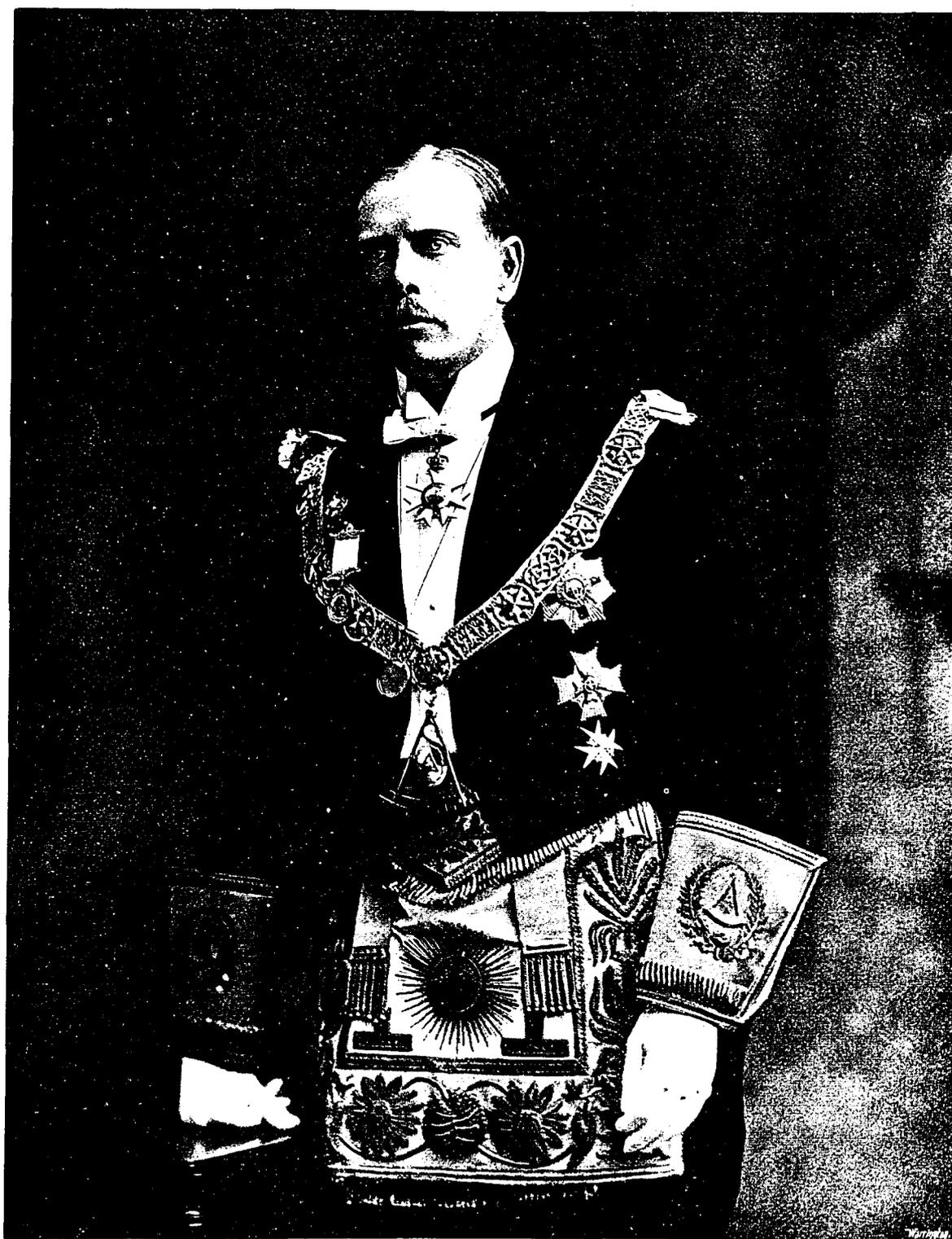


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*Rt. Hon. Lord Plunket, K.C.V.O.,
 Governor of New Zealand,
 Most Worshipful Grand Master New Zealand.*

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Installation of Lord Plunket as Grand Master of New Zealand.

THE installation of His Excellency Lord Plunket, Governor-General, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, took place on May 9th at Christchurch, in the presence of a large representation of Craftsmen from lodges in all parts of the colony and further afield. The occasion was the most auspicious in the history of Freemasonry in New Zealand, inasmuch as it marked the first installation of vice-royalty to the highest office in the New Zealand Order. Bro. Lord Plunket is following the example of Governors in Victoria who have held the position of Grand Masters, and it is only quite recently that Bro. Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales, was installed in Sydney as Grand Master of that Grand Lodge. Bro. Lord Onslow, a former Governor of New Zealand, was asked in 1889 to accept the high office as first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, but he declined, after going deeply into the matter, on the ground that there was not unanimity among the New Zealand lodges in their relation with the proposed Grand Lodge. Of the 147 lodges in the colony at that date, only ninety-two were definitely in favour of the proposal. After a great deal of opposition from one side or another, the Grand Lodge was formed in 1890, and Bro. Henry Thomson was installed first Grand Master, and Bro. Lord Plunket is the ninth Freemason to fill the position.

The ceremony of installation having been performed, the retiring Grand Master in addressing the brethren said: That in an eloquent sermon preached some time ago by the Grand Chaplain of Nova Scotia, he stated that "the idea seems to be gaining ground that the obligation of a Master Mason does not extend to and cover his relations with the brethren in private life, but only extends to the converse and work of the lodge room, and unkindness and injustice amongst the brethren in their relations as private citizens is a matter entirely beyond and outside the Masonic cognisance." The preacher went on to say: "If this view is correct and should become generally adopted and acted upon, it must surely eventually tend not only to render the terms of a most solemn obligation unintelligible and foolish jargon, but also in a very great measure to nullify entirely the principle of brotherly kindness, which is as strictly enjoined as any other of the tenets to which we give assent in that obligation. If brethren are only to be kind, just and true to one another when in lodge assembled, and when untiled and unclothed are absolved from their obligation in this respect, then shall we in vain seek to impress upon the profane that there can be in our system consistency, integrity and stability." I say it may be that this "touches us not," and that in this relation "our withers are unwrung," but nevertheless a little candid self-examination by every one of us may not be out of place or unwise. For it is most true that "conscience is harder than our enemies, knows more, accuses with more nicety." My own experience, gathered in all parts of the territory—north, west, east, south—would lead me to think that the larger cities are not conspicuous over smaller places for manifestation of a true Masonic spirit. I will not say more than this, except to echo the declared conviction of the reverend brother whom I have already quoted, that the idea should not be entertained "that a Mason can ever at any time, or in any place or in any way wilfully injure a brother Mason, and at the same time maintain unsullied his own honour and reputation, or remain true either to the spirit or the letter of his obligations." Verily, to quote the American philosopher, "the only way to be a friend is to be one." You will, I think, brethren, bear with me in this my parting word, when I exhort you to maintain the dignity of our beloved Institution. Do not let our claims to a high morality end in mere talk, but let us show to the world that our beautiful tenets are exemplified in our life and daily dealings; and in our lighter hours let our joyousness be reasonable, and never may we

forget that we have markedly declared temperance to be one of the cardinal virtues. All this being so, we shall take new delight in that utterance of the poet—"Oh, what a precious comfort 'tis to have so many like brothers, commanding one another's fortunes."

The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced the appointment by him of the following officers, viz.:—Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. M. Brown (Oamaru); Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. J. H. Keesing (Wanganui); Junior Grand Warden, R.W. Bro. H. C. Tewsley (Auckland).

The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Superintendents, Grand Wardens and the other Grand Lodge officers elected at the afternoon sitting of the Grand Lodge were duly invested.

Lord Plunket, in delivering his installation address, said:—"In opening my address I desire again to assure the brethren how fully I appreciate the honour conferred upon me, and how deeply conscious I am of the serious responsibilities which must necessarily form part of the high office to which I have been elected. It is no small thing to be chosen by the members of so flourishing, important and increasing an institution to be their head, and I must confess that, when first asked to allow my name to be submitted to the lodges, I hesitated, for I had grave doubts as to whether the brethren as a whole would wish to choose one who might by some be considered an interloper, and who certainly could not claim any personal knowledge of the peculiar requirements and aspirations of the Craft in New Zealand. I was, however, so earnestly assured that the brethren would welcome one who was both the representative of his Majesty, our Patron, and an earnest Mason, that I hesitated no longer, and from the fraternal way in which my nomination was received, I see that my advisers were not mistaken. It is a double satisfaction to me to realise that their judgment was correct, since it will be necessary for me to rely for some time upon the advice of prominent members of the Grand Lodge, and to be guided by their counsel to a considerable extent. In this connection, I thank you for having given me such an able and agreeable coadjutor as M.W. Bro. Binns, upon whom so much of the usual work of the Grand Master must fall, owing to my public duties outside the Craft. The special needs and the immediate interests of the Freemasons of New Zealand have been ably dealt with, and I propose only to submit to you a few remarks of a more general character. The point and ceremony of the dignified and perfectly carried out installation of this evening is upmost in our minds at the moment. Our hearts are filled with satisfaction at the material progress and prosperity of the ancient Craft in this young country, and we are congratulating ourselves upon the splendid reunion of brethren gathered here to-night from all over the colony. It would be pleasant and easy for me to frame an address merely upon these lines, but if I am to be worthy of the honour you have paid me I must endeavour to probe more deeply beneath the surface. Ritual is interesting, but the lesson and duties it teaches are its real use and object. How often one hears the symbolic portion of our ritual elaborately given, and the meaning it represents gabbled or spoken without any tone of conviction. And what is the result? Our new brethren either drop out of Masonry or accept the convivial and social side as its only usefulness. In my opinion, this hesitation to point the moral more often proceeds from the instructor's feeling of personal unworthiness rather than from indifference to the noble morals which it his duty to inculcate. And if I am right in this, such a brother should take heart, for surely, that very feeling of unworthiness proves that his mind is not dead to the nobler aims of our Craft. Brethren, if Masonry is to be of genuine service to us, and is to attract our fellow men, we must keep ever before our minds its real object, which is to help us to live better lives, to act on the square in all our doings. No brother in



OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW ZEALAND, INVESTED 9th MAY, 1906.

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this room is more conscious than your Grand Master how badly he has learnt those magnificent and broad-minded lessons, but no brother is more convinced than I am that unless we are determined to keep in the forefront of our Masonic life the real ultimate aim of the Craft, we shall be Masons only in name, a cause of indifference in our ranks and of contempt for our Order without. Previous occupants of this throne have urged you to see that none but worthy men are admitted to our Order; in that advice I must fully concur. But in carefully guarding the porch, let us be sure that the candidate of good report, discreet age and sound judgment, whom, after careful consideration, you have found worthy, finds, on admission, that you are worthy also. Elaborate ritual and good fellowship will not alone bind such a man to you, but combine with them that real object of our Craft, which I have so inadequately touched upon, and you will have a brother for life, a tower of strength to the Lodge and to all his brethren. And before I leave this subject, let me add that it is upon the rank and file that this duty mainly devolves. The Grand Officers can but advise and encourage; it is to the ordinary officers and brethren of his lodge that the newly-made Mason turns for a practical demonstration of the faith that is in them. It is to you, the Worshipful Masters, Wardens and brethren of our lodges throughout the colony that I have earnestly addressed this advice. Brethren, the New Zealand Constitution is prosperous and increasing, and, if I am to believe what I hear on all sides, it is steadily gaining, through the good conduct of its brethren, honour and respect outside the Craft. The only jarring note which sounds in our ears year after year is the position taken up by parent Grand Lodges at Home. My own former Grand Lodge is, I am proud to think, guiltless, and the Grand Lodge of England is showing generally a more fraternal feeling, but the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Scotland towards us and other colonial Grand Lodges still gives us cause for sorrow and anxiety. As you are aware, a conference was recently held between the three Home Grand Lodges, mainly to deal with questions which concern us in the colonies, and I should like to read to you a paragraph from the address subsequently delivered to the Irish Grand Lodge by one of its delegates, R.W. Bro.

Chetwode (Crawley). He said: "Speaking generally, I should apprehend difficulty in seeking valid arguments in support of the thesis that the parent Grand Lodges of the British Isles have the right to impose on colonial lodges, without their consent, conditions which interfere in any way with their legitimate freedom of action. History, expediency, equity, our racial instincts seem to be against the principle. Does any inquirer want a closer historical parallel than the proposition laid down in the Declaratory Act of 1766, to the effect that the Mother Country has, and of right ought to have, power to bind the colonies in all cases whatsoever? Our American brethren were the outcome of that contention." Could the views of the individual brethren of the Scotch Constitution at Home and abroad be polled to-morrow, I am certain that they would by an enormous majority re-echo that statesmanlike view of the position. In the meanwhile, the question is settling itself by lodges working under the Home Constitution joining our Grand Lodge. Whilst I will never be a party in bringing unfair pressure to bear in order to induce a lodge to transfer its allegiance, it will be a deep satisfaction to me to welcome such lodges as come to us of their own free will. I am aware that amongst them there still remains some of the best Masons in the colony, and to those lodges may I be allowed to say, why should such charming and eligible young persons blush almost unseen, and die unwept for in single blessedness, when by marrying into a prosperous and vigorous family they would help to people the land with a noble race of Masons, improved by this strain of new blood? And now I have only to say in conclusion, that I shall endeavour to follow the advice given me by your eloquent and revered Immediate Past Grand Master, and assisted by the able, energetic and popular Pro Grand Master you have given me, strive to do all I can to be worthy of your choice for the good report of the Craft in general, and for the honour of this Grand Lodge in particular.

The tendering to the most Worshipful the Grand Master of fraternal greetings and congratulations by the representatives of Grand Lodges in various parts of the world concluded what was probably the most impressively conducted Masonic ceremony ever held in New Zealand.

A banquet was subsequently held in the Canterbury Hall.

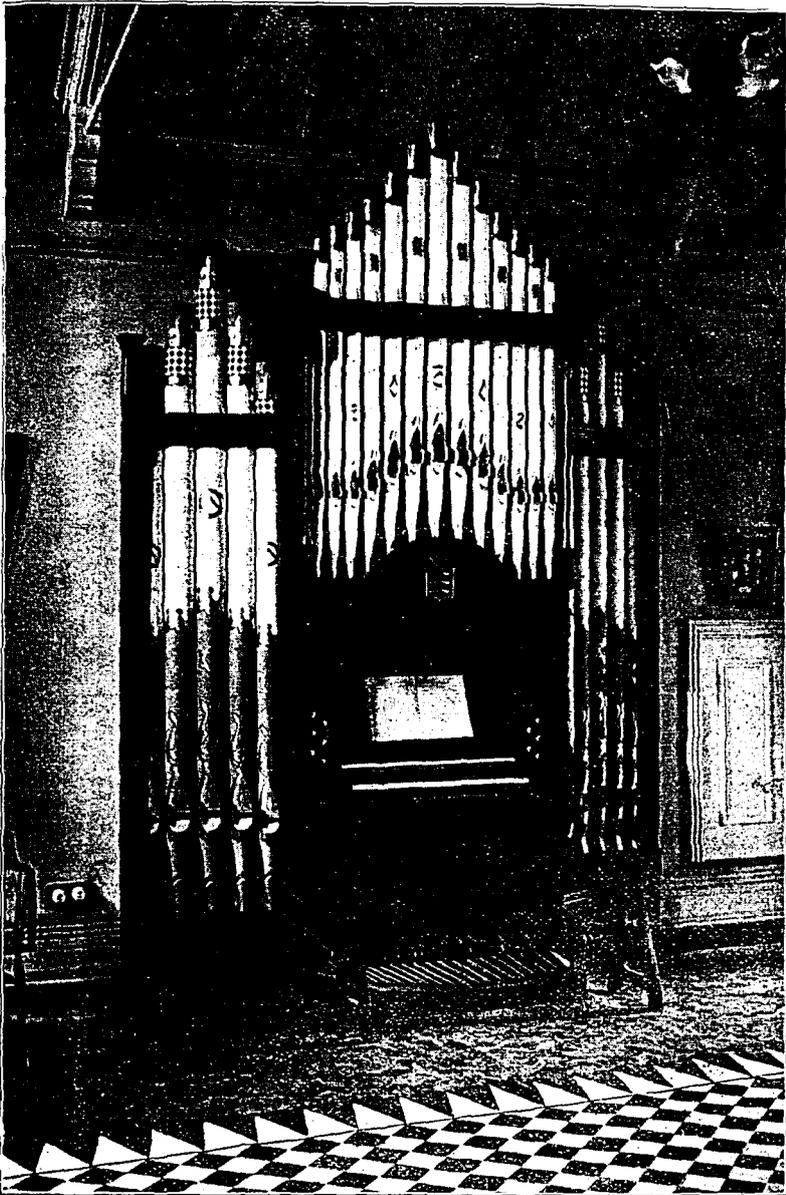
Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex.

FOLLOWING the example of the neighbouring Province of Suffolk, the Essex Freemasons held their Provincial Grand Lodge this year at the seaside, the annual fixture taking place at Harwich on Saturday, June 30th. The weather was gloriously fine, and the result was a very large gathering and a thoroughly successful meeting. The Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Volunteer Drill Hall, under the banner of the Star of the East Lodge, which, bedecked with flags and the large array of banners of the lodges in the province, presented a very inviting aspect. Bro. the Right Hon. Colonel Lockwood, C.V.O., Provincial Grand Master, presided, supported by W. Bro. H. J. Salter, Deputy Provincial Grand Master. There were a number of distinguished visitors.

The report of the Board of General Purposes included the following passages:—The Board desire, on behalf of the province, to heartily congratulate the R.W. Bro. Colonel Lockwood, Provincial Grand Master, on the double honour conferred upon him since the last meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge by his Majesty the King, and they earnestly hope that he may long be spared to grace the office of a Privy Councillor, and to wear the distinction of a Commander of the Victorian Order. The organ in memory of the late W. Bro. Claude E. Egerton-Green, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, mentioned in last year's report, has been erected in the Masonic Hall at Colchester, and reflects the greatest credit on the builders, Messrs. Jones and Son, of the

Marlborough Organ Works, Upper Holloway. An agreement has been entered into, between the Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the province, and the Directors of the Colchester Masonic Hall Company, Limited, vesting the organ in the Provincial Grand Lodge, by whom it is to be maintained, and there is a clause providing that, in case of the removal of the instrument, any damage to the building shall be made good. In the erection of the organ, the Board have had the valuable advice and assistance of W. Bro. Hayman Cummings, Mus. Doc., Director of the Guildhall School of Music, to whom the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge are specially due. The instrument consists of two manuals for the great and swell organs respectively. Compass, C C to A, 58 notes; with separate pedal organ, compass, C C C to F, 30 notes; and contains the following stops:—Great organ—1. Open diapason, metal, 8 ft., 58 pipes. 2. Dulciana, metal and wood, 8 ft., 58 pipes. 3. Flute, metal, 4 ft., 58 pipes. Swell organ—4. Lieblich Gedact, wood, 8 ft. 58 pipes. 5. Viol d' Gamba (bass grooved to No. 4), metal, 8 ft., 46 pipes. 6. Gemshorn, metal, 4 ft., 58 pipes. Pedal organ and couplers—7. Bourdon, wood, 16 ft., 30 pipes. 8. Swell to great. 9. Great to pedals. 10. Swell to pedals. Total number of pipes, 412. It is enclosed in a solid oak case, with decorated speaking pipes standing in front. The bellows are placed outside the lodge room and fitted with triple feeders blown by electric motor, and actuated from the front of organ.

The accounts for the financial year, which had been previously audited by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose, were presented, and after payment of all outstanding claims, show a balance in hand of £165 os. 9d. on the general account, and £98 13s. 6d. on the charity account. The returns from the lodges show that during the year there have been 202 initiations, and 101 joining



THE NEW ORGAN ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE LATE
W. BRO. CLAUDE E. EGERTON-GREEN.

members. The resignations have been 233, and the losses by death forty-two; whilst 162 brethren have been struck off the books of their respective lodges, leaving the present strength of the province 2,995 members. The number of lodges on the roll has been increased to fifty-six by the consecration, on the 4th of April last, of the Boadicea Lodge, No. 3147. The Board recommend a donation of £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a like sum to

the Harwich Borough Nursing Institution. From the Charity Fund they recommend a donation of £10 10s. to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a like sum to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master moved, and W. Bro. J. Berry seconded, the adoption of the report, and this was agreed to.

The Provincial Grand Master, addressing the brethren, said he was happy to be able to say that Masonry at present in his province required no remarks at all. It was going on quietly and thoroughly well, and presented a healthy aspect, not only to him, but to those connected with Masonry. He was glad to tell them that those connected with Masonry looked with astonishment, and sometimes with envy, on the progress they were making, and the very healthy spirit there was amongst them. Bro. Colonel Lockwood expressed regret at the absence of certain lodges. One of them had not put its trust in princes, but in something worse. He had no doubt that its representatives were now in the offing, not far away. Would that they were there, they very "offing" said. He did not think the motor car could have been actuated by Masonic motives, or it would have arrived. He thanked the lodges for their hearty support, because it showed that he had the confidence of the brethren. So long as he had that, they might depend upon it that he would endeavour to forward the interests of Masonry in every possible way.

The banquet was held in a commodious marquee under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, luncheon being served to the lady visitors in a contiguous tent. Dinner over, a toast list was gone through with refreshing rapidity, the Provincial Grand Master being enabled to state at the close that they had polished off the lot in some eight minutes. Bro. Colonel Lockwood gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

That of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by W. Bro. P. Colville Smith (Benevolent Institution).

"The Health of the Provincial Grand Master" was proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Colonel Lockwood, in graceful fashion, returned the compliment.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and that of the Worshipful Masters of the lodges in Essex Province was responded to by W. Bro. Denny.

After the banquet, the guests were taken on the "Essex" for a trip up the Orwell as far as Pin Mill, Felixstowe, Parkeston Quay, and Harwich Harbour being afterwards visited. Tea was partaken of at Harwich, and the visitors returned home by boat and rail, a thoroughly enjoyable day having been spent. During the afternoon and evening selections of music were admirably played by the Headquarters Band of the R.G.A. Volunteers, under the conductorship of Band-Sergeant J. Coombe.

Annual Excursion of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

SHREWSBURY was this year selected for the summer meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. The visitors were drawn from all parts of the British Isles, and also from India, New Zealand, Australia, the Argentine, Rhodesia, Capetown, &c. In honour of the visit, a joint emergency meeting of the two Shrewsbury lodges, Salopian Lodge, No. 262 and Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, was held in the Music Hall, with the R.W.Prov.G.M., Sir Olfey Wakeman, Bart., presiding. The local brethren attended in good numbers to welcome their guests.

The R.W.Prov.G.M. said they were met together for a special purpose, viz., to offer their hearty welcome to the members of the Lodge of Quatuor Coronati, who had come that day

into the town. The trumpet of fame had already informed them of the importance and attainments of that illustrious lodge, and he felt sure that every Shropshire Mason was gratified that their brethren of the Quatuor Coronati had thought fit to make their summer excursion among them on that occasion. It might be from a touch of that Salopian pride which was supposed to be so characteristic, but he confessed it appeared to him that the choice of the brethren on that occasion had some justification, because he had always been of opinion that within easy reach of Shrewsbury there were objects of interest which must appeal to every man of taste, such as few countries could boast. Whatever their visiting brethren were interested in, they could gratify their

tastes. If lovers of scenery, they would revel in the Shropshire streams, fertile valleys, and lovely hills affording grand and extensive views. If, on the other hand, the taste of the visitor was more inclined to the works of man—of those who had in the past ages occupied that country—he would find within easy reach of Shrewsbury a large number of such objects, extending through many different ages; beginning with the Druidical circles upon the western borders and passing on to the many earthworks of different ages. Or should he allude to the works of the Romans—their great road, their important city of Uriconium, alas! still buried beneath the soil. Or, coming to more modern times, what about the ruins of stately abbeys, some of them almost in sight of Shrewsbury? What about the numerous parish churches, nearly every one of which carried in its stones the history of the generations who had preceded us? Again, it seemed to him, the county was especially rich in those small manor houses which were found not only in their great roads, but even in the by-lanes, scattered about almost throughout Shropshire; many of a very interesting character, and once the residences of the gentry, but now for the most part existing as farmhouses. Then, from a more historical point of view, there were many evidences to be found of the peculiar position of Shropshire on the borders of what was once the troublous Principality. All along the Welsh border were to be found the remains of fortified places, besides, of course, the great earthwork known by the name of King Offa. As the visitors went down to Ludlow, on either side of the railway were different camps marking the place in which the Roman army was kept stationary by the army of Caractacus, according to local tradition. Again, he might mention what was known as the Council House in Shrewsbury—for many years the place of assembly of the Council of the Marches, and also the great castle at Ludlow, the official residence of

the President of that body. Or, if their hypothetical visitor confined his attention to the printed programme, he would find in Shrewsbury many records—architectural, ecclesiastical, and documentary of a not inglorious past. And when he went to Ludlow he would see there one of the most picturesque English towns nestling beneath its castle and the shadow of its great church. Both that castle and that church were objects of great interest, and in the town and also other towns in the province they would find many trusty brethren who would join in the hearty welcome he now, on behalf of the Shropshire brethren, gave to them.

Bro. Higginson, W.M., offered a hearty welcome from Salopian Lodge, No. 262. They were honoured, he said, by the presence of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and they wished their visitors thorough enjoyment, and also that they would find in Shropshire much useful information.

The Master of the Salopian Lodge of Charity, No. 117, extended a similar hearty welcome to the beautiful and interesting old town of Shrewsbury. He trusted that the weather would be genial, and give them as warm a welcome as that offered to them by the brethren of his Lodge.

Bro. Shackles, W.M., expressed the grateful and sincere thanks of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge for the very hearty welcome accorded to them. He thought they were going to have one of the most interesting meetings they had ever held, and they had the largest number of members who had ever come to the summer meeting.

Canon Horsley, Grand Chaplain, also voted the thanks of the visitors. He said, the last meeting at Chester excelled all they had ever had, but this promised to be even more delightful.

Afterwards, Bros. W. E. Harding and R. J. Irwin gave an exhibition of limelight views of Old Shrewsbury.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon.

THERE was a very large attendance at the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, on June 20th, at the Alexandra Hall, Newton Abbot. The business included the election of a child, nominated by the St. John's Lodge, Plymouth, on the education fund and grants to six brethren or their widows in needy circumstances, by the Committee of Petitions.

Right Worshipful Bro. G. C. Davie presided over the Provincial Lodge.

W. Bro. Gover reported that during the past year the lodges and subscribers in the provinces had, with few exceptions, sent in their votes for the great Masonic charities in good time, but it was a matter for regret that some of the votes were not received until near the day of the election, and after repeated applications by the Secretary. It should be borne in mind that votes sent in early had an higher value, because they enabled the London representatives to arrange for exchanges and loans to much greater advantage. The number of votes received was—2,258 for boys, 1,052 for girls, 1,332 for men, and 1,425 for widows.

W. Bro. Clapp presented the report of the Fortescue Annuity Fund, and bore testimony to the valuable assistance he had received from W. Bro. J. Stocker, who, in spite of his many other engagements, was always ready to do every-

thing in his power to promote the best interests of Freemasonry.

The Prov. G. Secretary (W. Bro. John Stocker) reported that the number of subscribing members in the province was 4,902, an increase of 211 over the previous year, and that the amount received in dues and fees was £573 7s., an excess of £30 18s. over the previous year. The names of 309 brethren had been removed from the register by death and otherwise. There had been 406 initiations and 114 joinings. The number of Past Masters was 1,006. A Devonshire boy, being trained in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, had shown such marked ability and good conduct that the Board of Management had specially retained him for the purpose of higher education. Applications had been received from thirty-one lodges for supplemental grants to acquire life governorships in the Great London Charities.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer presented his report, which showed a balance in hand of £429 2s. 5d.

Sympathetic references were made to the late Bro. E. H. Shorto, of Exeter. W. Bro. F. Maitland, of Lodge "Fortitude," was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, and W. Bros. J. W. Cornish and W. Allsford were elected auditors.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland will entertain the Masonic members of the Institute of Journalists who visit Dublin for the annual conference. It has been arranged that on September 3rd a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Instruction will be held in the Masonic Buildings, Molesworth Street, Dublin, when the visiting brethren will be afforded an opportunity of seeing Irish working. Subsequently they

will be entertained at a banquet, at which the R.W. Bro. Sir James Meredith, LL.D., Deputy Grand Master, will preside, and will be supported by the Grand Treasurer and other Grand Officers. Brethren who intend being present at the conference are requested to communicate at the earliest moment with Bro. F. H. Wayland, M.J.I., No. 8, Garville Road, Rathgar, Dublin.

The Liverpool Cathedral Chapter House.

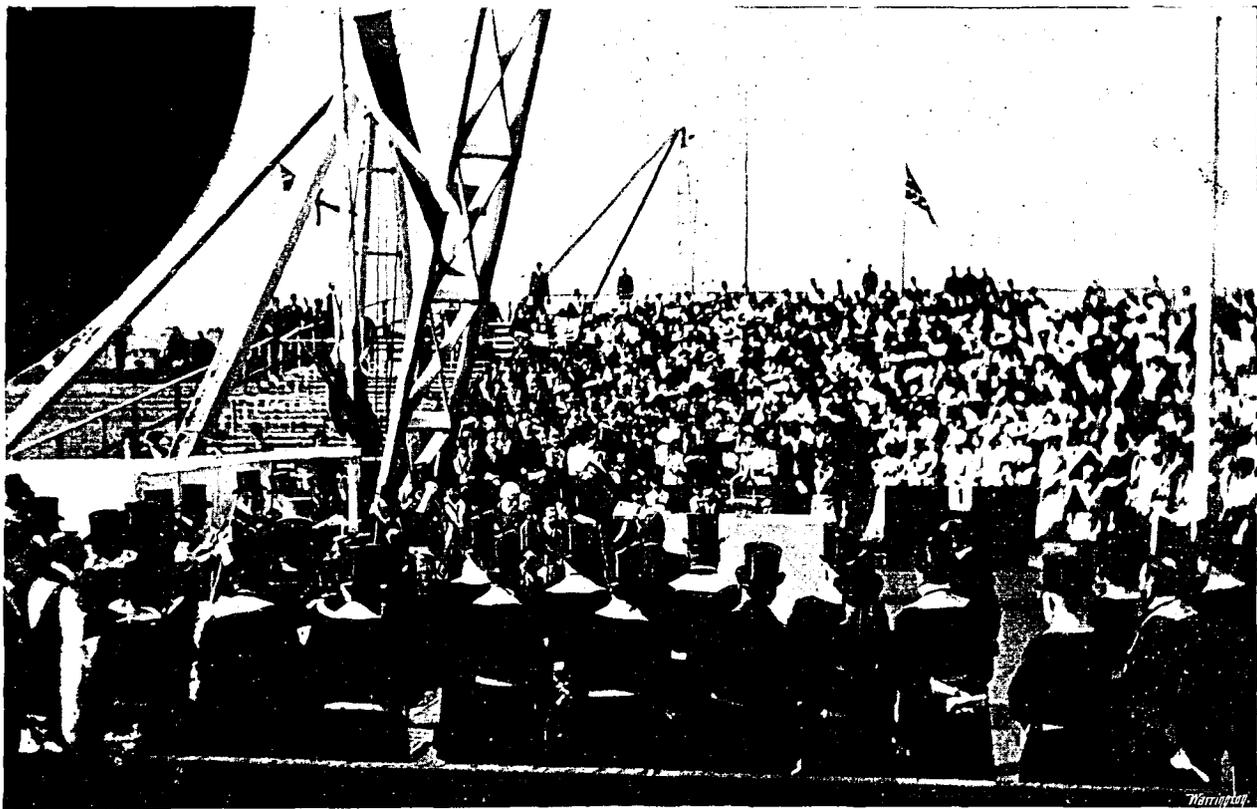
FOUNDATION STONE LAID BY H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, M.W.G.M.

THE laying of the foundation stone of the Chapter House of Liverpool Cathedral not only maintains the traditions connecting the Freemasonry of to-day with the works of our ancient operative brethren, but is specially notable as a tribute to the memory of a beloved and revered member of the Order, whose zeal for Masonry and unselfish and devoted exertions, both as Pro Grand Master and as ruler of the province, is thus fittingly commemorated. The inception of the idea arose primarily from the desire of the Province of West Lancashire to perpetuate the memory of the late Earl of Lathom, and of an equally strong wish to be associated, as a body, with the erection of the noble pile which Sir Gilbert Scott has designed. The filial affection also of the present Earl of Lathom, who not only succeeded to the title but to the Masonic office held by his father, and the esteem and regard in which he is held by his brethren, has largely contributed to the success of the undertaking.

We are indebted to the Liverpool daily Press for the following account of the proceedings.

on an occasion which both had at heart. He vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Robert Wylie, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who briefly explained the processional arrangements. The brethren formed in twos in the hall, followed by the Provincial Grand Officers, all forming fours in Hope Street, thus marching, headed by mounted police, to the Cathedral site on St. James's Mount. Here, beneath a rapidly-brightening sky, and with the band of the Navy League, Lancashire Sea-Training Home, Liscard, playing selections, the arrival of the Grand Master was awaited by a concourse rich in colours and contrasts, purple and gold, pale blue and silver regalia composing the centre front, with a broad background consisting partly of the clerical black, partly of a white-surpliced choir, and partly of ladies in summer attire of many hues. His Royal Highness, who appeared in excellent health, mounted the dais to the strains of the National Anthem.

His Royal Highness travelled down from London in the ordinary 10.30 train from Euston, which arrived at Lime



THE M.W. GRAND MASTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

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The attendance was both large and representative, and the grand stand—erected in the form of a square, the most fitting symbol of Masonry—enabled all congregated to view the stone-laying. The assembling of Masons, members of the Cathedral Committee, and many other church people was well managed, several marquees being provided, in which the officers of the Grand Lodge donned their chains and aprons before proceeding in processional order to the platform, where special chairs were placed for the Grand Master, Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master.

Before proceeding to the Lime Street terminus to meet his Royal Highness, the Provincial Grand Master opened the Provincial Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, where the attendance exceeded the capacity of the lodge room. Lord Lathom thanked the brethren for gathering in such large numbers to support the Grand Master and himself

Street at 2.22—just two minutes behind the scheduled time. The Lord Mayor, dressed in his civic robes, was present on the platform to extend a welcome to him on behalf of the city, and Lord Lathom received him as the representative of the Masons of the district. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, accompanied Lord Lathom, and the Lord Mayor was attended by his secretary (Mr. Percy E. Corkhill). On being presented by the Earl of Lathom, the Lord Mayor told his Royal Highness that he wished to convey the loyal affection of nearly three-quarters of a million inhabitants, and the heartiest welcome to the city and port of Liverpool. For some time before the arrival of the train a large crowd of people collected outside and in the vicinity of the North-Western Hotel to witness the departure of the Duke and party to the scene of the great Masonic function. A number of open carriages were in waiting, and in these the company, escorted by the police, were driven away at a brisk pace, his

Royal Highness, Lord Lathom, and the Lord Mayor being seated in the same carriage. The steps at St. Luke's Church were a most favourable point of vantage, and there was quite an outburst of cheers when his Royal Highness reached this portion of the journey. Although there were no very elaborate decorations to be seen, flags were flying from many of the buildings on the line of route.

Meanwhile, a gathering of nearly 2,000 spectators, mostly Freemasons and their lady friends, had assembled on the site of the Chapter House, on St. James's Mount, and taken their places on the specially erected stands. The arrival of His Royal Highness in St. James's Road was heralded by the loud cheering of the people, who densely thronged one side of the thoroughfare. At the gate the Royal visitor was received by representatives of the Cathedral Committee and a deputation of Provincial officers, and a picturesque procession escorted him to the dressing pavilion.

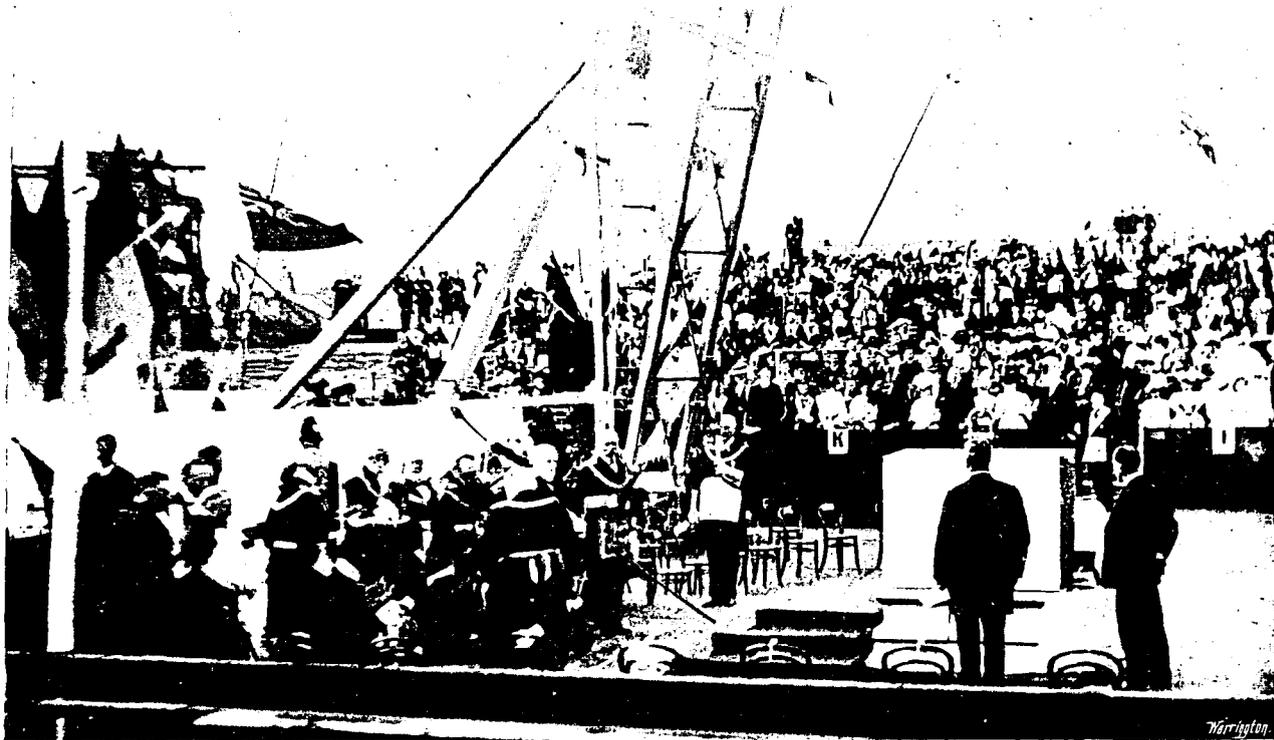
To the accompaniment of the cheers of the assembled people and the strains of the National Anthem, played by the band of the Navy League's Sea-Training Home, His Royal Highness, robed in full Masonic regalia, preceded by the G.D.C. and Swd. Bearer, and followed by the other Grand Officers, shortly afterwards ascended the platform built for the ceremony in the angle of the stands, the form of which resembled that of a Mason's square. The platform was covered with crimson cloth, provided with chairs for the

S.G.W. ; Lord Desborough, J.G.W. ; Louis S. Winsloe, G. Treas. ; J. Strachan, K.C., G. Reg. ; Sir E. Letchworth, G. Sec. ; A. Burnett Brown, G. Supt. of Works ; Frank Richardson, P. Dep. G. Reg., G.D.C. ; A. D. Hansell, Dep. G.D.C. ; F. Reiss, G.D. ; A. E. Stears, G.D. ; Col. Bosworth, G. Swd. Br.

Other Grand officers present included Bros. W. Dawes, P.G.D. ; R. Wylie, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. (Joint Hon. Treas. of the Chapter House Fund) ; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. (Joint Hon. Sec.) ; G. A. Harradon, P.G.D. (Joint Hon. Treas.) ; H. F. Burrows, P.G.D. (Joint Hon. Sec.) ; Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson, Bart., P.G.D. ; T. Taylor, P.G.D. ; J. Slyman, P.G.D., and others.

The present Prov. G. Officers in attendance included Bros. E. Faulkner, S.D. ; J. H. Knowles, J.D. ; J. B. Wolstenholme, D. of C. ; Thomas A. Dickinson, Purst. ; the Rev. F. J. Powell, Chaplain ; W. D. Moore, Swd. Br., Cheshire ; J. T. Parry, Swd. Br. ; J. T. Jarwan, Treas. ; J. M'Kenna, Stwd. ; William J. Kelly, Treas., Isle of Man ; Capt. W. H. Kitto, S.W., Isle of Man ; Ward Carine, S.D., Isle of Man ; H. Tudor Rylance, D.C., Isle of Man ; Alex. B. Mackenzie, Stwd., Isle of Man ; J. Everard, Asst. D.C., Isle of Man ; C. E. Maples, S.W. ; A. Alett, J.W. and Robert S. Ivz, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Northern China.

The three Past Masters who carried the cornucopia and ewers were Bros. F. Goodacre, H. C. Rodewald and Dr. Richardson.



THE M.W. GRAND MASTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

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principal participators in the ceremony, and sentinelled by tall Venetian masts, which were draped in blue and white and surmounted with crowns. In the centre of the platform was the great corner-stone, which, weighing several tons, hung from a powerful steam crane in readiness to be lowered in position. The scene was warm with sunshine, gay with flags, brilliant with the purple, gold and blue of the Masonic apparel. Behind the middle chair—that of the Duke of Connaught—floated the banner of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire.

When the M.W. Grand Master took his seat, he had on his right the Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master, and on his left the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master ; and among the others assembled on the platform were the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, the Countess of Lathom, Lady Maud Wilbraham, the Hon. Arthur Stanley, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of the Isle of Man, the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, the Bishop of Liverpool, and Sir William Forwood (chairman of the Cathedral Committee). Attendant upon His Royal Highness were two Grand Deacons—Bros. Col. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas., and S. Gibson Sinclair, P.G.D.—Bros. Rev. Canon Horsley, G. Chap. ; the Earl of Dartrey,

Bro. the Hon. Arthur Stanley, stepping forward, requested His Royal Highness to lay the corner-stone. In doing so, he said that the Freemasons of the Province of West Lancashire had undertaken to give a Chapter House to the Cathedral of Liverpool, and for that purpose to raise the sum of £10,000. Of this sum £5,600 had already been raised, and they were taking two-and-a-half years in which to secure the remainder. From the response which had already been made there was little doubt that the whole, and more than the whole, sum needed would be raised within the required time. He thanked His Royal Highness on behalf of the Freemasons of the province, for having so kindly consented to come there that day to perform that ceremony. It was the first time that the Grand Master of England had ever visited this city in his official capacity, and it was, therefore, with all the greater pleasure they welcomed him. He would conclude by saying that it was the wish of every Mason, not only in that province, but throughout the whole of England, that His Royal Highness would have a long life, and be spared to continue his great services to Freemasonry.

The M.W. Grand Master, before proceeding with the ceremony, said : " Men and brethren assembled to behold this

ceremony, be it known to you that we are loyal Freemasons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect handsome buildings to the service of the brethren and to the fear of God, the Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which may not be revealed, and which no man has discovered; but those secrets are lawful and honourable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were entrusted in peace and honour to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honourable we could not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have had so many illustrious brethren in our Order ready to promote our laws and further our interests. We are assembled here to-day, in the presence of you all, to erect this building to the honour and glory of the Most High and in affectionate memory of the well-beloved brother whose name it will bear. We pray God to prosper the undertaking as it seems good to Him, and, as the first duty of Masons in any undertaking is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe on their work, I call upon you to join with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace."

Bro. Canon Horsley, G. Chap., then offered the following special prayer:

"Almighty and Eternal God, Architect and Ruler of the Universe, Whom heaven and earth cannot comprehend, and yet dost condescend to have tabernacles and temples amongst men: Thou who art the beginning and the end, Whose aid we ever implore on all our lawful undertakings:

"Blessed be Thy Name, that it hath pleased Thee to put into the hearts of Thy servants as Masons to build this House to Thy glory and in pious memory of our most worshipful brother, Edward, Earl of Lathom, a distinguished ruler in the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England.

"As Thou didst accept the devotion of Thy servant Solomon, so vouchsafe to send Thy blessing upon this work of those who reverence the name of that Master Builder. Remember them concerning this, and grant that all who shall hereafter enjoy the benefit of this Chapter House may show their thankfulness by rightly using it to the glory of Thy Name. May the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth be herein ever upheld and promoted. May Prudence direct them, Temperance restrain them, Fortitude support them, and Justice be the guide of all their actions. Of Thine infinite mercy give them Wisdom in all their doings; Strength of Mind in all their difficulties, and endow them with the Beauty of Love and Harmony in all their communications; that so they may the better be enabled to unfold the beauties of true godliness to the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name."

The M.W. Grand Master said: I now declare it to be my will and pleasure that the corner-stone of this building be laid. Brother the Grand Secretary, you will read the inscription on the plate.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, read the inscription on the plate, and also on the face of the stone, as follows: "To the glory of God and in affectionate memory of Edward, first Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., M.W. Pro Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, this corner-stone of the Lathom Chapter House, erected by the Freemasons of West Lancashire, was laid with Masonic ceremonial by H.R.H. Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, 17th July, A.L. 5906, A.D. 1906."

Bro. Louis S. Winslow, Grand Treasurer of Liverpool, next deposited a phial containing various coins of the present reign in the cavity of the lower stone, and the Grand Secretary placed over it the brass inscribed plate. The Grand Master then with a silver trowel adjusted the cement at the corners of the lower stone, and the upper stone was lowered into position, with three distinct stops. In workmanlike fashion the Grand Master "proved" the stone with the plumb rule, and said, "I find this stone to be plumb, and

the craftsmen who have prepared it true and trusted." Having applied the level, he said, "I find this stone to be level, and that the craftsmen have laboured skilfully"; and having also used the square he remarked, "I find this stone to be plumb, level and square, and I declare it to be duly prepared and truly laid, and that the craftsmen have worked well." Being thus satisfied, his Royal Highness gave the stone three knocks with an ivory mallet. The contents of the Cornucopia—corn, wine and oil—were strewn on the stone.

Bro. Frank Richardson, Grand Director of Ceremonies, afterwards introduced to the Grand Master the architect of the building, Mr. Gilbert Scott, who delivered the plan of the structure to his Royal Highness. Having inspected the plan, he returned it to the architect, together with the several tools used in proving the position of the stone, saying: "I now place in your hands the plan of this intended building, together with the necessary tools, not doubting your skill and ability as a craftsman, and I desire that you will proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans and designs now entrusted to you."

This completed the Masonic ceremony, and the Bishop of Liverpool pronounced the Benediction. A short musical service followed, a composite choir, conducted by Bro. C. W. Bridson, P.P.G.O., F.R.C.O. (Organist of St. Nicholas's Church), and accompanied on the organ by Bro. R. Harvey, rendering very effectively a setting of the anthem, "Her foundations are upon the holy hills," by Mr. F. H. Burstall, F.R.C.O., the Cathedral organist. The hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," was also sung, and the service terminated with Stainer's sevenfold "Amen."

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Lord Mayor's coach, which was it waiting, conveyed the Duke, the Lord Mayor and Lady Lathom to the Town Hall, where a numerous company had assembled in honour of the Royal visit.

A few minutes after five o'clock the Royal visitor, accompanied by Lord Lathom, the Lord Mayor and others, left the Town Hall, the appearance of his Royal Highness being greeted with an outburst of cheering by the crowd of people who had assembled outside the civic building. His Royal Highness proceeded to Lime Street Station via Castle Street, Lord Street, Church Street and Lime Street, and throughout the brief drive he was most loyally greeted. On reaching the station his Royal Highness stood chatting, chiefly with the Lord Mayor, before entering his dining saloon. He expressed to the chief magistrate his great pleasure at the cordial way in which he had been received, asking that this grateful acknowledgment should be conveyed to the citizens of Liverpool; while his Royal Highness further tendered thanks to the Lord Mayor for the hospitality of the Town Hall. Among those who accompanied his Royal Highness to London were Bros. Earl Amherst, the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, Lord Dartrey, Lord Desborough, Sir Edward Letchworth, Sir Alfred Egerton (equerry), Canon Horsley, Colonel Bosworth, and Frank Richardson.

The trowel presented to the M.W.G.M. is of silver and ivory, richly decorated. On the handle appears the coat-of-arms of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. The blade is of unusual shape, and is decorated with the arms of Liverpool and a view of the Lathom Chapter House executed in repoussé. Masonic emblems are engraved in the top corners of the blade, which also bears the following inscription: "Presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., M.W. Grand Master of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England, on the occasion of his laying the corner-stone of the Lathom Memorial Chapter House, Liverpool Cathedral, July 17th, 1906."

The ivory mallet is surmounted by a Royal Crown, and the head is decorated on the one side by a scene of the Lathom Chapter House in repoussé silver, and on the other side by the coat-of-arms of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, similarly executed. The inscription on the trowel is also repeated on the mallet. The two pieces are enclosed in a handsome case.

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The Problem of Grand Lodge.

THE remedy for the congestion of business in the Imperial Parliament was, to some extent, found in the measures of devolution which resulted in the establishment of County Councils, District and Parish Councils. Some corresponding procedure will have to be resorted to, to relieve the congestion in Grand Lodge. It is not so much a congestion of business that is complained about as a congestion of brethren. It is agreed by all who have carefully studied the matter that there will have to be a serious curtailment, and probably before long, of the right to sit and speak in Grand Lodge, which is at present claimed by some 40,000 brethren. It is also anticipated, and with reason, that any such proposal will occasion much outcry, and it is worth considering how the 35,000 brethren who would be disfranchised can possibly be placated.

The right to sit and speak in Grand Lodge is not a landmark. The right to be represented and to instruct representatives is, and no proposal that has ever been made would affect this right. But the former has never seriously been challenged, and it behoves those who would make any alteration in the constitutions to show very good cause for their action. We would suggest that a considerable enlargement of the powers of Provincial Grand Lodges might be well worth considering in this connection. It is difficult to find out what are the exact functions of Provincial Grand Lodges. The Constitutions say a good deal about the

Provincial Grand Master, who is, after all, but the *alter ego* of the Grand Master; but they say very little about the Provincial Grand Lodge. One might imagine that its position would be determined by a simple rule of three sum. As the Grand Lodge is to the Grand Master, so is the Provincial Grand Lodge to the Provincial Grand Master. This is far from being the case. Beyond the attainment of the Provincial purple, no outlet for the ambition of the ambitious brother is found. He may sit in the Provincial Grand Lodge, and speak as long as he can persuade his hearers to listen to him, but he is conscious all the time that in no way is he influencing the fortunes of the Order. Were it otherwise, the ordinary brother would be content with the Provincial arena, and would not be disturbed by any suggestion that his rights in Grand Lodge should be revised. Grand Lodge elects its own Grand Master annually. Provincial Grand Lodge has no voice in the selection of its ruler. Grand Lodge devolves no one of its powers to the inferior assembly. Anything in the shape of admonition or discipline must come from the Provincial Grand Master, not from the Provincial Grand Lodge, although the latter might be asked to advise; but this last is not mandatory.

At this point it may be convenient to notice the differences which exist between the Provincial and the District Grand Lodges. In the first place, Provincial Grand Lodge cannot meet at all unless summoned by the Provincial Grand Master. But District Grand Lodge fixes its own times for its statutory meetings without necessarily consulting the convenience of its ruler. The District Grand Lodge may exercise, either by itself or through a recognised Board, most of the powers of the Board of General Purposes—that is, it may hear and dispose of Masonic complaints, and may further decide upon all matters Masonic affecting the interests of either lodges or brethren. This is a very large order indeed, and in view of the curious questions that sometimes come before Grand Lodge on appeal, it might be desired that Article 106 went a little more into detail. There are other questions, happily infrequent, in the disposal of which the District Grand Lodge can exercise powers which in England are the exclusive prerogative of Grand Lodge. It can remove a lodge from the register, and it can remove brethren from the roll. Whilst District Grand Lodge has thus the power of destroying, the District Grand Master on his part has the power of creating. He can issue warrants, and he can issue Grand Lodge certificates. These are very marked differences between the two bodies we are comparing, and we cannot help thinking that if they were all put upon the same plane, a good many of the 40,000 odd members of Grand Lodge would be content to accept the proposed restriction of their present rights without murmuring.

If by some such procedure as that indicated, or by any other process, Grand Lodge is reduced from 40,000 members to, say 4,000, who are they to be? The landmarks say they must be representatives, not of lodges, but of brethren. They certainly must not be *ex-officio* members, for lodge offices last but for one year, and Grand Lodge would then be a body with no continuity and with no permanent membership, save what is often disrespectfully called the official ring, that is, the Past Grand Officers. It is one of the most undesirable features of the present system that Grand Lodge can so seldom reflect the feeling of the whole Craft. The great majority of members regard a visit much in the same way that the pious Muslim regards a pilgrimage to Mecca, a thing that ought to be accomplished at least once. It may be very proper in the brother's own interests that he should see how things are done at headquarters, but he is not only a spectator or a learner when he puts in his one visit. He has a vote, and without the slightest knowledge or appreciation of the importance of issues involved, may be called upon to take his share in determining matters that may concern the very existence of the Craft.

Whatever alteration may in the future be made in the constitution of Grand Lodge, there are three points bound to be observed, and their observance will do much to facilitate

a solution of the problem when the time comes. It must be continuous, in the interests of business; it must be representative, in the interests of the rank and file, and in fact is required to be so by the landmarks; and it must be made up of men of experience and knowledge, in the interests of the dignity of the Order.

We feel sure none of these postulates will be denied, and we may go on to claim that the present Constitution fulfils none of them, because it is in the power of any brother with a fad who can carry 500 brethren with him, to commit Grand Lodge to any course of procedure he wishes, notwithstanding that all the intelligence and wisdom and experience of Grand Lodge may be opposed to it. Possible it may be said, but not probable. That may be so, but the High Court of the Order ought to be, like its principles, founded upon an immovable basis. We shall in a future article discuss one or two possible solutions of the present problem arising out of these considerations.



Upon the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Walter Vaughan Morgan, his Majesty has conferred a baronetcy of the United Kingdom. His lordship was born in 1831, in Glasbury, Brecon. He gained his earliest insight into business as clerk in the National Provincial Bank of England, which he left in 1855 to join his five brothers, who together founded the firm of Morgan Brothers in Cannon Street, as well as the Morgan Crucible Company in Battersea. He is a prominent Freemason and Treasurer of Christ's Hospital. Of his Masonic career our readers will have been fully informed in previous issues. The great City has had many chief rulers who have been ardent Freemasons, but none has devoted more time and attention to its duties than the present occupant of the civic chair.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Bucks held its annual meeting for the first time in London on June 28th, when 250 brethren of the province assembled in the Grand Temple at the Freemasons' Hall. Lord Addington, Prov. G.M., presided, and among the visitors was R.W. Bro. John Thornhill Morland, Prov. G.M. of Berkshire. A sum of fifty guineas was voted in support of the Deputy Grand Master's chairmanship of the Benevolent Institution next year. The dinner was held at the Holborn Restaurant in the evening, when the gathering included Lord Addington, Prov. G.M. (in the chair), supported by his Deputy, Bro. John Evan Bowen, Dep. G.M., and other Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Morland proposed "The Health of Lord Addington," Bro. Burnett Brown, G. Supt. of Wks., responded for the guests, and Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., gave the toast of "The Provincial Officers." The gathering was a great success, and it is intended to make London the central annual meeting place for the province.

A meeting of the Empire Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, June 26th, at the Criterion Restaurant, when the Sultan of Zanzibar was initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Orlando F. W. Hill, W.M., assisted by Bros. Maurice Jenks, I.P.M.; B. Lazarus, acting S.W.; G. E. Gill, J.W.; Capt. Warden Dennis, D.C.; Sydney Rothschild, S.D.; H. A. Saunders, J.D.; and R. Conrad Rickhaus, I.G. Bros. Sir

Arthur Trendell, Treasurer, and Robert Greening, Secretary, were also present. Among the Grand Officers present were Bros. the Lord Mayor, Robert Grey, Loveland Loveland, K.C., the Hon. Alban Gibbs, Canon Ingram, G. Grenier, and Col. W. J. Bosworth. At the dinner following the meeting of the lodge the customary Masonic toasts were drunk. The Sultan of Zanzibar, in response to the toast of "The Initiate," said that his dear friend, Sir Arthur Trendell, knew that he had been looking forward for a long time to the privilege of belonging to the Craft, of which the chiefs of so many Royal Houses were members. He would always be proud of the day of his initiation into Freemasonry and of his "mother lodge." He would look forward with pleasurable anticipations to his next visit to England, in order that he might be able to take his other degrees. It would interest the company to know that a short time ago a lodge had been consecrated in Zanzibar, and he hoped he might be able to foster and protect it. He had been greatly impressed with the ceremony of his initiation, and with its dignity and significance.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk was held on Friday, July 6th, at the Masonic Club, Norwich, and was attended by brethren from all parts of the county, all the nineteen lodges in the province being represented. Illness prevented the attendance of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Hamon Le Strange, and sincere regret was expressed thereat. Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, was in the chair, Bro. H. J. Sparks acting in the capacity of Deputy Prov. G.M. Most of the officers, appointed at Lynn, in June last, were in their respective situations. The acting Prov. G.M. then appointed the officers for the ensuing year. The D.P.G.M. in the chair announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held at Fakenham next year. At four o'clock a special service was held in the Cathedral, the members of the Craft attending in their Masonic clothing and insignia. The surpliced clergy present were Bros. Dean Lefroy, Canon De Chair, Minor Canon Koblich, the Rev. H. M. Elliott Drake-Briscoe, Canon Robinson and Precentor Moss. Canon De Chair read the lessons, and the sermon was preached by the Prov. G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. M. Elliott Drake-Briscoe. The Dean announced that the collection would be handed over to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, instead of the Cathedral reparation fund. A banquet was held in the evening, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M., Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, who was supported by Bros. H. J. Sparks, J. W. Lancaster, Col. Sturgeon, Col. Back, W. P. Eversley, and a representative company of city and county Masons. The gathering took place at the Masonic Club in St. Giles' Street. A number of toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The centenary of Unity Lodge, Crewe, of the Province of Cheshire, was commemorated by a visit of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Alan de Tatton Egerton) and the holding of a festival. The W.M. of Unity in 1806 was Bro. John Lowe. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and the W.M. (Bro. Wilmot Eardley) presented the old charter of the lodge and the centenary warrant to him, together with a list of the members at its centenary, a statement of its affairs, and the votes of its members upon the Royal Masonic Institution and the various Cheshire benevolent associations. Bro. Eardley gave an interesting epitome of the history of the lodge from its consecration. The Prov. Grand Master congratulated the lodge on its position, its distinguished history, and its centenary. He was then presented by the W.M. with the first centenary jewel, and the Prov. Grand Master presented the second centenary jewel to the W.M., and invested the other brethren with their jewels. The W.M. afterwards installed the Prov. Grand Master as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year, and the new W.M. invested his officers. W. Bro. John Lee, Prov. G.D.C., assisted in the installation ceremony.

The recently deceased secretary of one of the most important districts abroad, was a very imposing brother, much in request at consecrations and installations, and a perfect mine of information on all questions not only of Masonic law, but often of Masonic fact. Addressing the W.M. elect on the occasion of an installation, he directed his attention with a magnificent wave of the hand to the place on the wall, immediately behind him, where the warrant usually hung, and went on to inform the installee that here was that which was the most precious possession of the lodge, the charter of its very existence, etc., but at this point, his observations were interrupted by laughter, which caused the wrathful installing master to look behind him, when to his dismay he found, not the warrant, but his own portrait in oils, recently procured by the lodge.



The same brother was once asked a question about the status of honorary brethren, or honorary members rather. His reply was that during the early part of his career he was an honoured guest at whatever lodge he visited, and at the social board, partook of the lodge hospitality. But as he grew to be celebrated, he was accorded the compliment of honorary membership of many of these lodges, and now when he went, he had to pay for his own dinner. This particular feature of honorary membership seems to have occupied his mind to the exclusion of all others.



Among others who have tried to find out the real reason for the exclusion of the fair sex from the Craft, was General Sherman. That gallant Freemason seems to have unearthed some ancient records in which it is narrated how Eve was the Junior Warden of the Eden Lodge No. 1, in which capacity she allowed an expelled member of the Order to enter the lodge, under the pretence of being a representative of the Grand Lodge. His evil counsel not only led the lodge to be called to refreshment before the work was half done, but led to irregularities in the matter of regalia, which it appeared had not previously been worn in that lodge. The net result was that Adam and Eve were both expelled and the lodge placed in abeyance. Like a good brother Adam made due submission and in proper time obtained grace, whereas Eve showed a most unbecoming spirit and proceeded to raise Cain, and her permanent exclusion was then confirmed by Grand Lodge. All this may or may not be true, but it has the merit of proving the case completely.



Bro. General John Corson Smith, who was appointed Departmental Commander of the Grand Army in the State of Illinois last year, has had the distinction of a medal being struck in his honour by his army comrades. Five of the medals in bronze have been sent to Scotland, the recipients being Bros. Major F. W. Allan, Dr. Geo. Dickson, Dr. John Foulds, R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E., and "The Mallet." The bar with pin bears the word "Representative," the second bar connected by a scarlet ribbon has a representation of an anchor and a group of instruments of war, from which the medal is suspended, bearing a splendid likeness in three-quarter profile of the General himself, with his name and the year (1905) of his appointment as commander. The reverse side has a record of the occasion on which the medal was struck, "The 40th annual encampment at Galesburg in May last."—*Glasgow News*.

The Mayor of Brighton, whose year of office has been distinguished by the most lavish hospitality, entertained recently at a garden party in his Masonic capacity as "W. Bro. James Colborne, P.M. 732, P. Prov. J. G. Warden," the brethren of the Craft throughout the province. About 3,500 invitations had been issued to members of the Grand Lodge and the masters and brethren of all the lodges in Sussex, though, of course, the distance of the pleasant carnival from the remoter strongholds of Masonry in the county militated against the general acceptance thereof. Quite a thousand guests, however, were received and welcomed by the popular host and his amiable wife, who went through one of those long hand-shaking ceremonials to which practice and experience have, by this time, well accustomed them, standing beneath the shade of a huge Japanese parasol planted at one end of the sunlit lawn. With them stood the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, K.G., Provincial Grand Master, a striking type of British patrician nobility, and Bro. Weller Poley, the Deputy P.G.M. and Mrs. Weller Poley were also there. Several more of those big Japanese sunshades, with dainty little wicker-work tea-tables and garden chairs beneath, graced the velvety lawn, while the Pavilion rooms and a spacious flap-topped marquee were also available for the more fleshly ecstasies of the proceedings, and the splendid band of the Coldstream Guards filled the air with a rare distinction of melody.



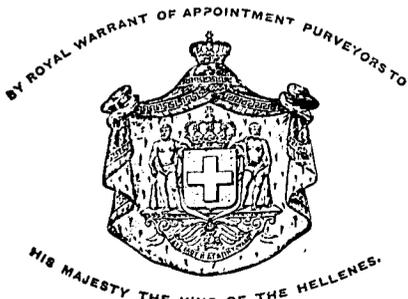
We have the following incident vouched for as true as regards a military brother raised in a regimental lodge in the East. In due time he applied to be exalted, and in the ordinary course of things was admitted to the Chapter. Asked afterwards what he thought about it, he replied that although it was all very nice there seemed to have been a mistake about it. It wasn't that kind of apron he wanted, but what he had expected to get was a pinky one with a lot of gold and a bird on it.



On Wednesday evening, June 20th, an interesting event took place in connection with the Old Globe Lodge, Scarborough, No. 200. W. Bro. W. Milner, on attaining his jubilee as a member of the lodge, was presented by the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, officers and brethren, with a handsome marble timepiece, suitably inscribed, to mark the esteem and respect in which he is held by the brethren. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Hunt, in appropriate terms, and was feelingly acknowledged by the recipient.



The ceremony of laying the memorial stone of a new central hall for Bury Grammar School was performed on Monday afternoon, June 27th, with Masonic ceremony by Lord Stanley, R.W. Prov. G.M., East Lancs. Lord Stanley said some people might think that the laying of the foundation stone of a school with Masonic honours was inappropriate; but if they really knew what the rites of Freemasonry meant it would not seem so strange. Freemasons were entrusted with certain secrets. Those they kept, but he could assure those who had never been initiated that the whole of their rules were framed with the object of making themselves better citizens in this world and more fit for the world to come. Therefore, he thought it was not inappropriate that they should be associated with the laying of the foundation stone of a school.



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We have recently come across an Eastern exchange which has a leading article entitled "The Masonic Sweep." We have heard of the Masonic loafer, and similar undesirable specimens of the Order, but it would seem as if a lower level still had been reached, until it was discovered that a Masonic sweepstake was referred to. This is an excrescence on the Craft, little known in this country, but well known in India, where the possible result of the Derby excites much more interest even than the incidence of the purple. Certain zealous brethren in the presidency towns issue books of tickets and circulate them broadcast all over the country to lodge secretaries, with a promise of a ten per cent. commission on all takings. The several District Grand Masters have condemned the unmasonic character of these proceedings, but it is quite evident that our Indian brethren require to be reminded that free and accepted Masonry may be speculative, but it certainly is not speculating.

Bro. R. Norman has just entered on his fifty-seventh year of office as Tyler of the Apollo Lodge at Beccles, Suffolk. This, we think, must be a record in unbroken continuity of service.

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A warrant for a new Kentish lodge, to meet at Maidstone, has been granted, to be limited to installed Masters of the different lodges of the district, on the lines of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge of London, the Foster Gough Lodge of Stafford, and other representative bodies already working in some of the other provinces.

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On July 10th, the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress gave a reception and conversazione at the Mansion House to the members of the Masonic Lodges and Chapters to which the Lord Mayor belongs. In all about 1,100 ladies and gentlemen accepted the invitation.

Manica Lodge, No. 2678.

THE Ninth Installation Meeting of the Manica Lodge, No. 2678, Umtali, Eastern Rhodesia, took place on Thursday, 21st June, at the Freemasons' Hall, Umtali, when Bro. John Sime was installed W.M. For this small town—on the outskirts of the British Empire, on the borders of Portuguese East Africa and the most Eastern lodge in Southern Africa—there was a goodly muster of brethren, numbering thirty-three. Among the eight installed Masters

J. A. Methuen, J.D. ; T. B. Hulley, P.M., D.C. ; A. S. Coutts, Organist ; F. A. Sword, I.G. ; and H. C. Davis, Tyler. During the meeting, W. Bro. T. B. Hulley, the first W.M. of the Lodge, was presented by the retiring W.M. with a P.M.'s Collar, Apron and Gauntlets, as a token of the esteem from the Brethren of the Lodge, and W. Bro. A. McDowall, the retiring W.M., was presented with a handsome P.M.'s Jewel. The installation was celebrated by a



Photo by Mein, Umtali, Rhodesia.

OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND VISITORS AT INSTALLATION MEETING, JUNE 21st.

present was W. Bro the Rt. Rev. Bishop Gaul, Bishop of Mashonaland, W. Bro. A. McDowall, the retiring W.M., acted as Installing Master, and carried out the duties in the impressive and eloquent manner that has characterised his work during the past year. The following Brethren were appointed as officers for the ensuing year, and were duly invested: Bros. F. A. Yates, S.W. ; P. B. Snashall, J.W. ; Rev. R. Wodehouse, Chaplain ; A. McDowall, I.P.M. and Treasurer ; H. Picton Miles, Sec. ; W. M. Wilkie, S.D. ;

Masonic Ball, in the spacious Volunteer Drill Hall, and in consequence the usual Toasts after labour were brief, but none the less heartily proposed and received by the Brethren. The ball was most successful in every way. The elaborate decorations of the hall with the local palms and other foliage helping, with the dresses of the ladies, and the regalia of the brethren present, to make a very pretty and refreshing scene. About one hundred and thirty brethren and guests joined in the dancing, which was kept up till about 2 a.m.

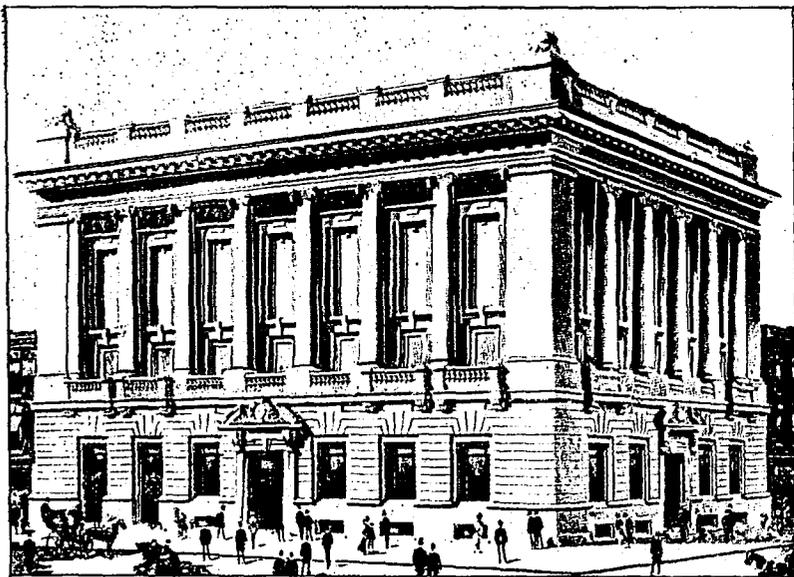
New Masonic Temple

TO BE ERECTED IN INDIANAPOLIS, U.S.A.

IN view of the attention now being directed in the proposed re-building of Freemasons' Tavern and the improvements in Freemasons' Hall the following particulars which are extracted from the *Tyler-Keystone* will be of interest to our readers and may possibly contain some suggestions of value :

"Plans for the new Masonic Temple to be erected at a cost of \$250,000 by the lodges, chapters and Raper Commandery, No. 1, K. T., at the north-west corner of New Jersey and Michigan Streets, Indianapolis, have just been completed by Rubush & Hunter, architects, and adopted by the Indianapolis Masonic Temple Association. The plans are copyrighted by Rubush & Hunter.

The building, which is designed along classic lines in the Greek Ionic style, will be very massive and of monumental character. It will be 100 feet high, with 150 feet on Michigan Street and 112 feet on New Jersey Street. The entire exterior will be of Bedford Oolitic stone and the structure will be strictly fire proof.



ELABORATE MASONIC TEMPLE TO BE ERECTED IN INDIANAPOLIS

As a distinctive feature, which is absolutely unique, the building will be without windows above the first floor. In this respect it will probably be different from any other Masonic temple in the world. The lighting of the building above the first or social floor will be entirely artificial and the heating and ventilating apparatus will be of the most modern type. All air entering the building will pass through an air washer, by which means it will be entirely freed from dust and smoke.

There will be two handsome entrances, one on Michigan and the other on New Jersey Street. Above the first story will be a heavy belt course, surmounted by an open balustrade. This belt course forms a base for the Greek Ionic columns of solid stone, eight on Michigan Street and six on New Jersey Street. The columns will be five feet in diameter and forty feet high.

The entrance in New Jersey Street will open into a spacious corridor on the first or social floor level which will be six feet above the side walk level. This corridor will be twenty feet wide, and separating the men's and women's parlors, will lead back to a grand stairway and elevator. The entrance from Michigan Street will open into a fourteen-foot corridor, which will connect with the main corridor and make the grand staircase and elevator of easy access from Michigan Street.

The grand stairway leading from the main corridor to the upper floors will be of white marble. The women's and men's parlors, each of which will be forty by sixty-five feet, with lofty ceilings, will be situated on the first floor, on either side of the corridor.

In direct connection with the corridors of the first floor and to the rear of the building there will be a spacious auditorium so arranged with two separate entrances from Michigan Street that it may be disconnected from the main building, should it be used for public purposes. This auditorium will have a seating capacity of 800 and will be provided with a large stage, dressing rooms, etc.

The second and third stories will be taken up with four lodge rooms, with a separate banquet room and kitchen for each, the banquet rooms on each floor being so arranged that they may be used as one, giving a seating capacity of 250. All of these stories will be provided with a mezzanine floor, the whole being broken up into the necessary ante-rooms, etc.

The fourth floor will be devoted entirely to the chapter and commandery with armory, banquet, ante-rooms, etc. The roof will be designed for social purposes, and drill space for the commandery.

For a number of years it has been apparent from the growth of the order that quarters now occupied by the lodge, chapters and Raper commandery, No. 1, were wholly insufficient for their requirements and in keeping with the dignity, or the financial and social standing of the fraternity. Increased necessities culminated in the formation last April of the Indianapolis Masonic Temple Association. The association is composed of one director for each of the constituent bodies.

The site selected by the board of directors of the association meets with hearty approval of the membership of the order. It is accessible, being reached by numerous car lines. The wisdom of the directors in selecting the site is demonstrated by the fact that within five months after the purchase had been made the value of the property had advanced more than \$10,000. The price paid for the property was \$40,000.

Members of the firm of Rubush & Hunter, architects who prepared the plans, are members of various York Rite bodies. They with the directors of the association, visited all the leading Masonic temples in the country before plans were adopted.

The total membership of the lodges interested in the new building is 3,413, and the membership of the "higher" bodies is 1,620.

"The *Los Angeles Freemason*, in describing the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral in that city, characterizes the programme as 'four days of strenuous Masonry.' Notwithstanding the tendency of the times, strenuousness is and will always remain an incongruity in Masonry. Such an institution as ours ought rather to be a devoted adherent of the 'simple life.' Let Masonry be festive as it pleases on proper occasion, let it

labour hard and long if it must, but let it cut the word 'strenuous' out of its vocabulary." It is quite refreshing to find our American *confrère*, the *Tyler-Keystone*, condemning what it terms 'strenuousness' in Masonry. We have quite enough and a little to spare in modern every-day life, even in this country, and can well dispense with this quality of temperament within the peaceful precincts of the lodge room.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Buckinghamshire was held on June 28th, and attracted a large number of brethren of the province, being held in the Temple of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. A London Meeting being quite an experimental one, it was proved conclusively that it is a popular move, as all the lodges in the province (except one) were represented, and the attendance at the banquet held after at the Holborn Restaurant was a record one. The R.W. Bro. Lord Addington, Prov. Grand Master, presided, supported by Bro. J. C. Bowen, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the officers, with Bro. the Rev. C. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap., the Prov. Grand Secretary. After the routine business of Prov. Grand Lodge was accomplished, the following officers were appointed and invested:—Bros. W. J. Levi, 2812, S.W.; R. J. Elliston, 591, J.W.; the Revs. H. T. Cart, 3111, and C. E. Dandridge, 948, Chaplains; C. F. Roundell, 631, Registrar; J. D. Carter, 1894, Treasurer; the Rev. C. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap., Secretary; J. W. Grist, 2420, S.D.; J. Youldon, 2262, J.D.; J. H. Hooker, 1639, Supt. of Works; A. E. Holt, 2430, D.C.; A. Carpenter, 2966, Asst. D.C.; A. Marshall, 3077, Swd. Br.; R. C. R. Potter, 1501, and F. B. Dunton, 840, Std. Brs.;

H. Dearth, 3062, Organist; C. T. Hoskins, 1894, Asst. Secretary; W. A. E. Holdup, 2039, Purst.; F. Tompkius, 3089, Asst. Purst.; and T. Osborne, 1787, C. A. Nedley, 2244, E. S. Midass, 2492, H. F. Hambling, 2752, J. H. Smith, 948, and J. Cohen, 3111, Stewards.

Fifty guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution as the Rt. Hon. Thos. F. Halsey, Dep. G.M. Eng., Prov. G.M. Herts. was presiding as Chairman at the next Festival.

The brethren, at the close of the proceedings, adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for Banquet, Lord Addington presiding, accompanied by Bros. J. T. Morland, P.G.M. Berks., Canon Garry, M.A. P.G. Chap., Rev. C. E. Roberts, P.G. Chap., J. E. Bowen, D.Prov.G.M., Rev. Dr. Cechren, P.G.D., A. Burnett Brown, G.Supt. of Works, J. J. Thomas, P.G.S.B., and James Stephens P.D.G.D.C. and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

During the Banquet Bro. Karl Kaps' Band played a charming selection of music and the speeches were interspersed with songs and part songs contributed by The Barossa Quartette, Miss Alice Stroud, Miss Jessie Wood, Bro. R. Debonnaire and Messrs. John Bardsley and Charles Mott.

Province of Bristol.

INSTALLATION OF PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

AN event of considerable interest to Freemasons of the Province of Bristol took place on June 19th at the Victoria Rooms, when Lieut.-Colonel James R. Bramble, Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, was installed Prov. Grand Master by the Right Hon. the Earl of Cork and Orrery, the Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire. The position became vacant through the death of Bro. W. A. F. Powell, who had been Prov. Grand Master of Bristol for seventeen years, and officiated in Prov. Grand Lodge within a few days of his attaining his 92nd birthday. The mantle of the Prov. Grand Master fell upon his deputy, Colonel Bramble, the announcement being received with satisfaction by the brethren of the Province. Spacious as the Freemasons' Hall in Park Street is, it was insufficient to accommodate all those desirous of being present, and the Victoria Rooms had to be engaged for the occasion. A large number of present and past officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, together with the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of the several lodges in the province, as members of Prov. Grand Lodge, attended, wearing the insignia of their present or past office and rank in the Order. All Master Masons who are subscribing members to a lodge within the province were invited to attend, and the gathering numbered about 300. While the brethren were assembling a selection of music on the organ was given by Bro. C. W. Steer. The brethren arranged themselves under their respective lodge banners, and at 5 o'clock the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers entered the hall in procession. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Pierrepont Harris, as Acting Provincial

Grand Master, supported by Bro. J. Gard, as Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. W. J. Cullimore, as Acting Provincial Grand Secretary. The Right Worshipful the Installing Master was then received, and accompanying him were Bros. the Revs. J. A. Lloyd and Vitruvius B. Wyatt, P.G. Chaps.; Colonel Long, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Somerset; W. T. Page, P.A.G.D.C., P.D.G.M. Worcester; and C. E. L. Wright, P.G.D. The Installing Master addressed the brethren with reference to the object of the gathering, referring to the active interest W. Bro. Bramble had taken in Masonry, and stating that he was sure he would fulfil his important duties with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the Province. Bro. Bramble's arrival was shortly afterwards announced. Six Masters of Lodges retired with Bro. W. J. Cullimore, P.P.S.W., Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and introduced the Prov. Grand Master Designate. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed, and at the conclusion the Prov. Grand Master appointed as his deputy W. Bro. Pierrepont Harris, P.A.G.D.C., who has for 23 years acted as Prov. Grand Secretary. After his proclamation as the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, he addressed the brethren, and appointed as Prov. G. Sec., in succession to R.W. Bro. Pierrepont Harris, W. Bro. J. C. Gilmore. The Provincial Grand Lodge Officers present included, in addition to the names already given, Bros. E. T. Collins, S.W.; Albert Petter, J.W.; Rev. J. Fountain, Chaplain; A. W. Taylor, Registrar; F. Stone, S.D.; and C. H. Makepiece, J.D.; J. Butler, Swd. Br.; Caleb Harris and G. Langford, Std. Brs.; and F. S. Phillpott, A.D.C. After the ceremony there was a banquet at the Masonic Hall.

One of the most gratifying phases of Masonic life in the colonies and India is the readiness shown by our kith and kin to establish charitable funds on the lines of the central institutions. In submitting the report of the annual meeting of the Benevolent Institution of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales held in May, the president, R.W. Bro. Shipway, said that the year had opened with forty-four annuitants; seven had died, and six were added to the list, leaving forty-three now in receipt of relief from the institution. Their rules provided that the committee might grant £1 per week to an aged or distressed Freemason, 25s. to a Freemason and his wife, and £26 per year to the widow or relative of a deceased member of the Order. It would be seen that efforts

were made not to separate the aged Freemason and his wife, a principle that might be followed by officers of the State. In the year, the income resulting from voluntary subscriptions amounted to £1,565, whilst the expenditure for relief totalled £911, and the accumulated funds were now £9,000. Thus the year's operations might be said to have achieved records, as the income exceeded all former years, with but one exception, the relief was greater, and the expenditure for administration—£74—was the lowest. The annuitants, whose last days were made easy by the assistance rendered, comprised three old couples, twenty-one Freemasons, and sixteen relatives of deceased members of the Craft.

History of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.

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

MARCH 15th, 1880.—“By desire of the W.M. and with the consent of the Lodge it is here recorded, that at the last meeting of the Lodge, on the 16th February, during the Banquet a presentation of an elegant and richly-chased Tea and Coffee Service, together with a gold pencil-case, was made to Bro. Thomas Taylor, P.M. and Treasurer, subscribed for by Members of this Lodge as a proof of the estimation in which he is held. The Plate had the following inscription upon it:—‘Presented to Thomas Taylor, F.R.C.S., by Members of the Lodge of Emulation as a mark of their personal regard and esteem, 1880.’ Bro. William Wing, as the oldest Member of the Lodge, presented the Testimonial in graceful and appropriate language, and Bro. Thomas Taylor acknowledged in touching words his appreciation of the kindly sentiments towards him which prompted this unlooked-for token of good-will and friendship.”

1881, Jan. 14th.—The Audit Committee recommended “That certain articles of china and glass ware, the property of the Lodge, be disposed of either by public sale or by a private sale among the members of the Lodge.”

A list of the articles mentioned is given in the minutes of March 21st, with prices paid and the names of the purchasers, viz. —

Five Round-bottomed Decanters, with four Stands, Bro. Stead	£1
One Flat-bottomed Decanter	3/-
One China Cup and Saucer, and one Cup, Bro. Peacock	15/6
One Punch Bowl, Bro. Peacock	15/-
Two “ Bro. Berridge	£1
One “ (broken), Bro. Meggy	1/-
One Silver Ladle, Bro. Brunning	10/-
“ “ Bro. Berridge	12/-
“ “ Bro. Peacock	12/6

At the same meeting the Lodge voted Five Guineas to the Hervey Memorial Fund. This Fund was formed to perpetuate the name of the late highly-respected Grand Secretary, John Hervey, a frequent visitor at the Lodge of Emulation, and for upwards of thirty years Treasurer of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; the object of the promoters being to award consolatory gratuities to the two highest on the poll of the unsuccessful candidates, both male and female, at each annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

1882, Nov. 20th.—This evening Mr. Sheriff Savory was initiated, and the Lodge recommended a Petition for a Warrant for the John Carpenter Lodge, the Right Hon. The Lord Mayor, Henry Knight, to be the first Master.

1883, July 23rd.—“The W. Master read a letter from Bro. T. W. White, P.M., announcing the death of Bro. T. R. White, P.M., and Bro. Taylor, Treasurer, was asked to write in the name of the Lodge a letter expressing the deep regret the Brethren felt at the loss of such an esteemed Brother.” A copy of Bro. Taylor’s letter and Mrs. White’s reply thereto are inserted in the minutes of October 15th.

1884, Feb. 18th. — Mr. Henry Lindley Truman was initiated at this meeting.

Dec. 15th.—Bro. Wing, P.M., who had been a subscribing member of the Lodge for nearly fifty years was this evening elected an Honorary Member.

1885, Jan. 12th.—The Audit Committee recommended “That the fees for visitors be paid not later than the following meeting, great inconvenience having been caused from the practice, during the last few years, of deferring payment of these dues for several months. They also request that the ancient custom of introducing each visitor to the W. Master be strictly followed.”

April 20th.—A letter was read from Bro. Jennings, late manager of *The Albion*, thanking the Brethren for the present given him on his retirement. The Lodge had previously voted him Ten Guineas.

1886, Jan. 18th.—“The sum of £21 was voted to the widow of the late Bro. Frauenknecht, a former member of the Lodge, and a petition to the Board of Benevolence on her behalf was duly signed and recommended by the Lodge. In response to this petition the Board subsequently voted £40 to the widow.”

Feb. 15th.—The following additional By-Laws were agreed to, viz. :

“VA.—The Initiation and Joining fees of the sons of past or present members of the Lodge who have subscribed for five or more years in full shall be one-half the ordinary fees.

“VIA.—Any person who had been initiated in the Lodge and subsequently retired may rejoin on being proposed, seconded, balloted for and duly elected, on payment of one-third the ordinary joining fee.”

May 17th.—It was proposed and carried “That in future candidates for admission to Masonry in this Lodge shall not be initiated on the night of the Ballot being taken unless, on due cause being shown, the W. Master shall so direct.”

1887, Feb. 21st.—On the motion of Bro. Robert Hovenden a Committee was appointed to consider and report on the due preservation of the ancient minutes and printed books of the Lodge.

In response to a communication from the Pro Grand Master with reference to a Masonic subscription towards establishing an Imperial Institute in commemoration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, the Lodge expressed its approval of such subscription.



ROBERT BERRIDGE, P.M. OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION,
PAST GRAND DEACON OF ENGLAND.

Oct. 17th.—“The Secretary reported that on the 13th June last a Masonic gathering took place in the Albert Hall, under the Presidency of the M.W.G.M. the Prince of Wales, to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.” Here follows a description of the mode adopted for allotting the tickets of admission, with the names of the members of the Lodge who attended the meeting, in all eighteen brethren.

“The Secretary also reported that in connection with the Masonic Jubilee Fund towards the Imperial Institute that he had received and paid over to the Grand Secretary the sum of £28 7s. contributed by 17 brethren,” whose names are appended.

A motion by Bro. Berridge to expend £10 10s. on the purchase of a safe for the better preservation of the Lodge Records was referred back to the Committee.

Dec. 19th.—On the motion of the Treasurer it was resolved that By-Law 19 be suspended for the forthcoming Installation Banquet and that the visitor's fee on that occasion be £1 10s.

The reason for thus increasing the visitor's fee was that the Lord Mayor was to be installed as Master of the Lodge at the next meeting, and it had been customary on former occasions when the banquet was expected to be of a more elaborate character than usual to pass a similar resolution.

1888, Jan. 16th.—Bro. Polydore De Keyser having been duly installed in the Master's Chair, addressed the brethren to the following purport: "He wished to acknowledge the



EDWARD BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.M. OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION,
PAST G. DEACON ENG., PAST S.G. WARDEN CANADA.

great kindness of the Officers of the Lodge in standing aside to permit him to assume the Chair. For many years—not less than twenty-six—he had been a member of the Lodge, and he regretted that owing to his many engagements and the important work with which he had been occupied, it had not been in his power to devote much time to Masonry. Yet although he assumed the position with some feelings of his own unworthiness, it was most gratifying to him at this particular time to be elected Master, and he expressed a hope that his occupancy of the Chair might not be without advantage to the Lodge of Emulation, and might also prove to be, in some measure, for the good of Freemasonry at large."

This evening Messrs. Richard Leslie S. Badham and Sydney Willis were initiated, having been duly elected at the previous meeting. Another noteworthy event on this occasion was the appointment, for the first time in the history of the Lodge, of an Organist, Bro. H. Lindley Truman being appointed to that office.

Feb. 20th.—"The W.M. in the Chair (Bro. Arthur Hill) alluded to the very sudden death of Bro. Griffiths Smith, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., and expressed the very great personal grief which he, in common with so many members of the Lodge, felt at this painful loss." The following resolution was then passed: "That this Lodge does hereby record its sincere regret for the loss it has sustained by the death of Bro. Griffiths Smith, who, both in this Lodge and in the Craft at large, had earned much respect and distinction.

That as a Past Master of the Lodge, Past Grand Steward, and for several years Secretary, he had deserved well of his brethren.

That as a Past Grand Officer he had reaped the well-merited reward of Masonic Industry and Charity—and that those honours nowhere afforded more satisfaction than among the brethren of his own Lodge.

The Secretary was directed to convey these expressions of regret and esteem to the widow, and to assure her that she has the sincere sympathy of the whole Lodge, who feel most deeply for her and her children in their sad bereavement."

1889, Jan. 14th.—The Audit Committee reported "That Bro. Sydney Willis had presented the Lodge with a case for the gavels given by his father in 1839, he had also had the gavels renovated, and the silver symbols thereon restored, for which the best thanks of the Lodge were due to Bro. Willis."

Feb. 18th.—This night Bros. William J. Lancaster and Frederick Fisher, having been previously elected, were duly initiated.

Dec. 16th.—"The Grand Secretary having discovered a Book of Ancient By-Laws of the Lodge of Emulation, dated 1775, delivered them to Bro. Brackstone Baker who now presented them. The Book was ordered to be placed among the Lodge archives, and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge its receipt, with thanks."

This is a very handsome folio volume bound in red morocco with gilt tooling, and, to be strictly accurate, it was the writer of these pages who discovered it in the archives of the Grand Lodge and handed it to the Grand Secretary for restoration to the Lodge of Emulation. It had probably got to headquarters through the medium of W. H. White, or his father, William White.

1890, Oct. 20th.—"Bro. Singer, P.M., moved, and Bro. Grellier seconded, the following resolution, which was also supported by Bro. Swinfen Eady, J.W., and carried unanimously, 'The high position of Chief Magistrate of the City of London having been conferred on Bro. Alderman Savory, the Lodge of Emulation begs leave to congratulate him on the acquired dignity, and cordially invites him to accept the office of W.M. for the year ensuing, if elected.'"

This night Mr. William Hodson was initiated.

Nov. 17th.—The following letter from Bro. Alderman Savory was read:—

"Dear Bro. Truman,

I thank you for your kind note and very highly appreciate the great honour done to me by the Brethren of the Lodge of Emulation in passing the resolution which you have forwarded to me. Should it be the wish of the Brethren that I should fill the Chair during the ensuing year I shall indeed be proud to do so, and have made a special note in my diary that the evening of January 19th must be reserved.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. SAVORY."

Dec. 15th.—Bro. Savory was unanimously elected to the Master's Chair, and Bro. Robert Berridge to the office of Treasurer, vacated by Thomas Taylor, on account of ill-health, after thirty-one years' service. It was resolved to present Bro. Taylor with an engrossed and illuminated Address on his retirement, expressing the thanks of the brethren and their heartfelt wishes for his renewed health and continued happiness.

1891, Jan. 15th.—At a Lodge of Emergency held this day, Bro. Henry W. Brooke (the present W. Master) was initiated.

Jan. 19th.—Bro. Joseph Savory was installed in the Master's Chair at this meeting, the arrangements made for the ceremony and banquet being similar to those made on the occasion of the Installation of Bro. De Keyser. Thirty-four members of the Lodge and forty-three visitors attended the meeting.

Oct. 19th.—"A letter was read, dated 23rd April, 1891, from Col. Shadwell Clerke, Grand Secretary, in which he stated that it was highly improper for the Tyler of the Lodge to supply Centenary Jewels to the Brethren as he had been doing, and the Secretary was requested to order him not to continue to do so."

Dec. 21st.—“Bro. Truman, Secretary, proposed, and Bro. Hovenden, S.D., seconded, ‘That the recommendation of the Committee read to the Lodge on the 16th May, 1887, be acted on without delay, and that the Treasurer be instructed to purchase a safe for the ancient records of the Lodge.’”

1892, Jan., 18th.—The W. Master moved the following resolution: “That the sincere sympathy and condolence of the Lodge of Emulation be respectfully offered to the M.W.G. Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and to Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, on the very great loss they and the Nation have sustained by reason of the sad and untimely death of their eldest son, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, P.G. Warden. This was seconded by Bro. C. Swinfen Eady, S.W., and carried in solemn silence.”

Feb. 15th.—Bro. C. Swinfen Eady, S.W., moved and Bro. Hovenden, J.W., seconded the following resolution, which was carried: “That Bro. Brackstone Baker be requested to revise his Book of the History of this Lodge, which was printed twenty years ago, bringing it down to a later date, with a view of reprinting it; and that a Committee of four members be appointed to assist him, consisting of Bros. Grellier, W.M., C. Swinfen Eady, S.W., Hovenden, J.W., and Berridge, Treasurer.”

March 21st.—The death of Thomas Taylor, late Treasurer, was announced at this meeting, and a vote of sympathy with his widow and family was passed by the Lodge.

Dec. 19th.—“Bro. Lancaster proposed, and Bro. Henry Taylor seconded, the following resolution, which was carried, ‘That an Organ be provided, and that Bro. Organist arrange for music in the Lodge.’”



WILLIAM HENRY WHITE, GRAND SECRETARY, 1813—1857,
INITIATED IN THE LODGE OF EMULATION IN 1799.

“This was the first evening on record in which the ceremonies were accompanied by music; Bro. H. R. Rose, Prov. G. Organist, Beds, kindly officiating at the Organ.”

1893, Jan. 10th.—The Audit Committee reported that an Iron Fireproof Box had been purchased for the preservation of the Ancient Records of the Lodge, and that the same is now at *The Albion Tavern*. A raising sheet and a die press with

arms of the Lodge had also been bought, and the latter is now in the possession of Messrs. Marchant & Singer.

Nov. 20th.—A letter from Brackstone Baker was read requesting the loan of the Index Volume of the Lodge Minutes for the purpose of reference, he having consented to re-write the History of the Lodge. It was thereupon resolved “That the Index Book be placed at the disposal of Bro. Baker, the Secretary taking a receipt for the same, and provided that Bro. Baker keep the Book in a fireproof safe.”

At the following meeting another letter was read from Bro. Baker, “renouncing and withdrawing his consent to re-edit his History of the Lodge owing to the conditions imposed.” Whereupon it was unanimously resolved, “that the condition as to the custody in a fireproof safe of the book should be withdrawn, and that all the books required by Bro. Baker for the purpose of re-writing the History of the Lodge, should be placed at his disposal.” Unfortunately this concession on the part of the Lodge was of no avail, as at the meeting in January, 1894, it was reported that Brackstone Baker had passed away after a short illness, and the usual vote of sympathy and condolence with his family was passed unanimously.

1894, Oct. 15th.—Sir Polydore De Keyser tendered his resignation and was elected an Honorary Member.

At the following meeting, Nov. 19th, a letter from him was read tendering his thanks to the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him.

A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. W. Willis for his presentation to the Lodge of *Symbols and Legends of Freemasonry*, by J. Finlay Finlayson.

“The W. Master moved and Bro. Truman seconded, ‘That the books and records of the Lodge be placed at the disposal of Bro. Berridge in order that he may revise the History of the Lodge by our late Bro. Brackstone Baker, which was unanimously carried.’”

1895, Feb. 18th.—“Bro. Hovenden moved, and Bro. Peacock seconded, ‘That the visitor’s fee for banquets be permanently raised to £1 5s., and that By-Law 21 be altered accordingly,’ which was duly carried.”

“A letter was read from Bro. S. P. Norris, thanking the brethren for having elected him an Honorary Member. A letter was also read from Bro. Henry S. Wellcome, P.M. of No. 3, returning to the Secretary a copy of Brackstone Baker’s pamphlet, with which he had been much interested, and suggesting that in the revised edition, contemplated, the compiler should quote much more freely from the old minute books, as well as furnish illustrations of the Jewels and other historical relics of the Lodge.”

1896, Jan. 20th.—The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Sutton, Master Elect, stating that on account of ill health he was unable to attend for installation. The letter was accompanied by a medical certificate to the foregoing purport. “The W. Master thereupon stated that he would invest such officers as was, in his opinion, necessary, and defer investment of the others until it were seen whether Bro. Sutton would be able to attend next Lodge.”

The Senior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary were then invested with the Jewels of their respective offices. Fortunately the Master Elect was able to be present at the next meeting when, having been duly installed, he appointed and invested the rest of the officers.

Dec. 21st.—The death of Bro. S. P. Norris having been announced, the Treasurer, Bro. Grellier, P.M., moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the S.W., Bro. Truman, and carried unanimously:—

“The Brethren having heard, with much regret of the death of their esteemed Past Master. Stephen Perceval Norris, whose family have been connected with the Lodge for many generations, desire to express their sincere sympathy with his Brothers and Sisters in their loss.”

“The following extract was read from a communication addressed to the Treasurer by Bro. P. M. Berridge, who has undertaken the revision of the History of the Lodge. ‘This is a long piece of work; I have gone thro’ all the minutes

of the three Lodges to the year 1826, so that you will see I have still 70 years to go thro', and as I cannot manage much more than a year and a half at a sitting of three or four hours, it must still be a long time before we can think of printing."

Sir Joseph Savory, being prevented by his parliamentary and other duties, from attending the Lodge, was elected an Absent Member.



STEPHEN CLARK,
TREASURER OF THE LODGE OF EMULATION, 1775--1799.

1897, March 15th.—“The following Motion was moved by Bro. C. Walton Sawbridge, S.W., seconded by Bro. Badham, J.D., and carried unanimously, viz.: ‘That the sum of One Guinea be subscribed from the Funds of the Lodge to Guy’s Hospital Re-endowment Fund, to supplement the Gift of Five Hundred Guineas voted by Grand Lodge towards the £1,000 required for the permanent endowment of a Bed to be named after the Freemasons of England.’”

Oct. 18th.—“On the Motion of the W.M. (H. L. Truman), seconded by Bro. R. C. Grant, I.P.M., the following resolution was unanimously carried, viz.: ‘That certain old Emblems be presented by the Lodge to the Museum of the Grand Lodge.’”

A List of the emblems in question is appended to the

foregoing paragraph. These emblems are undoubtedly of considerable age, also very interesting, and almost unique, being cut out of sheet iron and painted so as to represent the various symbols and figures on the Lodge Boards of the first and second degrees. I think it highly probable that they were adopted in place of the old practice in use prior to the introduction of painted Boards, *i.e.*, of drawing the emblems on the floor of the Lodge room or on a large board. The only other collection of a similar kind that has come under my notice belongs to the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16.

1898, Jan. 17th.—“The Secretary stated it was his painful duty to report the recent death of three of the old Brethren of the Lodge, viz., P. M. Daniel Clarke, a subscribing member for forty-six years, P. M. Sir Polydore De Keyser, a member for thirty-five years, and Joseph W. Zambra, P.G.S., a member for thirty-three years.

“The Secretary was directed to convey to the relatives of the deceased Brethren, the deep regret and condolence of the Lodge.”

1900, Jan. 15th.—“The Secretary, by direction of the W.M., read a communication from the Grand Secretary warning the Brethren against accepting the invitation of, or acknowledging in any way, a Body styling itself the ‘Hiram Lodge of London,’ under the Grand Orient of France.”

Feb. 19th.—“On the motion of Bro. Badham, S.W., seconded by Bro. S. Willis, J.W., it was resolved ‘That the carpet and kneeling stool recommended by the Audit Committee should be purchased at a cost of £4 10s. and £1 15s. respectively.’”

March 19th.—“Bro. Sawbridge, P.M., moved ‘That the sum of Twenty Guineas be paid out of the Lodge Funds to the South African Masonic Relief Fund, and that the Treasurer be, and is hereby, authorised to pay the same immediately.’ This was seconded by Bro. Evans, I.P.M., and carried unanimously.”

1901, Jan. 21st.—“Bro. Truman, P.M., proposed, and Bro. Sawbridge, P.M., seconded the following resolution: ‘That in consideration of Bro. Charles, the I.P.M., having installed his successor to the entire satisfaction of the Brethren, and also carried out the duties of Master during the past year with much credit and ability, the Lodge do present him with a Past Master’s Jewel, suitably inscribed, and that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase the same out of the Lodge funds,’ which was unanimously carried.”

“The W.M. then presented the jewel to Bro. Charles, who thanked the Lodge for this proof of their satisfaction with his year of office.”

Hitherto it appears not to have been customary in the Lodge of Emulation to present Past Master’s Jewels, except upon very rare occasions; the last previous recipient of this honour being George Henekey, who was Master in 1835 and 1836, and made several valuable presents to the Lodge.

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GUILDHALL, HIGH WYCOMBE.

High Wycombe is another place of great interest, while the station is also near to Great Marlow-on-Thames. The river Wye or Wyck, runs through the town from which it takes its name. Hughenden, the seat of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, is only two miles from High Wycombe. At Princes

Risboro', proceeding further north, is a fine old churchyard, on the west side of which can be viewed several trenches and banks called "The Mount," supposed to be the site of a palace of Edward the Black Prince.

Some three miles from Princes Risboro' is Great Hampton, and in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene there are many memorials of the Hampden family.

The last station on this new route is Akeman Street, where there is still to be seen the remains of the ancient Roman roadway known as Akeman Street, from

which the station takes its name.

We might refer to many other places of interest on this new line, but space forbids. Sufficient will, however, have been said, together with the illustrations given herewith, to show that it opens up a very interesting district to tourists, to say



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from William de Bermington, 1290, are to be seen. Further on is Gerrards Cross, formerly known as Ferrers Common, most charming pen pictures of which appear in Captain Mayne Reid's story of "The White Gauntlet." Chalfont St.

nothing of its utility to the Londoner, who, while his duties call him to town, prefers, when the daily strife of business is over, to seek the quiet and healthful retreat of a most picturesque country.