visitors. The Worshipful Master having performed one of the ceremonies in an able and impressive manner proceeded to invest the following officers: W. Bro. E. J. Tumber, I.P.M.; Bros. Dr. Welpton, S.W.; Vernon W. Ledger, J.W.; Henry Lovegrove, D.C.; G. J. Hall, S.D.; Thos. W. How, J.D.; R. Boulcott Newth, Organist; and A. Studholm, I.G. The occasion was rendered particularly interesting from the fact that the lodge had now completed its 21st year. The meeting was acknowledged by all to be a record gathering for the lodge, and many were the words of encouragement and appreciation which were offered to the new W.M. in recognition of the manner in

which the arrangements had been made for this special evening, and the thanks of the lodge were heartily presented to Sir Edward Letchworth for the honour conferred by him upon the lodge.



A movement is on foot among the brethren of South Africa to establish a local institution for the relief of indigent Masons and widows, and a home for the care and education of Freemasons' children. A subscription has been opened at Johannesburg and other places in South Africa for the purpose.



An interesting feature in the Church Congress last month was a great Masonic meeting, held under the auspices of All Souls Lodge, No. 170, which was attended by a large number of the clergy, several bishops regretting their inability to attend owing to previous engagements. A most acceptable and historically interesting paper was read by Bro. John Angel Sherrin on the subject of "The Church Debt to Freemasonry."



Among the most successful of the older London lodges is the St. Luke's, No. 144, which celebrated its 140th anniversary at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday, October 25th. This ancient lodge not only maintains its old reputation for excellence of work, but is apparently as vigorous as ever, certainly it is not a sign of decadence, when at installation meeting it can muster a company numbering 125 out of a



BRO. G. S. ELLIS.

membership of something like 160, as it did on this occasion. The new Master, W. Bro. G. S. Ellis, was ably installed by the outgoing W.M.; and the officers appointed were: Bros. C. L. Wright, S.W.; G. W. Danson, P.M., J.W.; Col. J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; F. Stutfield, P.M., Sec.; S. C. Montague-Austin, P.M. D.C.; W. Bowles, S.D.; C. Jordan, J.D.; W. G. Grauel, I.G.; J. T. Matthews, F. Franklin, Wyllie Price, Stewards; G. H. Butcher, Org.; and T. Bowles, Tyler. Subsequently two candidates were initiated into Freemasonry.



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The usual Banquet afterwards took place, at which the usual toasts were proposed and responded to, and the enjoyment of the brethren was greatly enhanced by the excellent singing of the Misses Lydia Prescott, Carrie Irwin, and Mr. Michael and Mrs. W. Long, while Mr. Fred Searle's humorous additions to the programme were greatly appreciated.



The new hall of the Franklin Lodge, No. 838, Boston, was opened on October 26th. The premises were formerly used as a club, and are commodious and convenient. The rooms have been handsomely furnished and decorated. The opening ceremony was performed by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Yarborough, who was assisted by the V.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Bullock, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and vicar of Spalding.



A contributor to the *Tyler-Keystone* offers the following suggestions in reference to speeches at Masonic gatherings:—

"It too frequently occurs that when a non-resident brother is visiting a lodge, the presiding officer in all kindness of heart, calls upon the visitor for a speech.

"Now, while hundreds of men are superior in their business abilities, can write beautifully and forcibly, and converse in a free and elegant manner, they are completely lost when they attempt to speak in public. Their versatility does not include the art of public speaking, which is a gift that few men possess. He feels that he cannot refuse the invitation, which is tendered as a compliment, and mounts the rostrum, anxious to scatter a few pregnant gems of thought around among the assembled brothers. The big ideas that filled his soul with inspiration and dumb yearning, adjourn; he gets wild and skittish, and then reels off in a loquacious and instructive style that 'I am happy to be with you this evening, and am pleased to see so many of you present.' He resumes his seat, mops the dew off his brow, looks at his watch, and in every way indicates an innate desire to go home.

"There is no use of any officer inflicting useless pain on a brother member, for it is painful to be requested to make a speech when one has nothing to say and has had no time for preparation.

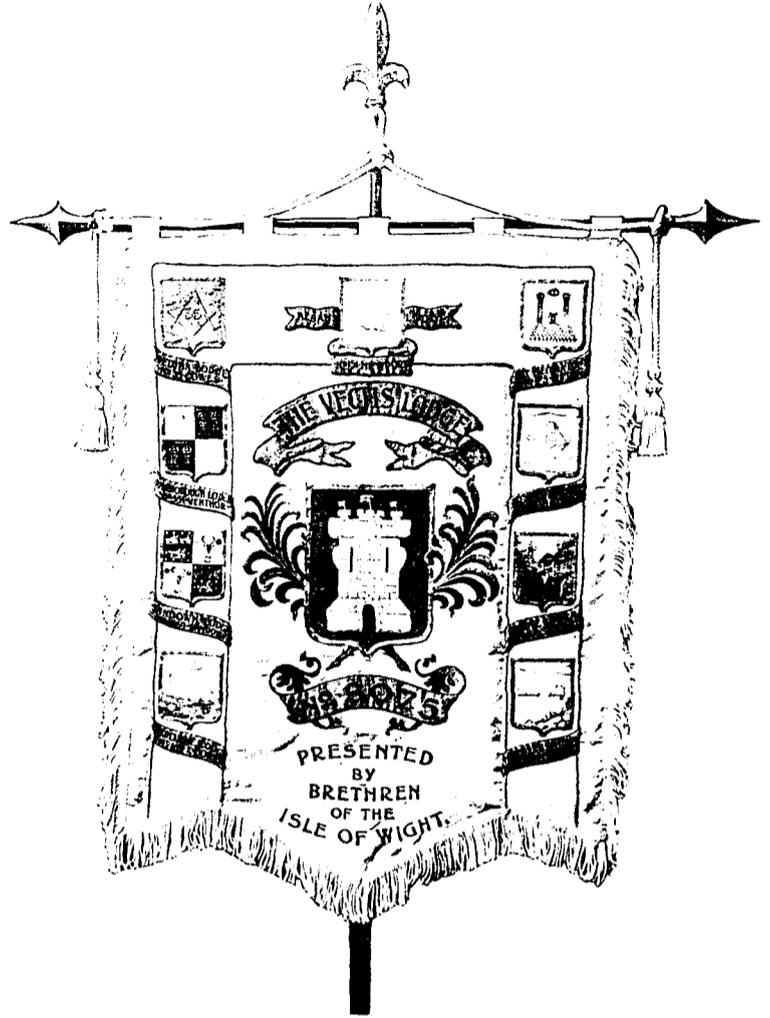
"How much better it would be to first quietly ask or cause to be asked the visitor if he would like to say a few words, and if he declines, it is neither hospitality nor kindness to call him out. It would make him more comfortable and have a tendency to make him think that his visit has been appreciated. Show a little consideration for the feelings of visiting brethren, and they will be grateful to you.

"It would be well for visiting brethren to prepare some little 'small talk,' so that when called for remarks on good of the Order, they could entertain the brethren with a few enlivening remarks. It would not be out of place to waive the strict formalities for the time being. There are very few brethren but would enjoy their meetings more thoroughly and think 'life well worth living,' if this were done."



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A deputation of Isle of Wight Freemasons waited upon Princess Henry of Battenberg, at her request, to present for her inspection an emblematic banner which the Isle of Wight lodges are presenting to the Vectis Lodge, London,



*Photo by Sydney Jones, Newport, Isle of Wight.*

members of which are Bros. Major Seeley, M.P., Sir Barrington Simeon, and Dr. Dabbs, well known Isle of Wighters. The pole of the banner was constructed of oak, 600 years old, taken from Carisbrooke Castle.

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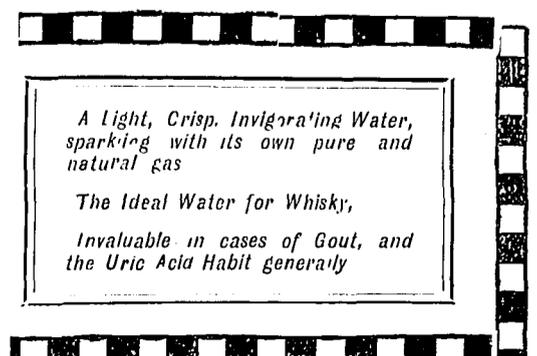
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## The Frascati.—A New Masonic Temple.

TO celebrate the completion of the above Temple, the contractors, Messrs. G. Godson & Sons, of Kilburn Lane, entertained the architect, Bro. C. H. Worley, F.R.I.B.A., the specialists in the different parts of the work, the managing director, Bro. I. W. Morrell, and a few friends to dinner, on Monday, October 2nd. The chair and vice-chair were taken by Bros. W. and G. B. Godson respectively.



BRO. C. H. WORLEY.

Before sitting down to dinner the brethren visited the new temple under the guidance of the architect and contractors, and the details of the work explained. The beauty

of design and workmanship were enthusiastically praised, and the unanimous verdict was, "that there is not any building to equal it in this country."

After a very *recherche* dinner, the chairman proposed the toast of "The King," followed by the National Anthem.

The chairman next proposed the toast of "The Architect," and said, they were assembled to heartily congratulate him on the result of much work and thought. They would appreciate the fact that the new temple was in the place of the old kitchens, and what a transformation. He ventured to think he must be a proud man when he looked upon his success, for a success it undoubtedly was, being the most perfect of its kind. It was an achievement that would long remain as a tribute to his ability.

Bro. Worley returned thanks for the eulogistic terms used in speaking of his work.

The chairman said it was a great satisfaction to come there that day, after the toils and worries of the past, to receive those little attentions from the management they all liked, and to hear their approval of what had been done. They had just rebuilt that part of the establishment in which they were dining, and redecorated the whole of the premises. They were deserving of a hearty toast, which he coupled with the name of Bro. Morrell.

In reply, Bro. Morell said he did not know why he was made the guest of the evening. He was proud to make reply on behalf of the directors. They had some reason, he feared, to complain at the time they had to wait for the additions; but that, perhaps, enabled them the more heartily to express thanks for the splendid temple now provided. In proposing the toast of "The Contractors," he thanked them all, down to their lowest workman.

The chairman said he hardly knew how to reply. They were simply the builders, the beauty of the work was due to the architect. The constructive part was theirs, and he felt sure it would live much longer than he should. In replying, he did so on behalf of all who had taken part in the work, which he was sure would compare favourably with any other in London.

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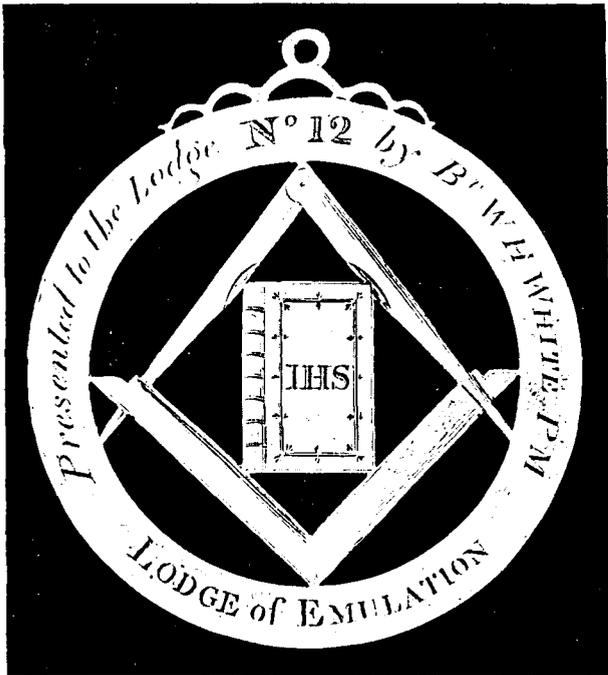
## History of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.

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

MAY 12th.—“Brother Francis Garden, deviating from the Golden Rules of Masonry by swearing an Oath, was fined one shilling by order of the Lodge; Brother Andrews, for sitting at y<sup>e</sup> Table uncloth'd and drinking a health, was according to the Rules of this Lodge fin'd 6d., both wch fines were cheerfully paid to y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer.”

June 9th.—“Bro Richford (at the request of Bro<sup>r</sup> Jos. Jones) declared his intention of being no longer a member of this Lodge, but at the same time requested the members would accept of three Candlesticks and Balloting box as a present from him, upon wch the Master propos'd to drink our Bro<sup>r</sup> Jones's health, returning him thanks for y<sup>e</sup> same, wch was accordingly done.”

1759, March 9th.—“It being observed by the Senior Warden that Brother Smith having Drank in Lodge hours uncloth'd, it was disputed whether he should be fined according to the custom of this Honble. Lodge, when after many debates it was resolved he should be fined as the Rules direct.”



CHAPLAIN'S JEWEL OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 21.

May 11th.—“The R.W.M. Proposed drinking Bro<sup>r</sup> Morris's Health on appointing him his successor as Steward.”

June 22nd.—“The Tyler has taken the three Jewels, two red Aprons and six plain ones for the Country Feast on Monday next, for which he is to be answerable.”

The Country Feast here referred to was also known as the Deputy Grand Master's Feast, and was usually held about Midsummer at some noted hostelry in the suburbs, the Grand Master's Feast, or Grand Festival, as it is now termed, being held earlier in the year at one of the Halls of the City Companies.

Sept. 14th.—“Bro<sup>r</sup> Humphrys, the Treasurer, being absent, and not sending the key so that the Jewels could not be come at, a motion was made and seconded that Mr. Humphrys be fined.” He was accordingly fined one shilling for his neglect.

Oct. 26th.—“Resolved, that as the next Lodge, in the usual course, will be on Lord Mayor's Day, and many will be otherwise engaged, that the next Lodge night might be on Monday, the 12th day of November next.”

1760, April 26th.—“Resolved that the next Quarterly Communication be attended on the 14th day of May next, and that the Treasurer do send Two Guineas from this Lodge, altho' Two Guineas were sent the last Quarterly Communication in respect to the R.W.M. serving the office of Steward this year.

“The R.W.M. drank the health of Bro. Buxton, S.W., as his successor for the next Feast after, which was cordially joined in.”

In consequence of the absence of the Grand Master no Grand Festival was held in 1761, and strange to say, only one meeting of the Grand Lodge took place during that year—on June 5th—and as Bro<sup>r</sup> Buxton died before the Festival of 1762, Sir Richard Glynn served in his stead.

1761, Feb. 13th.—“Bro. Williams presented his bill for making a Trassel Board with Hicouglyicks of Masonry and a Triangle hoisting the Perfect Ashler for Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings, which the Treasurer was order'd to pay by consent of the brethren.”

March, 27th.—“It was mov'd that Bro. Garden be expell'd this Lodge for abuse and non-conformity of the rules and orders of this Lodge. After some debates it was put up by the R.W.M. whether it was the sense of the Brethren to have him expell'd, which was carried in the affirmative, without a negative by holding up of hands.”

I beg to call attention to this paragraph, a practice having arisen in recent years of holding out the hand horizontally when voting in a lodge, which, as will be seen, is a departure from the ancient custom, decided upon in Grand Lodge as far back as April 6th, 1736, when it was ordered that the mode of voting should be “by holding up one hand.”

April 24th.—“It was mov'd (and carried) that there should be a stool and cushion provided for the convenience of Making, and our Bro. Treasurer was order'd to provide one.

“It was also moved that Bro. Montgomery should be paid for the future for forming the Lodge if the person to be made should not come, he then should be paid for forming and guarding Two Shillings and Sixpence.”

May 8th.—“It was mov'd that Sir Richard Glyn was desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge, which was duly seconded, he was accordingly voted for and Carried Nem. Con.”

June 26th.—At this meeting the sum of Two Guineas was voted to the widow of a former member, “for her use only and not for compounding any debts contracted by her late husband.”

Decr. 11th.—The regular day for the election of officers of the Lodge being Christmas Day, “A Motion was made that as many brethren may be engag'd with their Familys on that Great Festival, the Lodge should meet on Wednesday, December 23rd, which was carried by a great majority.”

1762, March 12th.—At this meeting intimation was received from the Grand Lodge “That they had been inform'd of divers persons meeting at *The Glaziers Arms* in Water Lane, Black Fryers, calling themselves Masons, and for small and unworthy sums, etc. It was therefore resolv'd, in order to prevent such persons being admitted into any regular Lodges, they thought proper to send to this as well as all other Lodges a List of all their names, which List it was agreed should be paisted in the Visitors Book.”

March 26th.—Bro. Berkeley Propos'd that the Jewels of this Lodge appear'd dirty, shou'd be exchang'd for new ones, which was seconded, and a Committee appointed to furnish the same.

“Bro. Huddard propos'd that the Lodge be furnisht with an inkstand suitable to the dignity of this Lodge, which was agreed to under the direction of aforesaid Committee.”

The Committee met at *The Mourning Bush Tavern* on the 1st of April, when “It was agreed that all the old Jewels belonging to this Lodge be preserv'd to the use and property of this Lodge. It was also agreed that the Table Jewels be repair'd and new silve'd, and that the Master's Jewel shou'd have the representation of a Sun hang between the Collar and the Jewel, the S.W. Jewel to have the representation of the seven stars to hang between the Collar and the Jewel,

the J.W. to have a half moon hang between as the two others. The Jewels to be engrav'd on each side alike with the emblems of Masonry, and that the Treasurer's Jewel to be made after the pattern of that at the Queen's Arms Lodge. The Past Master's Jewel to have a Sun hang between the Compass and Collar. It was also agreed that Bro. Burton produce a Standish for the use of the Lodge next Lodge night for the approbation of the Lodge. The Sy<sup>n</sup> Jewel to have Cross Pens, the emblem of the Minute Book at the top hung by a knot, and inkstand at the bottom, the Collars to all the Jewels to be a good Silver Lace of a rich pattern."

The report and recommendations of the Committee were duly approved at the next meeting of the lodge, when a Standish was produced by Bro. Burton, who received orders to make a similar article "of french plate."

May 14th.—"Sir Richard Glynn being present this night, did not know he was a member of this Lodge, having never signed the book of Laws, he accordingly this night signed his name and paid his fine accordingly."

June 11th.—"Bro<sup>r</sup> Dan. Burton having deliver'd in a Bill of £26 14s. 6d. for y<sup>e</sup> new Jewels and other materials furnished to this Lodge, Motion was made that he might be paid his Bill. wch is carried in the affirmative."

Oct. 8th.—The minutes of this meeting afford the first indication of a tendency to the "flesh-pots"—not, however, of Egypt, but of *The Mourning Bush Tavern*, for "Bro<sup>r</sup> Evans deliver'd in a Bill of £17 10s., being the Expences of the Feast before agreed to be had on fryday last, wch was order'd to be paid him by the Treasurer. It was likewise order'd that 10 - should be given to the servants of Bro<sup>r</sup> Evans for that day, five shillings of wch was order'd to the Cook.

"A Bro<sup>r</sup> swore an Oath, and readily paid a fine of 1/- for y<sup>e</sup> same, agreeable to the orders of this Lodge."

1763, March 11th.—"A Motion was made [and carried] that a proper Board be made for the Tyler to draw his Lodge on."

Oct. 28th.—"Order'd that the two Warden's Chairs be repaired, and the Ornaments on the top of the back of each be collected together and joined, the same to be done by Bro<sup>r</sup> Newton."

Dec. 22nd.—A brother from another lodge having requested the loan of the Lodge Jewels "to take a pattern of, it was agreed unanimously that the Jewels and everything belonging to this Lodge should be at his service, under the direction of the R.W.M."

1764, Feb. 10th.—"Upon assembling the Lodge, Robert Montgomerie the Tyler did not attend, and the Jewels, both new and old, were missing, together with the Pall, Hiram's, Stewards' Aprons, &c., suppos'd to be illegally taken by the said Tyler. Wherefore the R.W.M. is desir'd to take upon himself the trouble to apply to a proper Magistrate in order to bring him to Justice."

April 13th.—A Motion was made, and duly seconded, "That if the late Tyler Montgomerie do not return the old Jewels which he took from this Lodge by the next Lodge night, that he be prosecuted for the same, which was carried in the affirmative."

May 21st.—At this meeting a Motion was carried to the effect "that the Lodge should meet only once monthly for the three ensuing months of the Summer Season"; also, "That the Brethren of this Lodge should have a Country Feast."

June 22nd.—This was election night, and the brethren appear to have been wanting in the unanimity which usually characterised their proceedings on similar occasions.

"On casting up the votes there appeared for Bro<sup>r</sup> Jaffray, the present R.W.M. 2, Bro<sup>r</sup> Nix 1, Bro<sup>r</sup> Hawkins 1, Bro<sup>r</sup> Berkeley 2, and Bro<sup>r</sup> Jones 1, whereupon the Master in the Chair, by desire of the Lodge, gave the casting vote for the present Master, Bro<sup>r</sup> Jaffray, and, he being absent, the nomination of the other officers was postponed."

July 27th.—The subject of a Country Feast was again brought forward, and, after considerable discussion, it was "Resolved that no Brother be admitted to the said feast who has not already, or then shall pay his Quarteridge to Xmas,

and that no more than the sum of £10 be allowed from the Lodge for the said feast, and the surplus to be paid by the Brothers assisting at it. By a majority of 12 to 10 it was decided to hold the feast at *The Star & Garter*, Richmond Hill, on Saturday, August 4th, in preference to the following Sunday, and Brothers Maddocks and Lucas were nominated for Caterers."

Sept 14th.—"Moved and Seconded, that no Liquor be made and mixed anywhere by any Member of this Lodge, but in the Lodge, under the penalty of every Member being at the expence of the Liquor, he shall make contrary to this order, which is carried in the affirmative."

"Resolved Nem. Con. that Brother Whealy, for his unseemly behaviour this night, be fined one shilling, which was cheerfully paid.

"After an Excellent Lecture, with the songs of the Craft, the Lodge was regularly closed."

For several years this was the regular description of the conclusion of the business of the evening, but the words "Songs of the Craft" were afterwards omitted, and the lodge was said to have been "closed with harmony."

Nov, 14th.—"The Lodge being inform'd that the old Jewells which were taken away by the late Tyler may be had again by advancing a Guinea and a half, the sense of the Lodge being taken as to their Redemption, is carried in the affirmative."

1765, Jan. 4th.—At this meeting it was decided to remove the Lodge to *The Feathers Tavern*, Cheapside.

March 8th.—"Bro. Nix proposed that an enquiry be made after y<sup>e</sup> Jewells stolen from y<sup>e</sup> Lodge by y<sup>e</sup> late Tyler now under confinement in Wood Street Compter, upon which application was made to Bro. Sir Richard Glynn, who freely promised to accompany Bro. Nix to endeavour to recover y<sup>e</sup> same."



OLD DEACON'S JEWEL OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 21.

July 6th.—"Bro. Nix has returned to the Lodge the Master's and two Wardens' old Jewels that Montgomerie had pawn'd."

Dec. 13th is the date of an agreement written by the Secretary on the fly-leaf at the beginning of the Minute-book. In view of the nature of the penalty it is gratifying to know that Peachey was duly initiated at the next meeting of the Lodge, passed to the second degree in April (without fee), and discharged his duties as per agreement in a satisfactory manner.

The following is the agreement above referred to:—

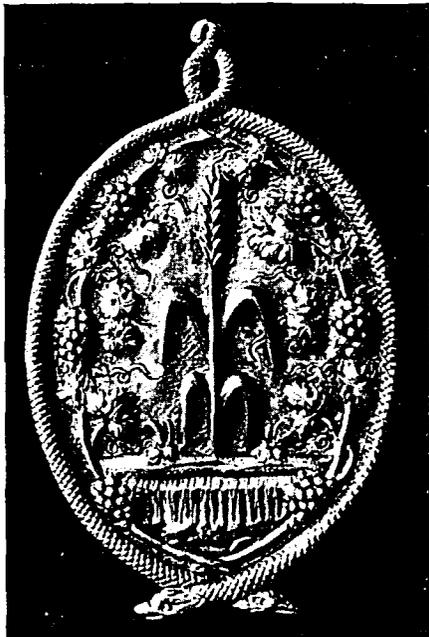
"I, Robert Metham, do hereby undertake & promise to the Master, Wardens, and other Officers and Brethren of the Mourning Bush Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons held at

my House, that my apprentice, Henry Peachey, whom I have requested to be made a Mason in the said Lodge, in order to have an opportunity of attending in and upon the same. That my said apprentice when made, shall, while he lives with me, attend accordingly this Lodge only on Lodge nights, under y<sup>e</sup> penalty, in case of his failure, of my forfeiting four Bottles of Wine.

“Witness,  
“THOMAS SHEPHARD.”

The following may be taken as evidence of the flourishing condition of the Lodge at this period:—

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 23<sup>rd</sup>.—“Proposed that a supper be provided for 35 at 1/6 per head and y<sup>e</sup> liquor to be drank at y<sup>e</sup> expence of y<sup>e</sup> Lodge till 12 o'clock.”



STEWARDS' JEWEL OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 21.

1766, March 24th.—Ordered that a Book, part vellum & part paper, be provided by Bro<sup>r</sup> Peck, under the direction of the Master, for inscribing y<sup>e</sup> new Laws.”

At the October meeting Bro. Peck produced a very handsome large folio volume, bound in red Morocco, for which he was paid the moderate sum of £2 7s. 8d. The new Laws were engrossed by Bro. Michael Devon, a well-known and skilful penman, who was employed for many years to engross the Warrants and Minutes of the Grand Lodge. His part of the work cost the Lodge £2 7s.

May 26th.—

The minutes of this meeting contain a rather unusual proceeding, which, if practised in the time present, would doubtless be deemed most reprehensible. A Mr. Claudius Heron was proposed, balloted for, and elected, and, at the request of his proposer, “a Committee was appointed (consisting of the Master,

Wardens, and four others, including the host) to make the said Gentleman on Sunday next, at 6 o'clock.” The minutes of this meeting are not recorded.

August 11th.—This meeting is very appropriately described as an “Extraordinary Lodge,” as for some unexplained, but probably good, reason it was held at 10 o'clock in the morning. The only business transacted was the making and passing of several gentlemen, some of whom were elected at the same meeting.

Nov. 24th.—“Bro<sup>r</sup> Le Marchant made a motion that Bro<sup>r</sup> James Goold, formerly a member of this Lodge (But now a prisoner in the Fleet and in great want) be reliev'd from the Fund of this Lodge with Five Guineas, wch being duly seconded, it was carried in the affirmative.”

1767, April 24th.—“Bro<sup>r</sup> Jaffray proposed the Hon. Br. Dillon to become a member of this Lodge, and he was duly elected.

“Bro. Alsager declined accepting the Apron [of Grand Steward] in favour of Bro<sup>r</sup> Dillon.”

At this meeting a Committee was appointed to meet on the 4th May to inspect the furniture and jewels of the Lodge. The Committee met accordingly on the day appointed, and reported as follows:—

“It is the opinion of this Committee that we have one new Chair made for the Master, and the two Wardens to be repaired and beautified, the expence not to exceed £12. That the tops of the Chairs be new gilded, and not to exceed three Guineas.

“That the Candlesticks, Pedestal, Tresselboard, and Lewis, &c., be repaired to the expence of about 2 Pounds. That a crimson half velvet covering be provided for y<sup>e</sup> Pedestal with a silk fringe, value £2 10s. That there be a new octavo Bible, value £1 1s. That there be a crimson velvet cushion for y<sup>e</sup> Pedestal at £1 10s. That there be a new Stool, covered with crimson velvet, £1 10s.

“That the present Movable Jewels be repaired and ornamented with white ribbands of the Garter kind. That four Past Masters Jewels be provided, agreeable to the pattern delivered by Bro<sup>r</sup> Price, value 45/- each.”

May 11th.—“The R.W.M. proposed that we have two Stewards appointed half-yearly by the Master, to assist the Wardens, and that they have Jewels to distinguish them in their office, not to exceed 3/6 each, which was carried Neminie Con.

“A Motion was made and carried that Bro<sup>r</sup> Timothy Jones be relieved with £15 out of the fund of this Lodge.”

This brother had been an active and a useful member of the lodge for a considerable time, having served as Master in 1753, and as Secretary for several years.

His needs must have been very great to have merited such liberal treatment, and the action speaks highly for the genuine Masonic spirit of his brethren.

A visitor from Wakefield also made him a present of a quarter of a Guinea.

May 25th. “Mr. James Bottomley was balloted for, and, being duly elected, was remade agreeable to our Constitution.”

He had been initiated under the Antient, or rival Constitution, and it

was usual in such cases for the brethren to be remade in the event of their joining either of the opposition lodges.



FIRING GLASSES OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, No. 21.

Warrington.

Bottomley was a Coal Merchant, and eventually attained considerable celebrity in the Society of his adoption. He served as Grand Sword Bearer from 1778 to 1785, and again from 1788 to 1790.

Sept. 14th.—“Bro<sup>r</sup> Newton desired to make a present of two Staffs for the Stewards of this Lodge. The same was accepted of, and he rec<sup>d</sup> the thanks of the Members for the same.”

At this period Deacons were not appointed in the lodges under the regular Grand Lodge, it is therefore probable that a part of the duties of the Stewards resembled those afterwards performed by the Deacons.

1768, Jan. 11th.—The minutes of this meeting contain nothing of particular import, except the names of the members present, to the number of 23; and as it is the first occasion of their being so entered, I have deemed it worthy of being placed on record.

It had become an annual custom for the lodge to have a “Summer or Country Feast,” and, as a rule, there was considerable difference of opinion as to the best place to fix upon for it.

May 9th.—The subject of a Country Feast was brought forward, and the following houses were put to the vote by “holding up of hands,” with the result that “there appeared for Bro<sup>r</sup> Brun’s, *The Mermaid*, at Hackney, 8, Bro<sup>r</sup> Laney’s, *The Bell*, at Edmonton, 2, and for Bro<sup>r</sup> Beech’s, *The Windsor Castle*, Hammersmith, 9. The matter was ultimately settled by ballot at the next meeting, *The Green Man*, at Dulwich, having been added to the houses already named, when a majority declared in favour of *The Mermaid* at Hackney.

Nov. 28th.—“A Letter was read from Bro<sup>r</sup> French, Grand Sec., requiring a List of the Members as they stood on the 28th of October last, and a further account of all persons that should after that time be made Masons in this Lodge, and likewise an account of all Members of other Lodges that should be admitted Members of this Lodge, with an account of the Fees respectively paid by them.

“The said Letter also enclosed a scheme of New Regulations for raising a fund to defray the expences of building a Hall and purchasing Jewells, Furniture, &c., for the use of the Grand Lodge, which regulations were read and unanimously approved of.

“It was also agreed that a Book should be immediately provided for the entry of all Voluntary Contributions that should be made in this Lodge.”

“Considering that the Society of Free and Accepted Masons are not yet incorporated, and that the Voluntary Subscription towards a fund for the laudable scheme for building a Hall, &c., might not be hindered thereby, a motion was made, and seconded, That (notwithstanding the Grand Secretary’s Letter directed that all Subscription money should be quarterly paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer) such subscription money should be kept in the hands of the Treasurer of this Lodge till an Act of Parliament for the incorporation of Masons should be obtained, except a Determination of a Quarterly Communication should otherwise direct. And it was carried by a great majority that the money should be so kept, till otherwise determined by the Qua : Com. or by this Lodge.”

The year 1768 marks a most important epoch in the history of Freemasonry in England, as it witnessed the emergence of the Grand Lodge from a sort of “happy-go-lucky” condition to one of systematic order and stability, and, as a former member of this Lodge, the Hon : Charles Dillon took a prominent part in bringing about the new order of things, I shall doubtless be excused if I here direct attention to the subject.

During the first 59 years of the existence of the Grand Lodge, it had neither home nor habitation, nor, indeed, anything else in the shape of real estate. Its ordinary meetings were held at various taverns, and the Annual Festivals at one of the Halls of the City Companies lent for the occasion—[*To be Continued.*]

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