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*His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, K.G.,
 Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ireland.*

Photo, Chancellor, Dublin.

Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, & the Grand Officers of Ireland.

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LIKE the Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland in its early days was fain to make use of the Halls of Metropolitan Guilds and Taverns in which to hold its meetings and stated communications. The earliest meeting-place of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, or, at least, the earliest hall in which we can prove its Annual Communication for the Installation of Officers to have been held was the Great Hall of the King's Inns. This Hall stood on the site of the present High Court of Judicature, locally known as the Four Courts, Dublin. In this Great Hall, the Grand Lodge of Ireland met on St. John's Day in Summer (24th June), 1725, and elected the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Be it noted, that all our Grand Officers in Ireland, with the exception of the Deputy Grand Master, are, and always have been, elected by Grand Lodge. Our usage in this respect has been unbroken from 1725 to the present year of grace. The system works well—exceedingly well with us. Grand Office is highly valued and sparingly bestowed. Efficient Grand Officers are re-elected year after year. There are only eighteen Past Grand Officers of Ireland, all told.

Reverting to the quaint words of the chronicler of 1725, "after performing the Mystic Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, which are held so sacred that they must not be discovered to a private Brother, they proceeded to the election of a New Grand Master, &c." It is worth remarking that, in one particular, the Brethren of 1725 set a precedent for the Brethren of 1900. At the meeting in the Great Hall of the Kings' Inns, the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Prendergast, M.P., was elected Senior Grand Warden of Ireland. Sir Thomas was elected Junior Grand Warden of England at the next ensuing St. John's Day in Winter, and served as Grand Warden in both Grand Lodges concurrently. To-day, History has repeated itself. The Right Hon. Viscount Templetown, Senior Grand Warden of Ireland, has been appointed Senior Grand Warden of England, and is serving both Offices concurrently.

As we go down the stream of time, we find the Grand Lodge of Ireland meeting in the Guildhall of the Smiths; in the Philharmonic Rooms (where Handel's *Messiah* was first produced); in the Guildhall of the Merchant Taylors; and in the City Assembly Rooms. Taylors' Hall sheltered Grand Lodge till well into the present century; until, indeed, the shifting of the fashionable quarters left it hopelessly out of reach as an habitual meeting-place.

It would make an amusing list, if one were to catalogue all the Taverns, with their droll signs, that have harboured the Fraternity in London and Dublin. With us, the Eagle Tavern, just outside the Castle gates, in the very heart of the City, as the Earl of Ross and Dean Swift knew it, played much the same part as was played in London by the Devil Tavern at Temple Bar. Then we had a miscellaneous crowd, the Cock and the Bear, the Plume of Feathers and the Golden Anchor, the Hoop and the Bull's Head, escorted by the most variegated pack of Lions that ever ranged over the Sahara of a Herald's imagination.

It was not till well on in the present century that the Grand Lodge of Ireland held premises for its exclusive use. As had been the practice in England, till Freemasons' Hall was built, the Grand Secretary, or Deputy Grand Secretary, as the case might be, transacted his business at his private residence or office. Efforts had been made to found a Freemasons' Hall in Dublin—but that is another story. The first set of rooms retained exclusively for the use of the Society in Dublin was the upper flat of the Chamber of Commerce, a commodious edifice, of some architectural pretension, that had been erected by the Merchants of Dublin as soon as the suppression of the rebellion of 1798 had given them time to look about them.

The accommodation was adequate to the needs of the time, and there the Fraternity dwelt till the present Freemasons' Hall was built and opened in 1869.

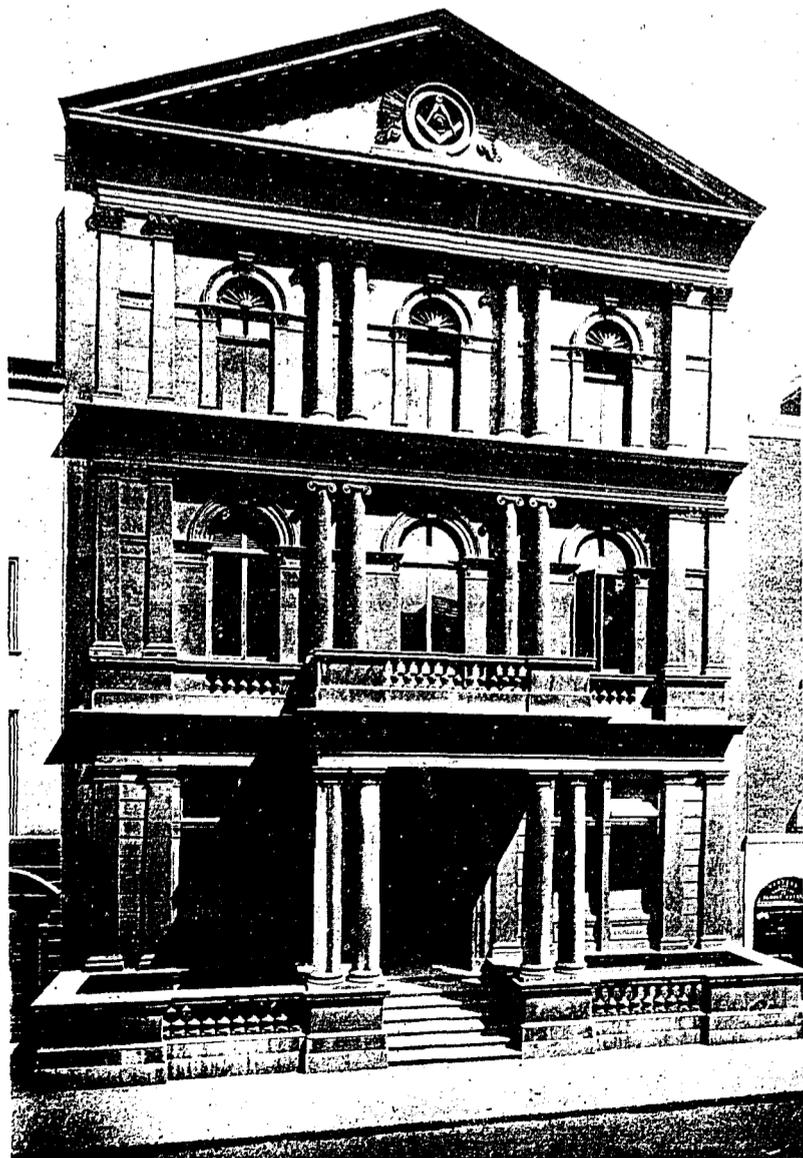
The present Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin, is undergoing reconstruction, and the internal aspect of the building represented in the accompanying photographs will be considerably modified when the alterations are complete. By one of those undesigned coincidences that are always happening, both the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland resolved, much about the same time, to renovate, reconstruct, and enlarge their premises. The task of the Dublin Brethren is now nearly complete, though the outlay has already greatly exceeded the original estimate. In this respect, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, forms no exception to the rule. There is no instance recorded in Profane History, or for the matter of

that, in Scripture Story, in which an edifice was completed within the Architect's sanguine estimate. In the present case, the Dublin Craft will esteem themselves fortunate if any balance remains out of the £10,000 or so, available for the purpose. As may be surmised from the expenditure, the additions and alterations are very extensive, involving almost an entire re-distribution or allocation of the existing rooms and structural additions more than equal in cost to the original building.

Without a ground plan it is difficult to give an intelligible description of the complex premises occupied by the block known as Freemasons' Hall, Dublin. But, looking at the accompanying photograph of the front, the observer may take it that the ground floor is occupied by the Grand Secretary's Office with its appendages, the Board Room, and the working departments of our wide-spread Society. The second floor is occupied by the Royal Arch and the Mark, and by smaller lodge rooms, while the top floor is given up to the Templar Body and to the ancient and accepted Rite. At the rear, and approached by a long corridor from the main entrance, lie the Banquet Hall, the lesser dining-rooms and their appurtenances, which include extensive kitchens in the basement. Our Irish Brethren are given to hospitality, and, for various reasons, the Dublin lodges like to dine "At home," on their own premises.

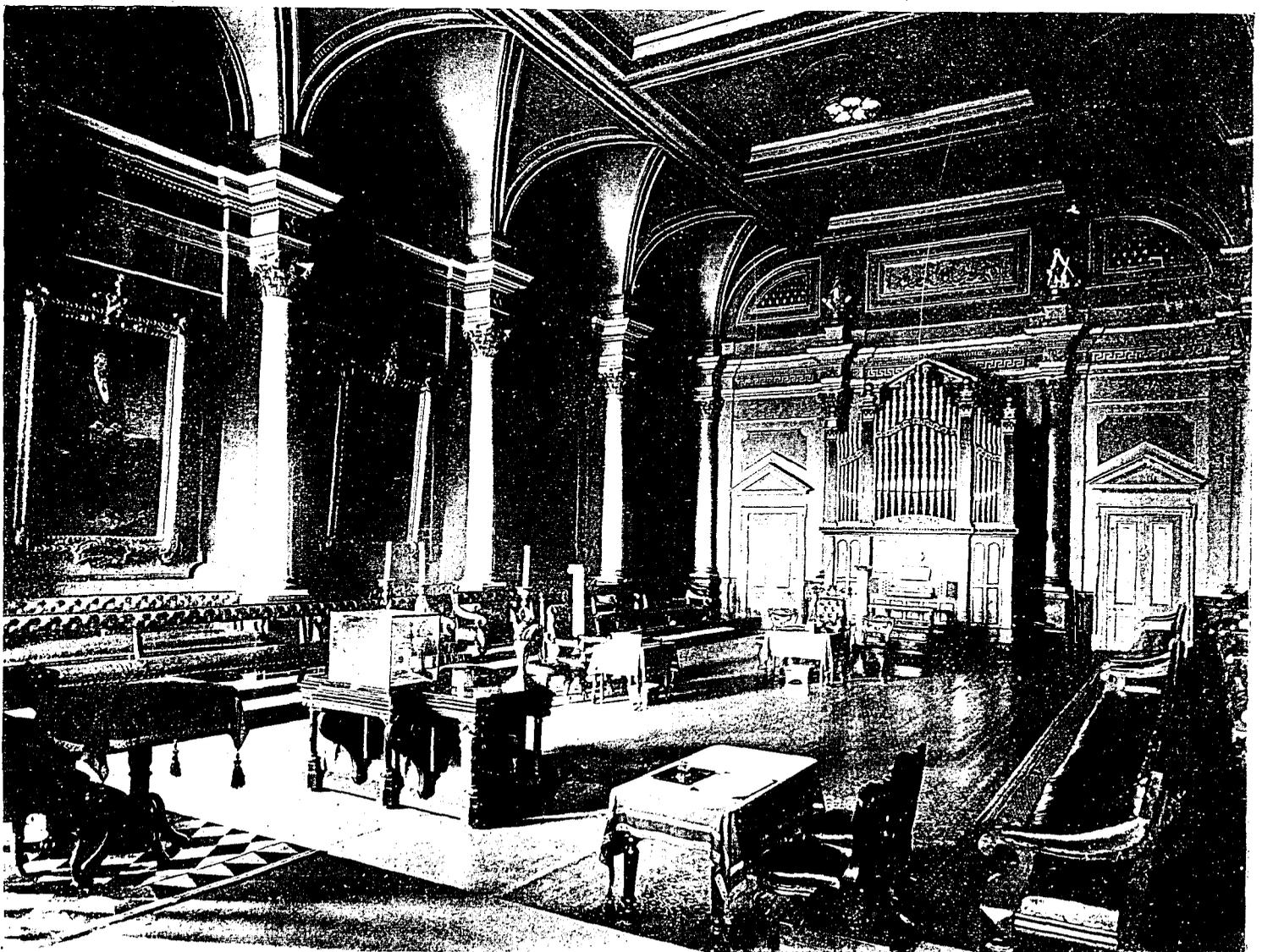
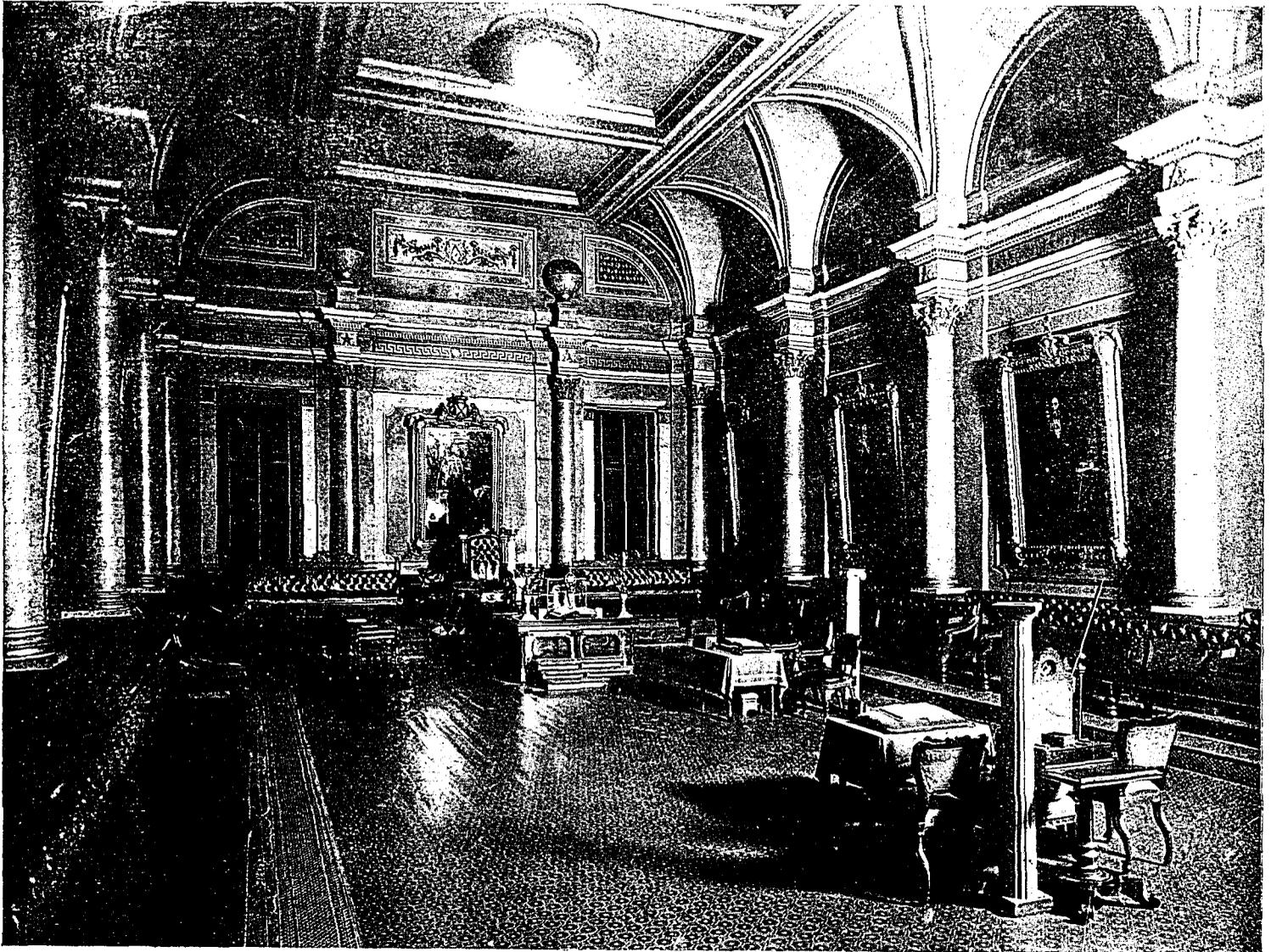
On a level with the first floor of the main building, is the Grand Lodge Room, with its lobbies, ante-rooms, and Tyler's rooms. The Hall is of fine proportions, being much the same in cubical contents as the Grand Lodge Room in Great Queen Street. It is nearly seventy-five feet long by forty feet wide, with a coved ceiling thirty-two feet high to the cornice. We give two illustrations—one looking to the west from the Grand Officers' dais, the other looking to the east from the porch. The coved compartments of the ceiling are decorated with admirable frescoes, depicting scenes from the Building of the Temple of Jerusalem.

On each side of the Hall, in the intervals between



FREEMASONS' HALL, DUBLIN.

Photo by Chancellor.



FREEMASONS' HALL, DUBLIN--THE TEMPLE (EAST AND WEST VIEWS).



THE R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, BRO. SIR JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D.
Photo by Chancellor, Dublin.

the pillars, are life-size portraits of Grand Officers, just as in the Grand Lodge-room in London. The place of honour over the Throne is given to the portrait of our Great Grand Master, Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster, who presided over the Irish Craft for the unprecedented and unequalled period of sixty-one years. He served in his high office from 24th June, 1813, till his lamented demise, 10th October, 1874, when he was succeeded by his Grace, James, first Duke of Abercorn, K.G., father of the present Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, JAMES, SECOND DUKE AND ELEVENTH EARL OF ABERCORN, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, holds a separate and distinct Peerage in each of the Three Kingdoms, and can lay claim to the Dukedom of Châtellherault in the Peerage of France. His Grace has an hereditary claim of long standing on the Craft, for he is the lineal descendant and representative of that Lord Paisley, who, in 1725, presided over the infant Grand Lodge of England. His Grace was initiated as Viscount Hamilton, in the Apollo Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, and affiliated to the Grand Master's Lodge, Dublin, when the first Duke became Grand Master. In his turn, the present Duke passed the Chair of the Grand Masters' Lodge, and was elected Grand Master in 1886. No Grand Master has ever been more popular, for no Grand Master has ever spared himself less in furtherance of the Order. A story is told of the fourth Lord Kingston, the International Grand Master of England and Ireland, posting with incredible diligence from his Irish Seat, in order to take part in the Quarterly Communication of 25th November, 1729, in London. His Grace of Abercorn fairly equalled this display of fraternal zeal during Her Majesty's recent visit to Ireland, when the Grand Master travelled from a remote corner of the sister Island, in order that his Grand Lodge might be suitably represented before his Sovereign, and, being recalled by imperative duties, travelled back the whole distance by return train and boat service. And in this country where the Lady Freemason flourished, one may be permitted to pay grateful tribute to Her Grace the Duchess, who has never let slip any opportunity of helping the charitable organizations of the Craft, which appeal so irresistibly to her Grace's sympathetic nature.

The post of Deputy Grand Master of Ireland has no exact correlative in other jurisdictions, for the responsibilities and

duties that attach to the office in Ireland are elsewhere split up between three or four Grand Officers. There is no prospect of such a partition in Ireland, for our R.W. Bro. SIR JAMES CREED MEREDITH, LL.D., has shoulders broad enough for the load. His career in Freemasonry has been of the most distinguished. Initiated some thirty years ago in the famous Lodge No. XXV, the Duke of York's Lodge, Bro. Meredith had hardly passed the Chair—no Brother can hold Grand Office in Ireland till he has served as Worshipful Master of some Lodge on the Register of Ireland—than he was elected to the office of Grand Inner Guard, and from that day to this he has served without intermission as a Grand Officer of Ireland. His extraordinary financial ability enabled him when Grand Treasurer to render inestimable service to the Craft, and since he was appointed Deputy Grand Master he has discharged the duties, not to the satisfaction only, but to the admiration of his Brethren. No man of our day has been more prominent in the administrative circles of the Irish capital, and he has proved himself more than equal to his multifarious responsibilities. Quite recently, his Brethren took advantage of the recognition of his public services, when Her Majesty conferred on him the honour of Knighthood, to present him with a life-size portrait, which now graces the Grand Lodge-room; and the portrait was accompanied by the presentation of a tiara and suite of diamonds, of quite exceptional value and brilliancy, to Lady Meredith, whose grace and beauty had so often gilded the charitable work of our Fraternity.

W. Bro. HENRY ERASMUS FLAVELLE, the representative of one of those old Huguenot families who have so long made their home in Dublin, was initiated in 1872. He comes of old Masonic stock; his father left behind him a name respected among Dublin Freemasons. He was appointed to a junior post in the Grand Secretary's Office in 1875, and having passed the Chair of his Lodge, No. 93, the Shamrock Lodge, in 1877, he was promoted to the responsible position of Assistant D.G.S. He so discharged his duties that on the resignation of Worshipful Brother Archibald St. George, in 1898, he was unanimously elected Deputy Grand Secretary. Truly, he had served a long apprenticeship. As long as zeal, ability, and integrity are held to be qualifications for Grand Office, the Freemasons of Ireland may consider themselves fortunate beyond the common in being represented by the fraternal courtesy and indefatigable zeal of the present Deputy Grand Secretary.



THE W. DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY AND TREASURER, BRO. HENRY E. FLAVELLE.
Photo by Chancellor, Dublin.

*The M.W. Pro Grand Master,
The Right Honourable The Earl Amherst.*

THE M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, whose country house is at Montreal, Sevenoaks, was born on the 26th March, 1836, entering the House of Commons in 1859, when twenty-three years of age, holding the seat for West Kent, and subsequently for Mid-Kent, without a break for twenty-one years, until 1880, when, on the death of his father, he was summoned to the House of Peers as Baron Amherst.

Earl Amherst's Masonic career is of no recent date, and is characterised by the good work which he has done for the Craft. He was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, with the late M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, on the 5th February, 1856. He was, at that time, Captain the Hon. W. A. Amherst, of the Coldstream Guards, and had not long previously returned from the Crimea, where he had served with distinction at the battles of the Alma and Inkerman and the siege of Sebastopol, being amongst those who were dangerously wounded. In 1857 he was appointed Senior Deacon of his mother lodge, and in 1860 he joined the Invicta Lodge, No. 709, Ashford. In the course of the same year, on the resignation of Bro. C. Purton Cooper, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, his lordship—for he had then become, by courtesy, Viscount Holmesdale—was, at the unanimous wish of the Kentish brethren, appointed to the high office of Provincial Grand Master, a position which he has retained ever since. He was installed in office at a provincial grand meeting at the New Falcon Hotel, Gravesend, by Bro. Thomas Hall, then Grand Registrar and Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire, on the 20th October, 1860, amidst the congratulations and good hopes of the brethren; these good hopes of his successful government of the province, it is needless to say, have been amply fulfilled. So much so, that on the 13th July, 1881, when his lordship had held office for twenty-one years, an immense gathering of our Kentish brethren was held at Rochester, whereat the Prov. Grand Master was presented with a handsome testimonial of plate, consisting of three vases of the value of five hundred guineas, accompanied by a handsome gold bracelet for Lady Holmesdale,

At the Grand Festival of April, 1896, Earl Amherst was chosen to fill the office of Deputy Grand Master of England, which had become vacant by the resignation of the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe. On the lamented death of the Earl

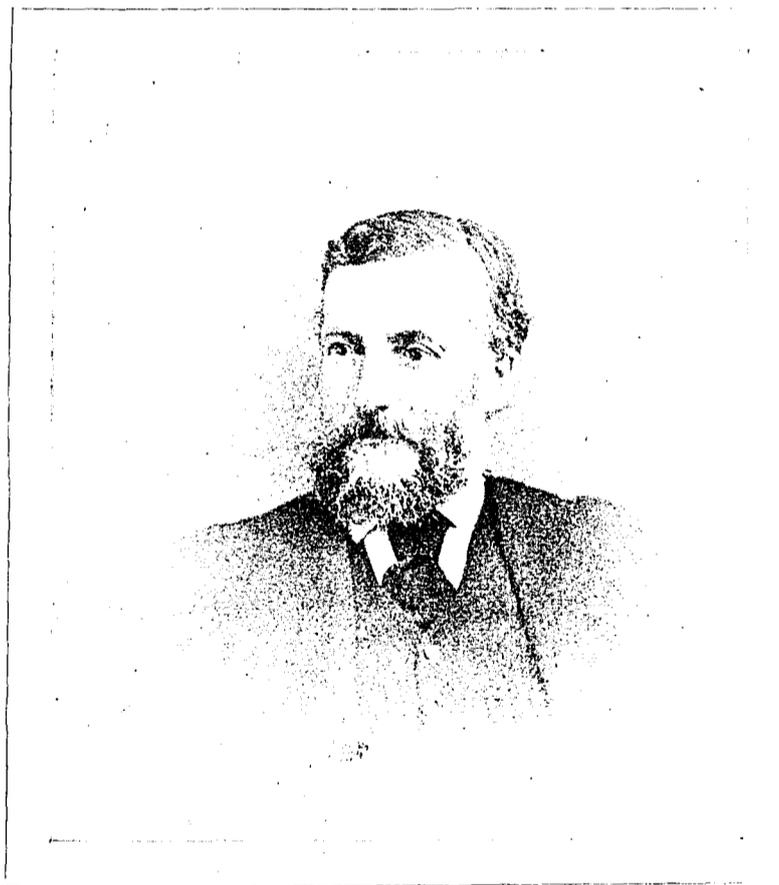
of Lathom, in 1899, he was appointed Pro Grand Master of English Freemasonry.

In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in May, 1860, and was appointed Grand H. in 1896, becoming Pro Grand Z. on the death of the Earl of Lathom in 1899. He has been Grand Superintendent of Kent since 1877, while, in the Mark Degree, to which he was advanced in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 7, on the 17th March, 1860, he was Deputy Grand Master under the Earl of Carnarvon from 1860 to 1863, and M.W. G.M. from 1863 to 1866. His lordship has always exhibited the greatest sympathy with our Charitable Institutions. In 1862, when Lord Leigh was prevented by illness from fulfilling his engagement as Chairman of the Boys' School Festival,

his place was taken by Lord Holmesdale, while, in 1883, his lordship was in the chair when the same Institution held its memorable festival, at which a sufficient amount was obtained to erect a Preparatory School by means of subscriptions, which exceeded £22,000. He was Chairman also of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1891, when the amount subscribed was not far short of £16,000. It should be added that his lordship has recently consented to become a Trustee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

In the course of a speech made by him, in reply to the toast of his health as Pro Grand Master, at the Grand Festival of 1899, when he was appointed, Earl Amherst said that the first time he presided in Grand Lodge an old Mason had told him that he would find he had to preside over a turbulent assembly. His experiences had been the other

way; he never knew a more orderly body than an assembly of members of the Masonic Craft. In that spirit he hoped to continue to conduct the affairs of Grand Lodge, in a manner consistent with the credit of the Grand Lodge, and in the interests of the Craft. R.W. Bro. Lt.-Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, Provincial Grand Master for South Wales (W.D.), had at one time described him as "sharp, short, and decisive." He did not wish to be short except as regarded his speeches, nor sharp, except as regarded his wits, that he might carry on the business of Grand Lodge satisfactorily; but he must be decisive if he was to be worth his salt in the Masonic Parliament. And in this brief review of his career it will be perceived that the zealous services which Earl Amherst has so cheerfully rendered have been of great value to Masonry.



THE M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER,
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL AMHERST.

Consecration of the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834.

THE Devonian Lodge is the latest addition to that growing list of lodges in the metropolis formed of members, who are either themselves natives of, or connected by family ties with, some particular county or group of counties. Only in London could sufficient material be found for such a family party, but seeing that this vast city probably contains as many of the natives of every county in England as would be found in any local provincial town, it is not to be wondered at that the sons of Cornwall, Devon, and

other provinces should foregather and set up a Masonic home in their midst. Success in this direction is only a question of judicious selection of members, and in this respect the Devonian Lodge is particularly fortunate. As the first W. Master they have secured no less a personage than the Lord Chancellor, who is himself a Devon man, and the first officers include many well-known county names. The Consecration took place at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel on the 8th November, and was a most successful affair. The Grand



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY.
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Secretary, assisted by Bros. Sir John Monckton, J. Strachan, Q.C., the Rev. Canon Brownrigg, Frank Richardson, and W. Lake were the Consecrating Officers and the following brethren were installed in the principal offices:—Bros. the Earl of Halsbury, P.G.W., W.M.; Walter Wellsman, P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; the Rev. W. Whittley, P.G.D., P.S.G.W. Devon, J.W.; W. Bradford, P.M., Treas.; John Cockrem Taylor, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Lambert, M.P., S.D.; P. H. Pridham Whippell, J.D.; C. Luxmore Drew, I.G.; the Rev. Harry Arthur Hebb, P.G.D. Chap.; William Hayman Cummings, P.G.D., Org.; John White, D. of C.; F. W. Budie, Stwd.; and W. T. Winsor Tyler.

The Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge, and an unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to them for their valued services.

After the nomination for election of a long list of candidates for initiation and joining, the lodge was closed.

The Worshipful Master afterwards presided at a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, Bro. Sir John Monckton replying for "The Grand Officers," and Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., for "The Consecrating Officers."

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was placed in the able hands of Bro. Justice Kennedy, and he discharged that duty with sympathetic eloquence, the toast being received with much enthusiasm.

The LORD CHANCELLOR, in reply, said, among the many qualities which distinguished Devonshire men, one had not been mentioned by the learned judge who had just spoken—he meant that of modesty. (Laughter.) He had every right to exhibit that quality, because, being a Devon man, and because of his profession, which he had practised for fifty years, he was bound to be modest. What was he to say in answer to such a speech, and, at the same time, to exhibit that quality for which he claimed constant possession? Well, he would say this: in the position to which the learned judge had referred he believed none of them could live under himself. He believed that which made them harmonise, and enabled them to go on, was a feeling that they were mutually dependent on each other. The Masonic spirit, if it could be extended to all society and to all mankind, he believed, would, in a great measure, remove all difficulties which stood in the way of a higher and a better civilisation. One of the things which rendered Masonic intercourse so delightful was this—that it cultivated a spirit independent of all those questions on which men were divided. An infinite variety of feelings, thoughts, and imaginations which naturally belonged to different degrees, divided men politically, theologically, and in many other ways, but the Masonic spirit enabled them to meet together in social intercourse, and in a manner which, for the time at all events, obliterated and stamped out the feeling of those differences which, on other occasions, necessarily kept them at arm's length. Therefore it was that the Masonic spirit which united them together, whatever might be their walks in life, was a gain for civilisation, a gain for that kindly spirit which tended to bring men together, and not to separate them. The toast in its terms was complimentary to him. He thought it was relevant to the toast, which, of course, was the toast of the Worshipful Master for the time being, whoever he might be, to point out how desirable it was that there should be such an Institution as

that they were met to form, when the Worshipful Master and his Brethren should be on such terms of intercourse as, happily, he thought, they were at present. And in that spirit he heartily wished to reciprocate, and he desired to thank them most heartily for the way in which they had received him.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Justice Bigham, Underdown, Q.C., and J. Passmore Edwards. The toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.



THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HALSBURY, LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR.—Photo by C. E. Fry & Son.

The Earl of Halsbury—a portrait of whom, in his robes as Lord Chancellor, we have the pleasure to present to our readers—was better known to a former generation as Mr. Hardinge Giffard. He was called to the Bar and "took silk" in 1865, becoming Solicitor-General to the Government of 1875-80, representing Launceston in the Conservative interest from 1877 to 1885. The present administration will have been the fourth occasion on which Lord Halsbury will have taken his seat on the Woolsack,

for he was Lord Chancellor in 1885-86, in 1886-92, and has occupied that high post since 1895. His interests are wide and numerous, for, in addition to his legal work, and the duties of the great posts which he holds, he is President of the Royal Society of Literature, and has been High Steward of the University of Oxford since 1896.

Supreme Grand Chapter.

The quarterly convocation of Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 7th November. The presiding Principals were Comps. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Col. Townley Caldwell, M.A., and Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph.

A letter was read from Sir F. Knollys, acknowledging on behalf of the Prince of Wales, First Grand Principal, the address of condolence and sympathy with His Royal Highness voted by Grand Chapter at its meeting on August 1st. Charters were afterwards granted for new chapters at Ambleside, Walmer, and Watford.

The agenda was a very light one, the business consisting only of the reading of the minutes, the granting of petitions for three new chapters, and of permission for the removal of a chapter to another place of meeting.

Comp. Henry A. Tobias, P.G. Standard Bearer, was elected a member of the Committee of General Purposes in place of the late Comp. George Gravely.

Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 1st of November. There were about 300 brethren in attendance. The Grand Master, Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., occupied the chair. Bro. Major F. W. Allan acted as Senior, and Bro. A. A. Speirs of Elderslie as Junior Grand Warden.

In opening the proceedings, the Grand Master made a touching reference to the death of Bro. the Rev. John A. Clark, Brechin, whom they met at the placing of the memorial stone of the restoration of the Cathedral only a short month ago, and who was then full of life, strength, and energy, and had since passed away at the age of forty-two. On the motion of the Grand Master, a resolution of condolence was directed to be transmitted to the widow of the deceased brother.

The Grand Master next referred to the resignation by Bro. D. Murray Lyon of his office of Grand Secretary. Bro. Lyon had found his resignation to be necessary on account of a stroke of paralysis. If there was a man who deserved well of the Masons of Scotland and all the world, it was Bro. Murray Lyon, and he could not tell them how he felt that, at the close of his first year of office, the Grand Secretary's tenure of his position had come to an end; but he was glad to think that they would still retain the benefit of his valuable experience. He moved the adoption of the report of Grand Committee to the effect that the resignation be accepted with the deepest regret, and that in recognition of his most distinguished and faithful services to Grand Lodge, he be, during the remainder of his life, paid his full official salary of £600 a year.

Bro. Orr Sinclair, Glasgow, moved an amendment to the effect that the retiring allowance should be only £300 a year.

On a division the original motion was carried by a majority of 183 against 89.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination of officers for the next year, and Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., was unanimously nominated for re-election as Grand Master. Bro. Charles E. Rosenbaum was appointed Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. The Past Grand Master, Bro.

Adolphus Leigh Fitzgerald, was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Nevada. A charter was presented to the new Lodge Cathcart, Gokak Falls, Belgaum, India.

It was reported that the income of the Grand Lodge for the first eleven months of the year had been £5,719, against £5,888 for the corresponding period of last year—a decrease of £169. During the past three months grants had been made from the benevolent fund to distressed Masons and widows to the amount of £104. The other business was routine.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

The Conclave of Mourning in memory of the late Issachar Zacharie, M.D., held in the Masonic Temple at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, 21st October, proved to be a very interesting ceremony. Some sixty of the members of the Order, and friends of the late Dr. Zacharie and family, joined with the Grand Officers of the year in paying this, their tribute of affection to the memory of the departed. The Right Hon. the Earl of Warwick, Grand Supreme Ruler, was unable to be present, but sent a telegram of sympathy and regret. In his absence, Bro. Colonel H. W. Kiallmark, Assistant Deputy Grand Ruler of the Order, presided, and the ceremony was carried out by Bro. W. J. Spratling, B. Sc., the Grand Recorder, assisted by Bros. W. J. Songhurst, J. M. Bastone, J. Stiven (of Madras), John Kay, Frank E. Lemon, M.A., and H. Tipper. No Masonic clothing or jewels were worn.



THE LATE DR. ISSACHAR ZACHARIE.—(Photo Barrand & Jerrard)

Bro. C. S. Jekyll, late Organist of the Chapel Royal, presided at the organ, and the vocal music included "O rest in the Lord," "Be thou faithful unto death," "Happy and blest are they," "I know that my Redeemer liveth," and "Blest are the departed," sung by professional vocalists, under the direction of Bro. John Read, P.G.C.

A funeral oration was pronounced by the Rev. C. E. Roberts, and then Hymn 235, A. and M., was sung. The playing of the "Dead March in Saul" completed the ceremony.

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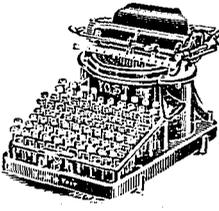
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Spanish Freemasonry.

An English Brother's Experience.

SPAIN! Sunny Spain! Land of the troubadour and the guitar. The very mention of it fills our mind with visions of romance—the history of the Moorish occupation and its tragic conclusion, the pathetic farewell of Boabdil, last of the Moorish Emperors, and the triumphs of Ferdinand and Isabella, still the theme of poet and painter. But why “Spain” in connection with Freemasonry, and especially with English Rulers of the Craft? We shall endeavour to explain. The mystic art is practised in the Spanish Peninsular beyond a doubt, but we wonder how many of our readers are conversant with the history of Freemasonry in Spain. We know that Masonry is a progressive science whose branches are universally spread over the surface of the globe, but do we realise that the story of its existence in Spain is as full of romance and tragedy as the

no empty threat, is shown by the historian (Findel) telling us only a little further on. Now, in 1825, a whole lodge in Granada was suppressed, seven masters condemned to death and an apprentice, “who had just been initiated, to the galleys for five years.” Whilst in 1828, “they sentenced the learned and philanthropic Marquis de Cavrillano to the gallows” on suspicion of being a Mason. But the enumeration of horrors is outside our present purpose, and we must refer those readers who are interested in the vicissitudes of Freemasonry in Spain to Bro. J. J. Findel's comprehensive treatise. It is some consolation to learn that long years of oppression were not unrelieved by periods of tranquillity, during which, although it could only meet in secret and under the penalty of banishment from the country, the Fraternity continued to found lodges, to enter into Masonic



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND OFFICERS OF THE HOTSPUR LODGE.

history of the country itself? Under the Napoleonic régime early in this nineteenth century, now so rapidly drawing to its close, Spanish Masonry, after much oppression, had a period of comparative rest and prosperity, and, as Findel (the German Masonic historian) remarks: “strange to say, held its meetings” (at Madrid) “in the same building as that in which the Inquisition had just been holding its assemblies.” This happy state of affairs was, however, of but short duration, for on the restoration of Ferdinand VII., the Inquisition was also re-established and Freemasonry prohibited under the severest penalties. “Members of the Fraternity were to appear in the course of a month and deliver over their papers,” and if they failed to do so, “would without any further ceremony be immediately hanged.” That this was

relationships with the brethren of adjacent nations, and to extend, as far as possible under adverse conditions, the bonds of brotherly love.

It was in Spain that the subject of our present sketch—Bro. Arthur Connor Richardson, for the second time W.M. of the Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626—first saw the light in Masonry, and although the conditions were somewhat modified in comparison with those outlined above, the position of the Fraternity in Spain, even at the present day, is such that it is not carried on openly, though, to some extent, winked at by the authorities, and the circumstances of Bro. Richardson's initiation may well serve as an illustration of the pertinacity, as well as the circumspection, with which Spanish Freemasonry is conducted to-day.

To begin with—and here, we think, even British Freemasons might with advantage follow more closely the example of their Spanish brethren—no one is introduced into Masonry in Spain without due and very careful consideration—no friend of a few weeks' standing, or any casual acquaintance, whom motives of mere curiosity may impel to seek admission, is entertained for a moment. Proposers and seconders of candidates have to vouch for the bonâ-fides of those they bring forward, in addition to which most careful scrutiny is made independently into the status and character of the aspirant, especially in the Masonic qualifications of secrecy, fidelity, and obedience to which our own ritual recommends that the attention of candidates should be peculiarly and forcibly directed. This caution is requisite from the fact that, although the days of inquisitorial torture or death may have gone—it is to be hoped never to return—membership of the Fraternity, if too publicly known, may still incur legal prosecution on political grounds, to say nothing of the lesser inconveniences of civil persecution and social ostracism.

Bro. Richardson relates how, on the 5th day of February, 1886, accompanied by his friend and proposer, and having been duly elected as a fit and proper person for initiation into our mysterious privileges, he set out for the place of meeting—this, it should be explained, is not always the same as it is with us who have handsome and commodious Masonic halls in which we meet regularly, but is varied frequently to avoid police scrutiny, the Fraternity being regarded as a political institution not always most amicably disposed to the Government of the day.

But to resume—on the way to the place of meeting and arrived at a secluded street, Bro. Richardson and his friend were met by a deputation from the lodge, and he was there and then hastily blindfolded and led (as he was aware from his knowledge of the city) by unnecessarily devious ways to another quiet street.

Here, after due exchange of pass-word and countersign, they were admitted to a house, and the candidate immediately ushered into a room where he remained for a lengthened period blindfold and alone, after admonition to devote himself to contemplation and careful self-examination. It would be unfair to describe the ceremony of initiation. Suffice it to say that the Frère Terrible (as he is styled in France) played a leading part in the proceedings, and the ceremonial was more realistic than is ordinarily considered compatible with either dignity or solemnity, at all events, so far as the imaginative Britisher of average intellect is concerned. Bro. Richardson was subsequently passed to the Second Degree in the same lodge, similar precautions being observed and much the same style of ceremony worked as on the occasion of his first attendance.

Unfortunately, owing to business calls, our brother left Spain before taking his Third Degree, which could not have failed to have been a most interesting experience; but, on the other hand, it has placed him in the unusual, if not unique, position of having been twice initiated into Masonry. On settling in Newcastle-on-Tyne, Bro. Richardson desired to enter into fraternal relations with his English brethren, but was unable to make himself known as a Mason, having only been twice in lodge, and then having spent most of his time blindfolded, he had little recollection of essential points, and what he did remember being, as may readily be supposed from the foregoing description, much at variance with English working. It was decided to make him over again rather than enter upon a long correspondence with his Spanish lodge, which would be conducted under special disability by reason of the caution to be observed in speaking, let alone writing, about Freemasonry in certain parts of Spain.

Accordingly, he was proposed in the Ridley Lodge, No. 2260, as a candidate for initiation, and duly took his Three Degrees according to the English rite. Shortly afterwards, finding a congenial atmosphere and a majority of his personal friends in the Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626, he became

a joining member, after a time taking office as J.D. Thence he proceeded, step by step, up the ladder of office, until, in January, 1897, he was installed twenty-first Master of the Hotspur Lodge, and in that capacity presided at a special festival held in celebration of the lodge's attaining its majority.

A banquet was held which was graced by the presence of a number of ladies, an unusual departure so far as North country Masonry is concerned, and the first of the kind in the City of Newcastle, though not of uncommon occurrence further South. This was followed by a ball, the whole of the extensive premises of the Central Masonic Hall Company being converted, for the nonce, into a luxuriously-appointed family mansion to accommodate the guests.

The Hotspur brethren marked their appreciation of Bro. Richardson's services on this occasion by presenting him with a Past Master's jewel bearing the lodge arms in enamel and set with diamonds, which was specially designed and executed by Messrs. Spencer and Co., of Great Queen Street, for the purpose.

In December, 1899, Bro. Richardson was again unanimously elected to the chair of the lodge of his adoption, which honour had only once previously been conferred upon a P.M. of the lodge. He is now bringing his second year of Mastership to a conclusion with undiminished acceptance to its numbers, and, being still in the prime of life, it is quite possible, should circumstances arise, that he may fill the chair again. In addition to Craft Masonry, Bro. Richardson is an active member of the *Mark* (Tristram Lodge, No. 346), *Ark Mariners* (Northumberland and Berwick, T.I.), *Royal Arch* (Gosforth Chapter, 1664), in which he was succeeded only last month by Sir Gainsford Bruce as First Principal—also the *Knights Templar* (Royal Kent Preceptory, No. 20), the *Allied Degrees* (Royal Kent Council), the *Cryptic Degrees* (Royal Kent Council), *Knights of Rome and Constantine* (Royal Kent Conclave), *Rose Croix* (Royal Kent Chapter, No. 8), and the 30° of the Supreme Grand Council of England and Wales. He is also a member of the Newcastle College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, and in Scottish Masonry of the Royal Order of Scotland, and of Mary's Chapel Lodge, No. 1, Edinburgh.

The Province of Northumberland owes its Masonic calendar—an unusually complete and comprehensive publication—to the indefatigable energy of Bro. Richardson, who inaugurated it in 1897 to mark his year as W.M. of the Hotspur, and, for two years issued it at his own cost, subsequently presenting the copyright to the Newcastle College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia, in which he is one of the trustees of the library.

It will therefore be observed that Freemasonry in Spain, notwithstanding the many vicissitudes through which it has passed, and the many disadvantages under which it is carried on, has at all events the power to awaken true Masonic enthusiasm, and has furnished Freemasonry in the North of England with a worthy brother, who, with reasonable health and strength, is certain to be heard of again as attaining provincial rank or even Grand Lodge honours. All honour therefore to Spanish Masonry and that she may have assured peace and tranquillity, is the devout aspiration of every true Masonic heart, although, as Bro. Richardson quaintly puts it, "The only way to get peace in a Spanish lodge is to get hold of the chief constable of the town or district, and make him a member, then you are all right." Our illustration—a group of the Worshipful Master and officers of Hotspur Lodge is from a photo by Messrs. James Bacon and Co., Northumberland Street, Newcastle.

The Venerable Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G. Chaplain, has occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday afternoons during the month of November, and the services have been largely attended. The Archdeacon of London is one of the few preachers whose sonorous voice can be distinctly heard in the vast building.

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Masons in Municipal Life.

IT is uttering a commonplace to observe that, all the world over, the men who are not least distinguished for their zeal in the good work of the Brotherhood will be found not the least active in all that pertains to good government in civic, municipal, and in all public life. The metropolis is slowly but surely emerging from the somewhat archaic arrangements on which its government has been based, and the formation of the Borough Councils has had the intended effect of bringing the much advocated desideratum in government—"fresh blood"—into municipal work. The old vestries have gone the way of the old Board of Works. Their inception and history may have an obscure interest in the day when "some traveller from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's," but, at present, one's concern at their disappearance and of the familiar headline, "vestry scandals," is not mingled with any deep sense of regret. Glancing over the names of the councillors, one has good reason for hope that with fresh blood there will be a fresh code of

manners, with an entire absence of that subterranean method of business which was connived at by virtuous vestrymen in some—let us hope rare—instances.

For example, we observe among the newly-elected Councillors for the Borough of Paddington the names of Bro. Sir GEORGE D. HARRIS, P.G. Deacon, and of Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. WIMBURN LAURIE, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales. Bro. Sir GEORGE HARRIS has for a long time exercised his administrative capacity in the Royal Arch as President of the General Committee of Grand Chapter, and R.W. Bro. Lieut.-Gen. J. LAURIE, in addition to his duties as Prov. Grand Master, not infrequently presides over Grand Lodge. Amongst the Mayors, also, are Bro. the EARL OF ONSLOW, G.C.M.G., Past Grand Warden, chosen for Westminster, and Bro. Dr. GOODING, P.G. Deacon, elected for Greenwich.

These are but a small percentage of the many eminent and excellent men—men of integrity and of business ability, with many zealous Masons among them—who have been elected for London. It is a regrettable fact that a larger number of voters did not go to the poll, but this is explained by the fact—which even time is not likely to alter—that there is not the same feeling in the metropolis as in the provinces. The county of London is, for one thing, without a strong local press. Some of us are apt to take our view of things, so to speak, through a telescope, and in making our survey of the universe, and revelling in our wide field of vision we are prone to overlook matters which lie nearer home.

There is also the fact, as one of our best known magistrates has remarked, that a large percentage of the inhabitants of the metropolis are, to all intents and purposes, a nomadic race, with a corresponding indifference to local affairs not found in the provinces.

In the metropolis many of the citizens know nothing of their neighbour next door, and not seldom their interest in local affairs is limited to a faint grumble at an increase of rates, whereas, in the provinces, it is part of the business of life to know, and be known; folk do not remove their household goods from one division to another in the light-hearted way in which Londoners remove from one district to another, from the centre away to the suburbs and from the suburbs back to the centre; there is a strong local press, which, as in provincial towns is less concerned with Parliamentary and Imperial matters than with the virtues and misdeeds of Councillor This or Vestryman That, with the result that our provincials have a local education which is denied to the inhabitants of the metropolis. We have, of course, local papers, but whether the fault be in the supply or the demand, they are ill-edited and, therefore, ill-read.

We are far from assuming that because all the virtues are inculcated in the great principles of Masonry, that, therefore, there is no virtue outside the Fraternity; but we do conceive that, other things being equal, and that, making allowance for what is termed the personal equation, there is every reason for believing that there is much in the lessons learned in Freemasonry which aids the unit in his conception of, and affection for, good and orderly government, tending to assist him in the counsels of those who desire that all work shall be well done, and that every stone of the structure and superstructure of government, shall be well and truly laid. It is for this reason that, in noting the number of Masons who have been elected to assist in the government of the metropolis, and in complimenting Bro. Frank Green on his occupancy of the Mayoralty of the city, that we feel justified in the reflection that the activity of good Masons throughout the country is a state of affairs in which we may feel proper pride, and a matter of congratulation which may be tendered alike not only to these good men and true, but to the corporation and the councils who have need of their services, whilst it is but one indication of the public spirit which animates our Fraternity.

THE EDITOR.



At the invitation of His Royal Highness Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, the Protector of the Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Berlin, a deputation of English Freemasons left London on Thursday night for the purpose of assisting at an important Masonic function in connection with "the Grand Countries Lodge" at Berlin. The deputation consists of the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.; Colonel Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., a former Governor of Heligoland; and Colonels J. Davis and W. Campbell, R.M.A., Aide-de-Camps to the Queen. We hope to give full particulars of this important gathering, together with portraits of those who are taking a prominent part in it in our next issue.

Our Indian correspondent informs us that the Great Prior of Knight Templars has appointed Sir Knight J. Copley Moyle (Sub-Prior), to be Provincial Great Prior for Burma. He is already District Grand Master of Burma (Craft and Mark) and Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Burma, and was one of the founders of the flourishing Preceptory and Priory at Moulmein. Since the death (two-and-a-half years ago) of the last Provincial Prior (Sir Knight MacLeod) Sir Knight Moyle has been in charge of the province as Sub-Prior of the Order, and we are informed that his appointment has given the greatest satisfaction to the knights of the Order in the province.

The advantages to be derived from attending lodges of instruction should be too apparent to need any argument or persuasion on the part of those who desire our beautiful ritual and ceremonial observances to be maintained at their highest standard. Bro. J. A. Hoffman, the Hon. Secretary of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, which meets weekly at 27, Knighttrider Street, City, sends us a communication in which he appeals to all true Freemasons to make themselves conversant with the ritual and tenets of the Craft, a knowledge only to be acquired by regular attendance at lodges of instruction. Such knowledge and acquirements should form the essential recommendation and qualification of an incoming Master, who would thus be enabled sincerely and fearlessly to give the required pledge that he was well able to undertake the duties and fulfil the obligations appertaining to the Master's chair.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was held at Camborne on the 17th October, Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe presiding, supported by the Deputy Prov. G.M., W. Bro. P. Colville Smith, P.G.D. A feature of personal interest on the occasion was the presentation to the Provincial Grand Secretary of the clothing of his rank in Grand Lodge, which drew from the recipient thanks for the gift as well as an assurance that as long as he lived he would do what he could for the benefit of the province. Those who are acquainted with the work which Bro. Edyvean has performed for some years as Charity representative of Cornwall at the elections in London, and latterly as Provincial Grand Secretary, will have no difficulty in accepting this assurance.

The routine business usually transacted at the annual meeting was satisfactorily disposed of and the officers for the year appointed. In investing Bro. the Rev. H. K. Southwell, of Bodmin, as Chaplain, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe mentioned that Bro. Southwell had recently

returned from South Africa, where he had been serving as a volunteer chaplain on the march from Bloemfontein to Pretoria. When Bro. Lee came up for the collar of Senior Deacon, his Lordship said he had, on behalf of the brethren of the Camborne Lodge, to present Bro. Lee with a gold watch and chain and also a Past Master's jewel in token of the esteem in which he was held for his valued services as Secretary of Mount Edgumbe Lodge for eight years, and for services in connection with the building of the new premises. The Camborne brethren improved the occasion by arranging for the dedication at this meeting of their new Masonic Hall just completed, thus adding another to the numerous list of lodges now holding their meetings in buildings either entirely or principally devoted to Masonic purposes.

The question of life membership appears to be exercising the minds of our brethren across the Tweed. Life membership was never, as far as we are aware, sanctioned by the authorities of the Grand Lodge of England. Nevertheless, the practice, until recently, of commuting annual subscriptions by payment of a fixed sum was not unknown in English lodges. It needs but a slight acquaintance with the Book of Constitutions to realise the impossibility of reconciling life membership with the rules laid down for the government of the Order. To say nothing of the difficulty of excluding such members for any cause, should such a course become advisable or necessary, the custom, we consider, is a most objectionable and un-Masonic one from many points of view.

We have pleasure in giving a portrait of M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of Canada, of whom some account appeared in our last number.



M.W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, P.G.M. CANADA.

The many Masonic friends of Bro. Will E. Chapman—be they "Savages," "Eccentrics," or "Old Drury" brethren—will be pleased to learn from the *Diamond Fields Advertiser* that he has been appointed a Justice of the Peace for the District of Kimberley. His services as Captain of the Town Guard during the memorable siege, deserve special recognition, and it is pleasant to know that having done his full share in repelling Her Majesty's enemies, Bro. Chapman is now commissioned to preserve the peace of the district he helped so successfully to defend.

Many of our correspondents appear to have overlooked the fact that "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" is a monthly publication, and that announcements sent to us early in the month, of meetings and occurrences about to take place, are in many cases things of the past before the number in which they are intended to appear has seen the light. We have every desire to comply with the wishes of those brethren who so kindly furnish us with lengthy reports of lodges and other communications, but having regard to the limitation of space we can only repeat the statement made in our first issue that we in no way desire to displace the weekly Masonic press or the more erudite productions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. Our modest aim is simply to provide what we trust will prove to the average Mason an acceptable addition to the illustrated magazines already in existence.

The strong men of our Brotherhood are too soon forgotten. In the rush and tumble of our daily existence, a place, however well filled, is quickly taken by an equally able successor, and this is as true in the Craft as in the greater world.

In this connection we were glad to notice that last year for the first time a list of the Grand Officers who had passed from amongst us, was printed both on the business paper for Grand Lodge and in the Report of Grand Lodge proceedings, which seems to us to be a proper and desirable innovation.

The Masonic attainments of W. Bro. Frank Green, the new Lord Mayor, deserve more than the passing notice given in our previous issue. He was initiated in 1872 in the Euphrates Lodge, No. 212, and is a Founder and Past Master of the following lodges:—the Prince Leopold, No. 1445, the Elliott, No. 1567, and the Alliance, No. 1827. He was exalted in the Doric Chapter, No. 933, and is a P.Z. of the British Chapter, No. 8, and of the Stability Chapter, No. 219. Bro. Green acted for some years in the capacity of Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and the office of Junior Grand Deacon of England was conferred on him in 1883.

The composer of the C.I.V. Welcome song is Bro. W. H. Cummings, Past Grand Organist of England and Principal of the Guildhall School of Music. The *Daily Mail* says:—"When he can tear himself away from the services of melody he delights in fishing and boating, and in the pursuit of both recreations he is an expert and zealous hand. The list of his musical attainments, as recorded by the offices he holds and the work he has performed, would require a tolerably sized page for their reiteration."

The words of the C.I.V. Welcome song were composed by V.W. Bro. Dean Hole, who is a Past Grand Chaplain of England. The Rev. Dean is well known as a writer of sacred verse, and his last composition will be read throughout our Empire.

We suppose that every tendency and temperament finds expression in one lodge or another. Is there not the Arcadian Lodge, No. 2696, for those brethren who believe neither in fish, flesh nor fowl, but are of those yclept vegetarians? They meet at the Hotel Cecil, and muster a goodly number of members, and there is the King Solomon Lodge for total abstainers. There is surely no need for the novitiate to enter an uncongenial lodge however he may differ from his brethren regarding the wants of mankind.

The Alfred Milner Lodge, No. 2838, to meet at Muizenburg, Cape Colony, will be to us another remembrance of the Boer War of 1899-1900. The formation of the Cecil Rhodes Lodge at Bulawayo is already comparatively ancient news.

V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Ridgway has just been appointed to the Rectory of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Bro. Ridgway is both a clergyman and a doctor, a rather rare combination, being both M.A. and M.D. He is a deservedly popular preacher, and is a Past Grand Chaplain of England.

Bro. Sir Henry Irving is always to the front in the relief of distress, and the latest news we have heard of him is that his assistance has been given to aid the sufferers by the recent fearful disaster at Galveston.

The Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Matthew White Ridley, presided at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 30th October. The provincial returns showed a nett increase of 194 members during the year, giving a total membership for the province of 3134. A satisfactory feature of the report was the statement that seven Masonic Halls, situated in different centres of the province, were now the property of the Craft, and were almost entirely free from encumbrance.

The death of Bro. the Rev. Professor Shuttleworth after a long and painful illness fills us with the deepest regret, for there has gone from the ranks of Masonry a brother who can as ill be spared from the Craft as from the religious and social undertakings which were his life work. He was initiated in the Cornish Lodge in 1890, and subsequently became Worshipful Master in 1897. He brought into Masonry all that rare magnetism, that breezy freshness of manner, which revived all with whom he came into contact. It is not within our province here to detail the many social and literary schemes of the late Canon, but we can say that all who have had the privilege of witnessing his working in the lodge and his presidency at the festive board, will feel that the Craft has lost, in an untimely manner, a brother of rare moral force, great ability, and of exceptionally wide sympathies.



THE LATE PROFESSOR H. C. SHUTTLEWORTH.
Photo by H. S. Mendelssohn.

The installation meeting of the Royal Warrant Holders' Lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, on the 25th October, and was largely attended. The retiring W.M., Bro. Daniel Mayer, S.G.D., ably installed his successor, Bro. E. W. Stillwell, and after the appointment of officers, Bro. Mayer was presented with a handsome P.M. jewel, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the I.P.M., Bro. Campbell, for services rendered, and to the brethren who had presented various articles of furniture to the lodge. The brethren afterwards dined together, the usual toasts being given and responded to. Bro. Sir John Monckton's reply for the Grand Officers was conceived in his usual happy vein, and the interchange of complimentary sentiments between the retiring and incoming Masters were not only sincere but, from what one knows of the Masonic careers of both Bros. Daniel Mayer and Stillwell, fully deserved.

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It may not be amiss to give a brief account of the history and objects of the Royal Warrant Holders' Association, which is the parent of this prosperous lodge. Originally there were two Associations, the first formed in the third year of Her Majesty's reign by holders of Her warrant, and the second by holders of warrants from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which were first issued upon his coming of age in 1862, and their meetings were of a purely social character. They dined on Royal birthdays and festivals, on which occasions loyal telegrams and addresses were despatched, together with presents of no mean value, and this still remains one of their characteristics. On the marriage of Princess Maud of Wales no less than £2,000 was contributed, but upon the marriage of Princess May its members beat their own record, and the sum of £3,000 was raised. In 1894 it was pointed out that their usefulness would be greatly increased if the two associations were incorporated, which became an accomplished fact by Royal Charter in 1895, when an Act of Parliament was passed with the object of putting an end to the fraudulent and misleading use of the Royal Arms by tradesmen, and within the five years which have elapsed the Association have had no less than 500 Royal Coats of Arms removed.

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H.R.H. the M. W. Grand Master takes a very keen interest in its welfare. Every assistance is given by the Lord Chamberlain also by the authorities at Marlborough House, who have on more than one occasion acknowledged their valuable services. They form almost a Brotherhood in themselves; it is, therefore, not to be wondered at that a Masonic Lodge should have been formed among them, or that success should have crowned the venture. The President for the current year is W. Bro. Daniel Mayer, S.G.D., I.P.M. of the Lodge.

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The usual half-yearly meeting of the Province of West Yorkshire was held at Barnsley on the 26th October. The address of the Provincial Grand Master again revealed a most satisfactory state of things in regard to the general progress of Masonry in this important province. Thoroughness is the key-note of all its doings, and without losing sight of the true aims and functions of Freemasonry, the shrewd business qualities of the Yorkshireman can be traced in every detail of organisation of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the lodges under its jurisdiction.

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No more fitting appointment than that of Lord Barnard as Provincial Grand Master for Durham could hardly have been made, although the task of following such a Brother as Sir Hedworth Williamson is no easy one. R.W. Bro. Lord Barnard is a Past Grand Warden of England, having been appointed to that position in 1895. Ex. Comp. the Rev. Canon Tristram has been appointed to the office of Grand Superintendent for the same province, which was rendered vacant by the death of Sir Hedworth Williamson.



A WELL KNOWN YORKSHIRE FREEMASON, BRO. DR. FORSLAW,
AUTHOR OF "MASONIC MUSINGS" AND NUMEROUS OTHER WORKS.
Photo C. H. Burrows.

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The appointment of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton as Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, in succession to the Earl Egerton of Tatton, is equally a matter for congratulation to all concerned. He was already Grand Superintendent of the province, and he also is a Past Grand Warden of England.

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There must have been a good many Craftsmen interested in the recent happenings at the Playgoers' Club, for the Playgoers' Lodge, No. 2705, is larger than most of the "Club" Lodges. The trouble began in the desire of the Club to add to its social status by raising the subscription and moving to finer premises, but the result of the discussion which took place appears to be that the Club is now depleted of half of its members, who are to form a new body to be known as the "O.P." Club.

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There is ever the crumpled rose leaf even in the bed of the Sultan, and the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, had a severely crumpled leaf of disappointment at its last gathering on the 8th November, inasmuch as the agenda could not be carried out in its entirety in consequence of the untoward accident to the W. Master Elect, W. Bro. Nathan Robinson, which prevented his attendance for the installation ceremony. The duties of the position of the Worshipful Master of the lodge will therefore continue to be ably discharged by the present occupant of the chair, W. Bro. Robert Gregory, until the January meeting, to which date the installation is postponed. At the banquet at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 8th October, there was a house of Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark, but very sympathetic reference was made to the enforced absentee, and a telegram of condolence despatched wishing him a speedy relief from his sufferings and restoration to complete health. Notwithstanding the little note of disappointment, the evening was a most enjoyable one. The Secretary, W. Bro. Robert D. Cummings, was highly complimented by members and guests alike upon the excellence of the entertainment provided, which included some sketches by that inimitable entertainer, Bro. Walter Churcher.

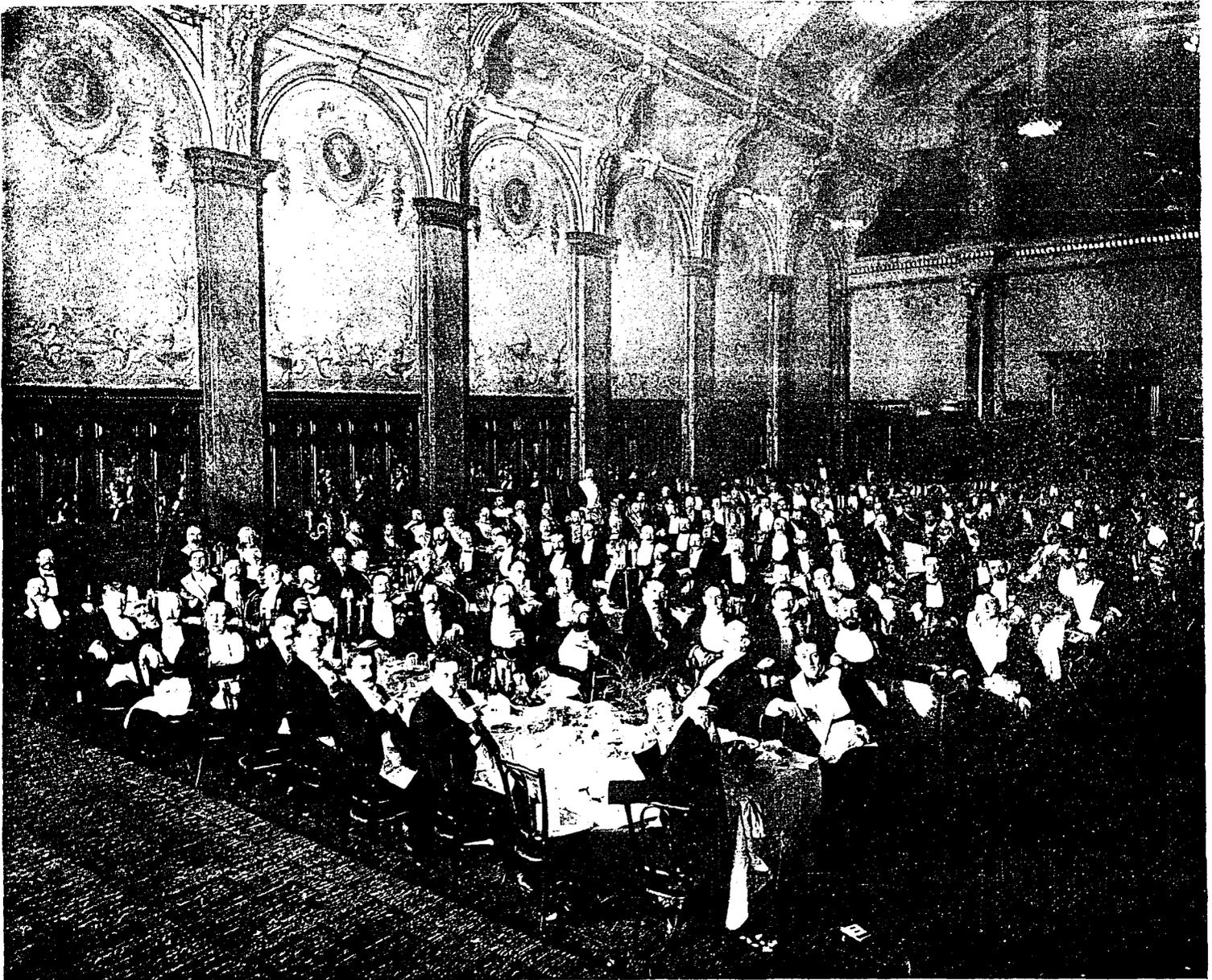
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We regret that press of matter necessitates the omission of many items of interest, together with several advertisements, which it has been found at the last moment impossible to find room for, and we have to ask the kind indulgence of both advertisers and valued correspondents.

The Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319.

ONE of the most striking phases of modern Freemasonry is the establishment of Class Lodges. The vast increase of population in the great cities, notably in the metropolis, has had the effect of attracting to different centres of interest all those whose tastes and habits, not to mention their avocations, are similar. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at that Masonic lodges should be formed, so to speak, on the lines of a club. The Asaph Lodge was one of the first to establish itself on this footing, and has proved a success from the first. Established in 1870 by a few musicians whose names will be familiar to many, viz., Bros. E. Stanton Jones, Charles Coote, J. M. Chamberlain, James Weaver, and George Buckland, it has maintained its individuality to the present, and now numbers 150 members, all of whom are of the musical and dramatic professions.

not a single liability of the lodge, everything having been paid, and there was a balance of £65 to hand over. There was also over £1,350 invested to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., in seconding the motion, said there were but four subscriptions of two guineas each owing, and he attributed this fact in a great measure to the activity and energy of Bro. James Weaver, their Secretary, who had been most assiduous in urging the payment of arrears. The report was unanimously adopted. Bro. C. B. Powell, W.M., then installed Bro. James William Mathews, S.W., as Master of the lodge on presentation by Bro. W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C. Bro. Powell was invested as I.P.M. The other officers were:—Bros. Algernon Syms, S.W.; Louis Honig, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; James Weaver, P.M., G. Std. Br., Sec.; Akerman May, S.D.;



THE BANQUET AT FREEMASONS' TAVERN.

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The lodge is held in the afternoon to enable the brethren to fulfil their various professional engagements in the evening, and the lodge is closed not later than six o'clock. Asaph was the principal musician at the Temple of Jerusalem. Was he not also King David's principal harpist? What more fitting, therefore, than that his name should be chosen to designate a lodge of musicians?

The installation meeting took place on the 5th November, the W.M., Bro. Charles Blount Powell, presiding.

After the lodge had been opened, Bro. F. H. Macklin, P.M., moved the adoption of the Auditors' report and balance sheet, which he said he looked upon as unique. There was

Herbert Leonard, J.D.; W. Lestocq, P.M., D.C.; Frank Wheeler, I.G.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; Carl Keifert, Edward W. Whitmore, and E. H. Bull, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler.

After the delivery of the charges by Bro. Powell, Bro. James Weaver, P.M., presented the lodge with a bound copy of all the summonses of the lodge for the past ten years, this being the second volume he has given them, thus completing the thirty years' collection of the lodge summonses; and on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the S.W., a vote of thanks was passed for the gift.

The lodge was afterwards closed.

The brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to an excellent banquet.

Between the toasts, a splendid musical entertainment, under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org. (who with Bro. Edward Jones conducted), by Bros. Courtice Pounds, Frank Boor, Mervyn Dene, Richard Green, Mr. Conrad Formes, Bros. J. E. Hambleton, P.M. (cello soloist), Louis Honig, J.W. (pianoforte solo), J. Solomon (cornet solo), the Orpheus Quartette (Bros. Robert Nelson, James Brand,

period that has since elapsed has done good service. In November, 1869, he was installed Worshipful Master of his mother lodge, and in April of the following year joined the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, Hampton Court, while in November, 1870, he became a founder of the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, and was installed Worshipful Master in 1873, having in the meantime been appointed, in 1871, Prov. Grand Organist of Middlesex. He was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1870, and was



Bro. J. W. MATHEWS, W.M. (Photo Langlier, Ltd.)



Bro. JAMES WEAVER, Sec. (Photo Scott, Oxford St.)

Vivian Bennett, and Vernon Taylor), Bros. Walter Churcher, Tom G. Clare, and Harry Nicholls.

Bro. James Weaver, P.M. and Secretary of the Asaph Lodge, is the only surviving Founder, and the lodge owes much to his zeal and assiduity, for it is an open secret that its present satisfactory financial position is, in a great measure, due to the energy he has exhibited in connection with his office. Bro. Weaver was initiated in the Whittington Lodge, No. 862, on the 16th March, 1863, and in the

installed M.E.Z. in March, 1878; but, between these two events, he had taken part in the foundation of the Whittington Chapter, No. 862, in 1873, and was installed its first M.E.Z., and of the Asaph Chapter, No. 1319, in 1874, of which he subsequently became M.E.Z. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of our three Institutions, and has made Mrs. Weaver a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Weaver was appointed Grand Standard Bearer at the last Festival of Grand Lodge, and he is also 1st Asst. G. D. of C. in Supreme Grand Chapter.

Father and Three Sons.—An Unique Initiation.

It is not seldom that a member of the Order has the proud privilege of introducing into Masonry a son or near relative who is destined to worthily continue the family relationship with the Craft, but it is a very rare, if not an

unique, occurrence for a father to witness the initiation on the same occasion of three sons. This was the happy experience of Bro. W. H. Stevenson, a Past Master of the Lodge of Concord at Preston recently. The trio fittingly introduced and placed



on the lodge roll in order of seniority of ages, were initiated by the Worshipful Master Bro. George Margerison, and the ancient charge to the entered apprentices was delivered by Bro. J. Thompson. We heartily congratulate both father and sons on the prospect of preserving and continuing in the family these Masonic traditions of which they may well be proud of. Photos by Collinge, Preston.

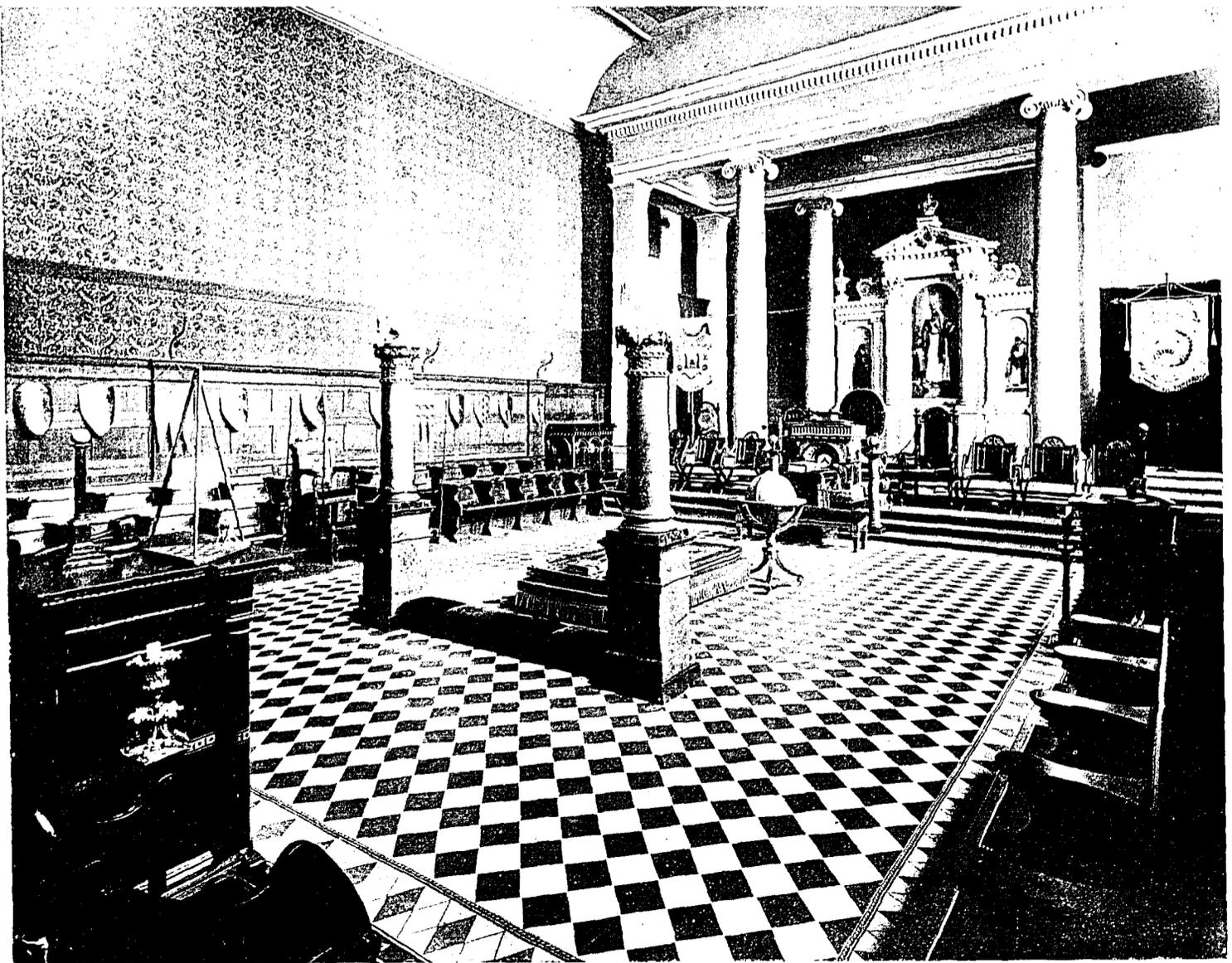
Bath—The City of Mineral Springs.

Some Masonic Associations.

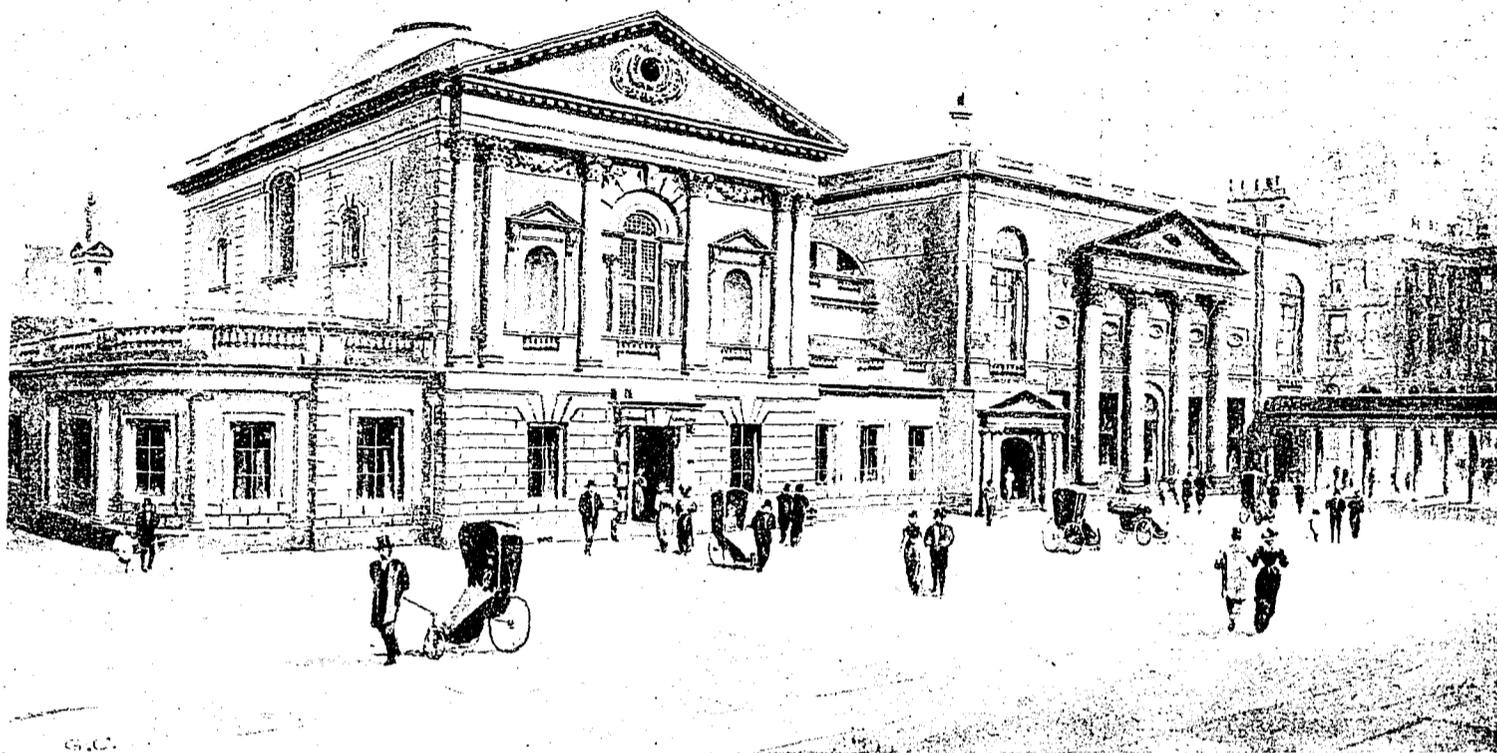
AMONG the thousands of visitors racked with gout and rheumatism who flock to Bath year after year in search of that relief which nature's mysterious bounty—the healing springs—has so freely bestowed during succeeding centuries, it is not unnatural to assume that the Masonic Brotherhood has its share of representation. It is not that assumption alone, however, that is pleaded in justification of the present article, for with such a wealth of historic associations as the ancient city possesses it would be singular indeed if the illustrious Order held no other place or rank. During that important epoch in the history of the city, when Bath claimed as its citizens all the brighter ornaments in the world of science, art, and literature, it is interesting to find that Freemasonry flourished and that the Order to-day ranks as one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of Bath's secular institutions. The Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, has existed without breach of continuity from the year 1732, and the late Mr. R. E. M. Peach, the well-known Bath historian, in a volume written a few years before his death on the subject of "Craft Masonry," says he has little doubt that the Royal Cumberland was the earliest lodge of the Fraternity established under the constitutions of the Craft, drawn up with a history by Desaguliers and Anderson, and promulgated in that year by the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Desaguliers, that remarkable man to whom Bath and the whole body of English Masons owe so much, became identified with the city about the year 1719, and continued to visit it every year until the one preceding his death in 1744, his visits being often of long duration. There can be no doubt, says Mr. Peach, that to his prescience and vast knowledge and acquaintance with Masonic lore, the revival of Masonry was mainly due, for although Anderson revised as early as 1721 the old Gothic and rude constitutions by

which the lodges of the 16th and 17th centuries were governed, it was not until Desaguliers, in 1732, re-edited and re-cast Anderson's work, that the code of laws and constitutions assumed the wise and practical working character under which the great Society has since flourished. With perhaps the single exception of Herschel, who made his great astronomical discovery at Bath, Desaguliers was the most eminent man in science and literature that graced Bath annals in a degenerate age, and it is singular to find that so remarkable a man, much of whose time was passed in the city, should have been practically altogether disregarded by local historians. Holding the highest dignity in the Craft, he constantly presided over the local lodge, and it would be difficult to over estimate the effects of Masonry upon the social habits of Bath during the latter half of the last century. It is not the intention of the present article to trace the progress of the Order from that early period to the present, though it is gratifying to find the greatest zeal and discretion still observed in the working of the lodges to-day, and the same ardent desire of the Brotherhood to keep alive its illustrious traditions.

The accompanying illustration represents the interior of the present Masonic Hall at Bath, a building which itself has an eventful history, and which has been the home of Freemasonry in the city since sometime in the sixties. During the greater part of the last century, the Bear Inn was the great fashionable hostelry of the city, and from 1733 until its demolition in 1784, the trysting-place of the Masonic Fraternity. It is made famous by that humorous description of it and its "yard" by Smollett in *Humphrey Clinker*. There were various subsequent meeting places, the Duke of Sussex presiding in 1819 at a memorable ceremonial at the dedication of the hall which preceded the present one, a



THE MASONIC HALL, BATH.



THE GRAND PUMP ROOM HOTEL, BATH.

ceremony which was attended by members of the Grand Lodge of England, and by twenty-nine Provincial Grand Lodges from the counties of Somerset, Devon, Gloucester, Dorset, Hants, and Warwick. It was this visit which suggested the title of what is now the strongest of the local lodges—the Royal Sussex, No. 53. To the present hall, however, the greatest interest attaches, for it was this same building in Orchard Street that was the old Bath Theatre, at a period when the drama in Bath was at the zenith of its glory. Its manager and proprietor was none other than John Palmer, the originator of the mail coach system, and it was long regarded as the dramatic nursery for the London stage. Here, Mrs. Siddons, the great queen of tragedy, played for three pounds a week, and laid the foundations of her unrivalled career; it was here that Robert William Elliston made his first bow to the public; here, Sheridan, whose lodgings were hard by, himself conducted rehearsals for the "School for Scandal," portions of which, says Mr. B. S. Penley, in his "History of the Bath Stage," undoubtedly had their origin in the gossip in which the scandalmongers that frequented the pump room indulged; while it was on the same stage a month after its first production at Covent Garden that "The Rivals" was performed, that famous comedy woven by Sheridan round the story of his own romantic wooing of the beautiful Miss Linley at Bath. The history of the building as a play-house closed upon the erection of the present theatre in 1805, and after serving for a long period as a church for the Catholic community, it was procured by the Freemasons', and subsequently transformed into one of the most handsome and best arranged Masonic lodges in the provinces. About ten years ago it underwent complete re-decoration and many other improvements were effected at a cost of about £1000, so that even apart from its historic past, it remains to-day a building in which the Freemasons of the city manifest a natural sense of pride. At the back of the Worshipful Master's chair is a reedos of singular grace and beauty, believed to be the work of Wood, the famous architect, to whose genius Bath owes so much of its architectural dignity. The organ in use at the hall has likewise an interesting history, it being the instrument upon which Herschel, the great astronomer, played at the time that he was organist of the Octagon Proprietary Chapel at Bath. Besides affording accommodation for the lodges already mentioned, it is the meeting-place of two other Craft lodges, the Lodge of Honour, No. 379, and the Royal Albert Edward, No. 906, while it is the home also of the Royal Cumberland and Royal Sussex Mark

Lodges, the Royal Cumberland and Royal Sussex Arch Chapters, the Antiquity Preceptory, and the Bladud Preceptory of the Knights Templar. The hall is a very commodious one, with an ante-room adjoining, over which is the supper room, capable of seating about sixty, and a small Past Masters' room. The present Masters of the Craft lodges are: W. Bro. W. F. Cooling, Royal Cumberland No. 41; W. Bro. Egbert Lewis, Royal Sussex, No. 53; W. Bro. A'Deane Gent-Wood, Lodge of Honour, No. 379; and W. Bro. G. H. Tucker, Royal Albert Edward, No. 906.

But while peculiar interest attaches to Bath's Masonic associations, no article on any phase of the city's history could be considered complete without due reference to the great gift of nature which, after all, constitutes the city's chief attraction and best right to fame. While it cannot be suggested that the healing springs of Bath are a panacea for all the ills that flesh is heir to, their record of many centuries undoubtedly stands unrivalled by any other health resort at home or abroad. There seems latterly, too, an indication that English people are beginning to realise the folly of fatiguing journeys to Continental Spas for the mere sake of mineral water and medical treatment, while such unique opportunities as Bath affords are so easily within their reach. Certainly nothing more luxurious or on a greater scale of medical completeness could be desired than is to be obtained to-day in the magnificent suites of modern bathing establishments at Bath, and with a system embracing all the latest scientific methods of applying its world-renowned waters, it is not surprising to find the city once more enjoying a wonderful return of prosperity. The handsome building shown in close proximity to the old pump room in the accompanying illustration, has been erected during the last few years around those remarkable remains of the Roman occupation which furnish such an inexhaustible interest for visitors from all parts of the world. The main structure contains a large and attractive concert hall with drawing and smoking rooms for visitors, while the great Roman bath is surrounded with terraces for promenading. No more interesting connecting link between the modern and the ancient world than this building constitutes could probably be found anywhere, the colossal remains of the great baths of the Romans being in themselves worth a long pilgrimage to see. When it is remembered also that apart from these unrivalled attractions, Bath is one of the most beautiful cities in the kingdom, little wonder is it that as a health resort of the first rank, it has successfully withstood the test of time and the idiosyncracies of fashion.

L. H. WILSON.

Masonic Library at Hanley.

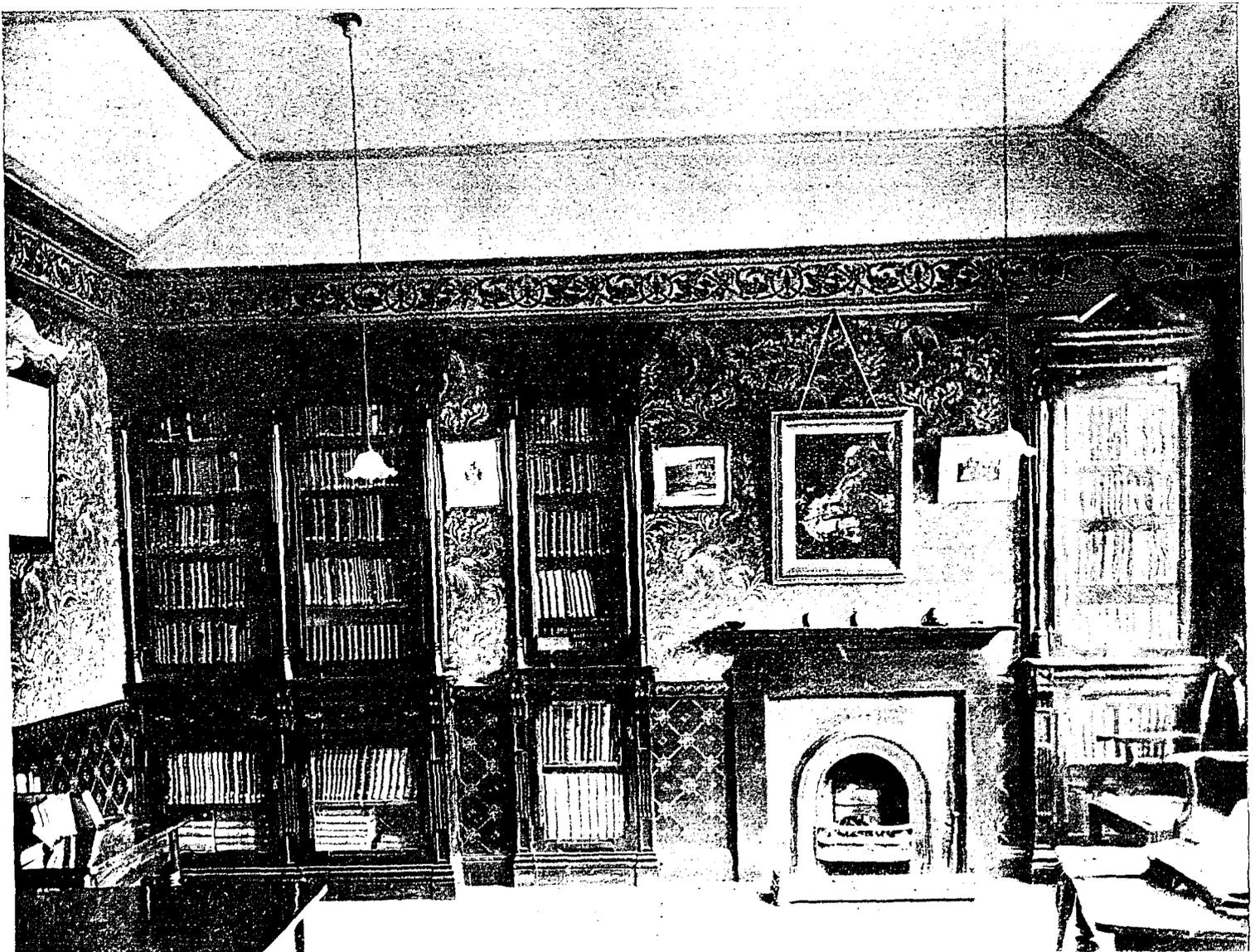
The Freemasons of Staffordshire generally, and of Hanley in particular, are fortunate in possessing a Masonic Library which has been described by no less an authority than Bro. G. W. Speth, the Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge and Editor of its Transactions, as containing books and pamphlets such as are not to be found in any other Masonic library in England. Large in point of numbers, choice in the matter of condition, and valuable as regards completeness and selection. This valuable library is a gift to the Craft by W. Bro. Dr. James Charlesworth, P.P.G. Std. B., who for many years has been a student of Masonic law, accumulating during that time many treasures, which he has now generously handed over to the Gordon Lodge, No. 2149, Hanley. The formal inauguration took place



W. Bro. Dr. JAMES CHARLESWORTH, P.P.G. STD. BR.

on the 25th October, at a meeting of the lodge at which the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Dartmouth, presided.

Bro. Charlesworth, in making the presentation, remarked with characteristic modesty that he thought he had got together a pretty good collection, and he should feel honoured if the Gordon Lodge would accept them, stating as a reason why he gave the books to one particular lodge, that they would be better able to take care of them, and he trusted it would give as much pleasure to the members of the various lodges to use the books as it had given him to collect them. At the close of the proceedings a portrait of Bro. Charlesworth was unveiled and presented to him by Bro. T. Taylor in the name of the lodge, together with a hearty vote of thanks for his munificent gift.



THE LIBRARY.

Photo Gower, Hanley.

Rulers in the Craft.



Bro. W. J. NEWKEY BURDEN.

Bro. W. J. NEWKEY BURDEN was initiated in the Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, Teignmouth, in 1894 by his father (who, for the third time, was in that year filling the Master's chair), and having passed through the various offices, he was installed as Worshipful Master in February last. He is also a member of the chapter attached to the lodge. From the constitution of the lodge in 1794, until now, Bro. Burden's family has been associated with it, his great grandfather having been one of

the original founders, the name appearing as Senior Warden designate in the document authorising the constitution of the lodge. His grandfather was a member and P.M. of the lodge, and his father was initiated in, and presided over the lodge in the years 1870-1871, and again in the centenary year 1894, in which latter year the Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon was held under its banner and a centenary warrant granted.



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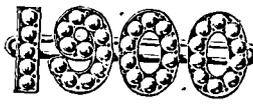
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Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 1541, of which he became Worshipful Master in 1888. He was a founder of Justinian Lodge, No. 2694, and was its second Master in 1899. Owing to the death of Bro. W. M. Briggs, a few weeks after his installation, Bro. Snelling continues, until the election and installation of a successor, to act as Master. He is also a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry he is a P.Z. of the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, as well as a member of the Mark Degree, the Ark Mariners, the Rosicrucian Society, and of the Cryptic Order. It should be added that Bro. Snelling has rendered excellent service to the Craft for the past sixteen years as Hon. Sec. of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, and in that capacity has collected no less a sum than £2,500 in aid of the three Masonic Charities—being himself a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School and a Life Governor of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution.

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FEW would recognise the beautiful Masonic Temple, which was the subject of an illustration in our last number, as the old Hall at the "Ship and Turtle" in Leadenhall Street, in which Masonic meetings have been held for many years, for, indeed, the hand of the builder, artist, and decorator, have wrought a veritable transformation, and the new proprietors, Messrs. Pimms & Co. have given the City of London another Temple worthy of the name. Our illustration will convey a good idea of its imposing appearance, but a brief description will be of interest.

The ceiling has been painted in oils to represent a starry firmament. The walls are of marble, but the object which catches the eye is the beautiful cornice of carved figures with paintings interspersed.

In the east are the arms of Grand Lodge, which embodies the ancient arms of the Operative Masons' Company. In the west are the arms of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. In panels around are the Signs of the Zodiac, with many well-known Masonic symbols, and the Hall being spacious and lofty, the number of these in no way interfere with the artistic design.

The furniture, which is of rich dark oak, upholstered in red morocco, has been specially designed and richly carved. The pedestals are octagonal with square bases and tops, with columns and brass capitals at each corner, on the front panels, carved and gilt are various emblems. The Master's Chair stands upon a platform of three steps, with a canopy of royal blue silk and golden damask, the Senior Warden has a platform of two steps, and the Junior Warden, one step.

The temple is brilliantly lighted by electric lamps around the cornice, as are also the polished suite of ante-rooms. The decorations and electric installation have been executed by Messrs. Colls & Sons, and the Masonic furniture and fittings by Messrs. Spencer & Co., the whole of the work having been carried out under the personal superintendence of one of the principals of Messrs. Pimms & Co., W. Bro. J. W. Tyler, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Essex, and Bro. O. L. Meadows, the Manager.

It must be a matter of general satisfaction to the Craft that the subject of a suitable memorial is under careful consideration to perpetuate the memory of the late V.W. Bro. Richard Eve, as Chairman of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and no doubt by the time this is in print a decision will have been arrived at.

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