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The Province of Cornwall.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall is one of the oldest in England, having been constituted at Falmouth on the 11th June, 1752; Bro. William Pye, the first W.M. of the senior lodge held in that town, being also the premier Provincial Grand Master. The Provincial Officers



BRO. P. COLVILLE SMITH, P.G.D., DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

were mainly selected from the old Lodge of "Love and Honour" (warranted 20th May, 1751), and the management, practically, of the Provincial Grand Lodge was left in its hands for many years; even the early records of the province being written in the minute book of that lodge.

On the whole, the Provincial Grand Lodge has been fortunate as to the preservation and custody of its minutes, not a few of which, like those of the "mother lodge," are of a very curious and interesting character. Its respected historian has been the veteran Bro. William J. Hughan (of Torquay), who, from 1864 to 1883, resided in Truro, and joined his adopted province from Lodge St. Aubyn, No. 954, Devonport, in which he was initiated in 1863. Now, however, the honour of being its historian is gladly shared with Bro. Joseph G. Osborne, P.M. 330 and 450 (of Hayle), whose "History of Freemasonry in West Cornwall, from 1765 to 1828," is one of the most valuable and entertaining works of the kind ever published, and to which reference will be made in these pages. This fine volume has only to be seen and perused to be warmly appreciated.

Other sources of information as to the Cornish Craft will be found in "A History of the Craft in Cornwall" by Bro. Hughan (*Freemasons' Magazine*, from September 29th, 1866-8), and a "History of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall" (Introduction to Bro. Metham's Orations, 1899). "A sketch of the Lodge of Love and Honour, No. 75, Falmouth" (1877 and 1888), and "Annals of the Cornish Craft from 1751," and other pamphlets by the same well known zealous brother; as well as "Some account of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall" (Truro, 1865, *Anon*). An excellent official Directory is also published, which was originated and edited in 1870 by Bro. Hughan (when Provincial Grand Secretary) and for many subsequent years, the present respected editor being Bro. J. C. R. Crewes, P. Prov. S.G.D.

In 1752, two lodges were constituted, making then a trio in Cornwall, viz., one at Helston (which expired in 1774) and another at Redruth, which lasted for nearly a century. A fourth was formed at Penzance in 1755, and a fifth at St. Ives in 1765; the sixth being chartered at Launceston in 1767. The last three only managed to keep alive for some twenty years each.

During this period, Bro. Stephen Bell succeeded William Pye as Provincial Grand Master. Having constituted the premier local lodge in 1751 (then at the time only a Fellow Craft), and though succeeded by his brother George as Provincial Grand Master in 1764, he was again re-appointed to that distinguished position in 1775, and so continued to his decease in 1785. This Craftsman assuredly served his province most assiduously, and with his brother's aid, the Bell family presided over the destinies of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall for fully twenty years.

We now come to the time when the "Atholl" Grand Lodge started a lodge which is still working in the county, viz., No. 131, Truro. The warrant was first granted to the 67th Regiment, 6th July, 1772, which held a moveable Masonic Commission for many years (like many of these most useful and enthusiastic Military Craft centres) in the Island of Grenada, West Indies, and elsewhere. It was constituted at the Mitre Tavern, Chatham. After various changes, the Charter was transferred to the "Royal Cornish Miners Regiment," assembling at Dover in 1807, and after being held in Kent, Ireland, and then Falmouth, the lodge found a resting place at last in Truro, and finally had a "Civil Warrant" in 1826, being named the Fortitude, in exchange for the original Military Charter, which remained at No. 175 until the "Union" in December, 1813.

No. 75, Falmouth, and the foregoing No. 131, Truro, have centenary jewel warrants, being dated in 1869 and 1873 respectively. Another lodge would also have been similarly distinguished had not the continuity unfortunately



BRO. E. BROAD, P.M., PROV. GRAND TREASURER,
AND CHARITY REPRESENTATIVE.

been broken, viz., the "Mount Sinai," No. 121, which, as 163, was chartered under "Atholl" or "Ancient" auspices in 1769, at George Town, Grenada, West Indies; which

apparently was first named "St. George," and then "Mount Sinai," the latter patronymic being continued when revived at Penzance in 1813.

Still another "Ancient" lodge was started in 1776 as No. 197, in the "1st Royal Lanc. Militia" at Dover and then Plymouth, but according to Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," it lapsed in 1806, and in the same year was revived or transferred to the "3rd Regiment of Dragoons," Exeter, but the colonel objected to its constitution. In 1808 it found rest and peace in the "North Hants Militia," Falmouth, taking the name of "Love and Unity," but was erased in 1838, having, it is presumed, become a "Civil" lodge during the period of its activity. Under the same Grand Lodge, a warrant was issued as No. 306 for Devonport in 1797, but was moved almost at once to St. Mawes, Cornwall, and then back again to Devonport (then "Plymouth Dock") two years latter, when it expired. The same number was reissued on 27th December, 1799, for a lodge still at Plymouth Dock, which went to Plymouth in the following year, where it has remained and is most healthy and vigorous as the "Charity," No. 223. Its Cornish experience under No. 306, was certainly of a very limited and unusual character.

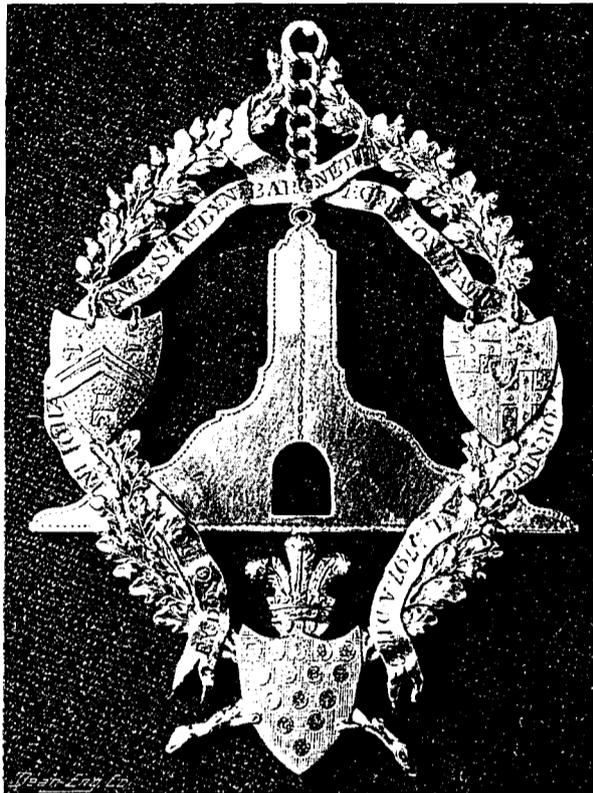


BRO. BERNARD F. EDYVEAN, P.A.G.D.C., PROV. GRAND SECRETARY.

The regular Grand Lodge, known as the "Moderns," had not been idle in the interim, a lodge being formed at Marazion—the "St. Michael's"—in 1777, which was erased in 1790; one at Truro, called the "Phoenix, Honour and Prudence," in 1779 (which was removed from the Roll in 1788); another at Falmouth, named the "Volubian Lodge of Regularity and Reputation," of 1782, but fell through in 1790; and in the same year the "Lodge of Peace, Joy, and Brotherly Love" was constituted at Penryn—its joys, however, ceasing in 1809. Yet another was started at Penryn, with the distinctive name of the "Three Grand Principles," in 1799, but though it kept on the Register until 1838, it had a very varied experience. The last lodge, in completion of the 18th Century, Masonically, in Cornwall was the "True and Faithful," No. 582, held in the Cornwall Regiment of "Fencible Light Dragoons," Helston, which eventually became a "Civil" lodge, and is now one of the most active lodges in the county, under the number 318; its warrant of confirmation being dated in 1841.

Before referring more particularly to the minutes of several of the old lodges, active and extinct, it will be well to note that in 1786, the R.W. Bro. Sir John St. Aubyn, Bart. (Past S.G.W. of England, &c.), was appointed the 4th

Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, and, needless to state, the appointment was very popular. This esteemed family is still represented Masonically in the county by the Right Hon. Lord St. Levan, who has long been a member of No. 331, Truro. Sir John St. Aubyn, in 1794, presented a set of jewels, and Sir Francis Bassett, Bart., a "Sword of State," to the Prov. G.L., which are still in use, and highly valued.



THE S.W.'S COLLAR JEWEL WORN IN THE PROV. GRAND LODGE.

The inscription engraved on the provincial jewels (Cornwall) reads: "Ex Dono Domini Johannis St. Aubyn Baronetti P. G. M. Comitatu Cornub. Al. 5797. A.D. 1793."



THE SECRETARY'S COLLAR JEWEL WORN IN THE PROV. GRAND LODGE.

Sir John St. Aubyn was one of the contributors to the Freemasons' Hall loan, and was presented by the Grand Lodge with a silver medal in appreciation of his generosity. The only lodge to do so in Cornwall was the "Love and Honour," No. 75, Falmouth. The members lent the sum of £25, without interest, to the Grand Lodge from 1785, and

the Master of the lodge was presented with a similar silver medal accordingly ; the Master for the time being having the privilege of wearing the handsome and honourable decoration between the arms of the official square. According to Bro. Hughan's "Masonic Register" of 1879, eighty-two brethren and twenty-six lodges were so decorated. The former had the honour simply for their lives, but there are still four lodges in the Provinces and thirteen in the Metropolis, which exercise their right to wear this special souvenir. The lodge at Falmouth had a special commemoration of the centenary of the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," on the 13th October, 1879, which was attended by many distinguished

discourses being printed, in Boase's "Bibliotheca Cornubiensis."

Several Provincial Grand Masters of other provinces visited the lodge during the 18th Century, one especially deserving mention being the R.W. Bro. J. Head, who was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Isles of Scilly, 1754-5, when there was not a lodge meeting on any of the Islands. The only lodge that has ever assembled in that favoured neighbourhood was formed in 1768, as No. 430, and continued on the Roll until 1851. It was named the "Godolphin," and was held on St. Mary's Island. It is a wonder another has not been started in recent years.



MASONIC HALL, LISKEARD.

brethren, Bro. Hughan delivering the historical address, and there was also a beautiful lithographic memorial published of the event, under the auspices of Bro. Wilson Lloyd Fox, the W.M. The photographs of the medal are by Mr. W. M. Harrison, of Falmouth.

Some of the early minutes of the "Love and Honour Lodge" (now No. 75), Falmouth, are well worth reproduction, as also the old by-laws. The first code of laws was agreed to on June 12th, 1751. The fee for initiation was fixed at the low sum of one guinea, and half that amount each for "Passing" and "Raising"; the annual subscription being thirty shillings. "Cursing or swearing" as well as "Gaming" were strictly prohibited; fines being inflicted; the W.M. and Wardens, if guilty, to pay double.

The first clergyman initiated in Cornwall was the Rev. William Borlase (LL.D., F.R.S., &c.), who was admitted on September 26th, 1751. He was a celebrated historian of the county and a most voluminous author, and frequently preached the annual sermon for the lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge, but there are no references to any of these

Bro. Charles Bennett was admitted a joining member from the lodge at Truro on January 28th, 1762, and is known as the author of a Masonic song devoted to the "Revival of Masonry," beginning with the line "When Masonry Expiring Lay." On November 29th, 1764, there is an entry against an individual who must have sadly transgressed:

"Ballot called and all black balls. Resolved that notice be sent to every lodge in the County of this proceeding. It was also agreed that from the impertinence and plain conviction, *his apron shall be burnt in the lodge*, that no brother shall defile himself by ever wearing it in the future."

The members were always very ready to assist distressed brethren, and particularly prisoners of war, and the neighbouring lodges practised the virtue of hospitality as well as the duty of visitation very generally, as did the "mother lodge," the large number of visitors being always a feature of the annual meetings, then, as now.

The Provincial Grand Masters for the time being have generally been members of the "mother lodge." The late

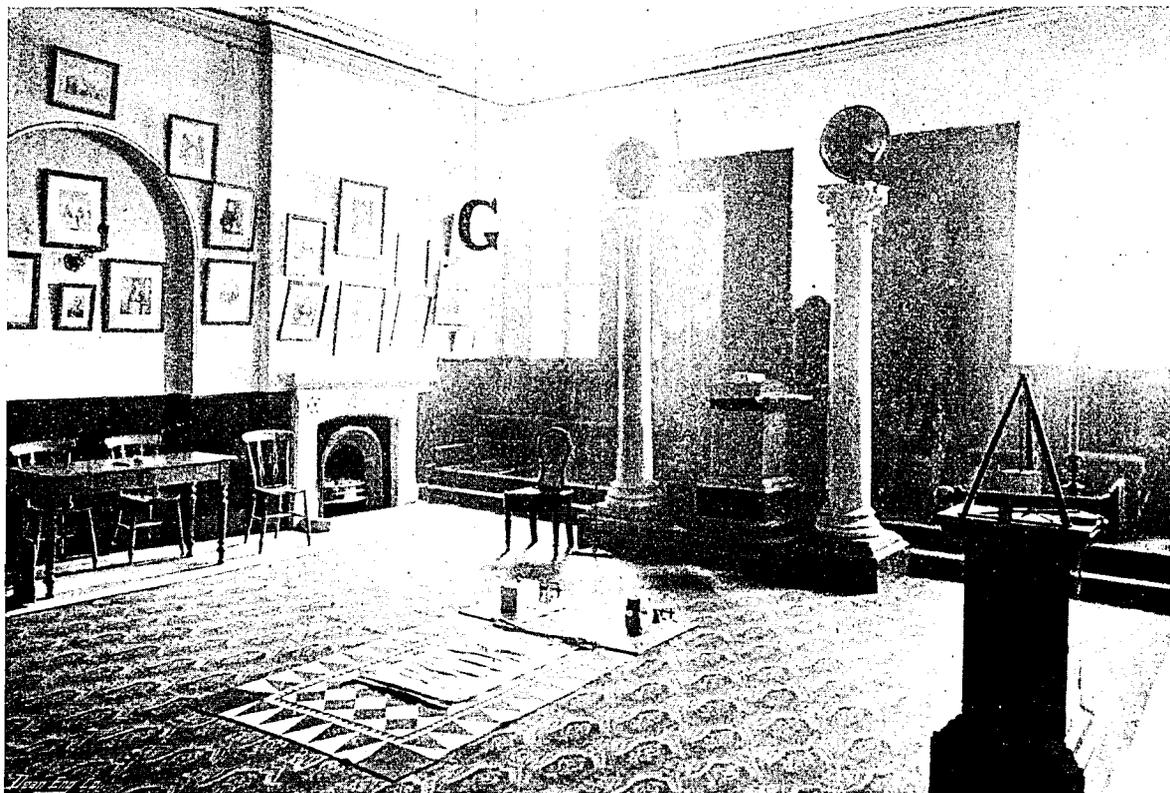
Sir Charles Lemon, Bart., F.R.S., &c., was initiated in the "Love and Honour" on August 31st, 1841, and became the W.M. on January 31st, 1843, during which year this distinguished brother was appointed Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, in succession to Sir John St. Aubyn, deceased.

Later dignitaries have been members, or honorary members, of this old lodge, which continues to hold its own as the Senior *Atelier* in the county, and was never more respected than now.

Bro. Osborne's "History of Freemasonry in Cornwall" (1901) contains a number of interesting particulars of several extinct lodges, beginning with the one held at the "Ship," St. Ives, constituted July 16th, 1765, and continued to work, with more or less regularity, until its erasure in 1828. The lodge also at Redruth, which was warranted in 1754, is duly

described; the numerous details being more than usually interesting, and not a few important, especially in relation to the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and other Degrees, which were worked in that town in early days. Bro. John Knight, a Masonic veteran, was the leading Masonic spirit for many years in all the ceremonies, a brother after Bro. Thomas Dunckerley's heart; the latter being Grand Superintendent of Cornwall and Grand Master of Knights Templars for England. For some years, Redruth was the centre of activity in relation to the Degrees above or beyond the Craft; and Bro. Osborne has ably written the history of that eventful period.

(To be Continued.)



MASONIC HALL, LISKEARD (LOOKING EAST).

The New Past Grand Officers.—(London.)

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., whose career at the Bar and in the political arena has placed him amongst the most notable men of his time, was initiated in the Caledonian Lodge, No. 134, in 1871; but, as may be supposed, his busy life left him little time to devote to Masonry, and his record therefore is a very small one. Recently, however, our distinguished brother has found himself politically in a position of more freedom and less responsibility, and the interests of Masonry will, we feel sure, receive considerable attention at his hands. We shall look forward to a period of activity in this direction, which will assuredly be of advantage to the Craft.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. W. English Harrison, K.C., was initiated in the Nine Muses Lodge, No. 235, in 1878, and became W.M. in 1885. In the same year he served as Steward for one of the Charities.

PAST GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. T. Adams was initiated in the Universal Lodge, No. 181, in 1879, and was elected W.M. in 1887. He afterwards joined the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, and was a founder of the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Adams is a member of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 59. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Benevolent Institution.



BRO. SIR EDWARD CLARKE, K.C.

Bro. Alderman Frederick P. Alliston is a well known and highly respected City Magnate. He was initiated in the Hervey Lodge, No. 1692, in 1879, and in 1884, he took part in founding the Beckenham Lodge, No. 2047, of which



BRO. ALDERMAN F. P. ALLISTON.

he became Master in 1891. He was also a founder of the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School.

Bro. T. G. A. Burns, M.A., was initiated in St. George's Lodge, No. 370, in 1883. In 1895 he took part in founding the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, which was consecrated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and of which His Majesty the King (then Prince of Wales) was installed as first W.M. In 1901 Bro. Burns founded the Middlesex Hospital Lodge, No. 2843, and was its first Master. He has also filled the Master's chair in both the St. George's and the Rahere Lodges, and is a Past Prov. Grand Deacon of Surrey. He is a member and a P.Z. of St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, and a Past Grand J. of Surrey. Bro. Burns is a Life Governor of each of the Charities, and has served two Stewardships.

Bro. Edmund R. Bartley Dennis, although a comparatively young Mason, has since his initiation in 1888 found time in the midst of his busy professional avocations to pile up an exceptionally good record of Masonic work. Within four years of his initiation in the Thames Vale Lodge, No. 1460, he was filling the chair of W.M. In the following year (1895) he took part in founding the Herga Lodge, No. 2548, at Harrow, and was its first Master; and during the next few years he joined, and in most instances founded, the Willesden Lodge, No. 2489; the Yorick Lodge, No. 2771; the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712; the Burlington Lodge, No. 96; the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610; Christ's Hospital Lodge, No. 2650; and the Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549. At present he is the I.P.M. of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge. In 1896 he was appointed Prov. J.G.W. of Middlesex. In Royal Arch Masonry, Bro. Bartley Dennis is a member of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and filled the First Principal's chair in 1899, and again in 1900. He is a Life Governor of the three Charitable Institutions, and has served four Stewardships.

Bro. H. Hankey Dobree is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 6. His initiation took place in 1863, and he

became W.M. in 1865. Friendship Royal Arch Chapter claims him also as a member and P.Z. He has served three Stewardships, two for the Boys' School and one for the Girls' School.

Bro. Ernest Flower, M.P., who represents the Western Division of Bradford in Parliament, was initiated in the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, and has twice filled the chair of W.M. He was a founder and second W.M. of the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, of which the late Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan, Past Grand Treasurer, was the first Master, and he is also a member of the Drury Lane Lodge. Bro. Flowers was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Friends in Council Chapter in 1888, of which he afterwards became P.Z., and was one of the founders of the Bevan Chapter. He has served as Steward for each of the three Institutions.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Arthur Clifton Hansard, R.A., was initiated in 1887 in the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, which is recruited mainly from that distinguished corps, the Royal Artillery. In 1893 he was elected to the Master's chair. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the chapter attached to the Ubique Lodge, and served as M.E.Z. in 1896.

Bro. Charles Vincent Cotterell's introduction into Masonry took place in the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, in 1881, and in 1885 he was elected W.M. He joined the Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 259, in 1895, and was one of the founders of the Middlesex Hospital Lodge in 1901. In 1882 he was exalted in the Pentangle Chapter, No. 1174, and in 1887 was one of the founders of the Lullingstone Chapter, No. 1837, of which he was the first M.E.Z. He is also a



BRO. CHARLES VINCENT COTTERELL.

Past Assistant Grand Sojourner of Kent. Bro. Cotterell has served as Steward for each of the Institutions and is a Vice-President of the Boys' School.

Bro. Wynn Westcott, M.D., is the well-known Coroner for the North-Eastern District of London, and has for many years been ranked amongst the most ardent students of Masonic mysteries. His knowledge of the occult sciences having some affinity to Freemasonry is profound, and he is the author of many books and papers bearing on these

subjects. His introduction to the Craft took place in the Parrett and Axe Lodge, No. 814, in 1871, of which lodge he became Master in 1877. He afterwards joined the Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 329, Yeovil, and in 1886, soon after the formation of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, he had the honour of being elected a member. This was followed by his election as W.M. in 1893. He is also a Royal Arch



BRO. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.D.

Mason, and has filled the chair of First Principal in the Chapter of Brotherly Love, Yeovil. Bro. Westcott is a Life Governor of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

Bro. Edward White was initiated in the Domatic Lodge, No. 177, in 1871, and in 1873 joined the St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1305. He took part in founding the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563; the London County Council Lodge, No. 2603; and the Asylums' Board Lodge, No. 2842; and has filled the Master's chair in the two former. Bro. White was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the St. Maryle-



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bone Chapter in 1874, and became First Principal in 1886. He is a Life Governor of each of the Charities, and has served five Stewardships.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. William Baddeley was the subject of a notice in our issue of March last, where his exceptionally active and useful Masonic career was fully set out. It is enough now to say that in Bro. Baddeley the M.W. Grand Master has justly recognised his many claims to distinction, and his appointment to Grand Office will be received with much satisfaction by all who have had the privilege of working with him in the many Orders and Degrees in which he takes such active interest.

Bro. R. J. Maitland Coffin, F.R.C.P., has during his fifteen years' membership of the Order taken an active part in metropolitan Freemasonry. As a member of the Savage Club he was among the first candidates for initiation on the establishment of a lodge in connection with that body, and subsequently took part in founding the Empress Lodge, No. 2581 (of which he became Master in 1898), as well as the Cavendish Lodge, No. 2620; the Wandle Lodge, No. 2699; and the Earl's Court Lodge, No. 2765. As a Royal Arch



BRO. R. J. MAITLAND COFFIN

Mason he was exalted in St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, in 1890, and became M.E.Z. in 1899. He was also a founder of the Savage Club Chapter and the Earl's Court Chapter. Bro. Dr. Coffin is the Senior Surgeon of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion (the Queen's Regiment), and Honorary Surgeon of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Bro. Ernest Frederick Debenham was initiated in the Old King's Arms Lodge, No. 28, in 1884, and was elected W.M. in 1901. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions.

Bro. J. Renton Dunlop has this year attained his majority in the Craft, having been initiated in St. Alban's Lodge, No. 29, and became W.M. in 1887. In 1899 he founded and was W.M. designate of the Verity Lodge, No. 2739. He was also a founder of the Old Masonians Lodge, No. 2700. In 1887 he represented St. Alban's Lodge as Grand Steward. Bro. Dunlop is a Life Governor of each of the Charities, and has served three Stewardships.

Bro. Thomas Francis Peacock was initiated in the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, and became W.M. in 1883. In the same year he represented the lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards. He subsequently joined the Berkhamstead Lodge, No. 504, and the Shirley Woolmer Lodge, No. 2530, Sidcup. He is also a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in the Cyrus Chapter attached to the Lodge of Emulation in 1877, and in 1887 was installed as M.E.Z. He has served three Stewardships for the Charities and is a Life Governor of each.

Bro. Iltyd Prichard was initiated in the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, in 1881, and four years later was installed as W.M. He was exalted in the Friends in Council Royal Arch Chapter in 1891, and became First Principal in 1896. In the same year he took part in founding the Canterbury Chapter, No. 1635, and was its first M.E.Z. Bro. Prichard is a Life Governor of the three Charitable Institutions.

Bro. Arthur G. Sandberg, M.D., was initiated in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 102, in 1876, and joined Fidelity Lodge, No. 3, in 1886, of which he became W.M. in 1893. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Carnarvon Chapter, No. 1572, in 1887, filling the chair of First Principal in 1896. In 1899 he received the appointment of Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter. Bro. Sandberg has been a member of the Board of General Purposes since 1893, and in 1901 was elected Vice-President. He is a Life Governor of each of the Charities, and has served three Stewardships.

Bro. F. C. Van Duzer is, we believe, the first American citizen to receive an appointment to Grand rank in the Grand Lodge of England, and is well known as the Hon. Secretary and a Past President of the American Society in London. In addition to this he is Chairman of the Queen Victoria National Memorial Fund, and is Hon. Secretary of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood, where upwards of 160 pupils are trained annually. Bro. Van Duzer was initiated in the Canterbury



BRO. F. C. VAN DUZER.

Lodge, No. 1635, in 1880, and became W.M. in 1897. He was a founder of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, in 1896, as well as of the Richard Eve Lodge, No. 2772; the Kirby

Lodge, No. 2818; and the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, of which distinguished lodge he is now the W.M. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Van Duzer is a member of the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191, in which he was exalted, as well as of the Columbia Chapter, No. 2397, and the Canterbury Chapter, No. 1635, of which latter he is a P.Z. He has served eight Stewardships for the Charitable Institutions.

Bro. George William Marsden was initiated in the Sphinx Lodge, No. 1329, in November, 1874, and twelve years later was elected and installed W.M. He has also been affiliated



BRO. GEORGE W. MARSDEN.

with the Eton Lodge, No. 2458, and the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347. In Royal Arch Masonry, to which he was exalted in the Sphinx Chapter, No. 1329, on the 28th October, 1876, he has had the honour of presiding as First Principal, having been installed as such in 1891. He is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' and Benevolent Institutions and a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and has served two Stewardships for each of the former and one for the latter.

Bro. Mihill Slaughter was initiated in the Watford Lodge No. 404, and in 1887 became W.M., receiving the appointment in the following year of Prov. J.G.W. of Hertfordshire. He is also a Royal Arch Mason and a P.Z. of the Watford Chapter, and was Prov. Grand Registrar in 1891. In 1897 Comp. Slaughter received the Past rank of Grand Sword Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He is a Life Governor of each of our Institutions, and has served three Stewardships.

Bro. William Thomas has just attained his majority as a Mason, having been initiated in 1881 in the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, joining afterwards the Urban Lodge, No. 1196; the Peace and Harmony, No. 60; the Galen, No. 2394; the Wharton, No. 2045; the Frederick West, No. 2222; the Derby Allcroft, No. 2168; and the Fellowship, No. 2535; and of the four latter he has filled the Master's chair. Bro. Thomas was exalted in the Royal Arch in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1883, filling the First Principal's chair twice, viz., in 1881 and 1892. He is also a member of the Phoenix Chapter, No. 173, and was M.E.Z. in 1896. Bro. Thomas is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of

the Girls' School. He moreover enjoys, we imagine, the unique distinction of having qualified his son a Vice-President of the Boys' School when seven weeks old.

Bro. T. Blanco White, was initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, in 1882, and afterwards joined the Fulham Lodge, No. 2512 (of which he became W.M. in 1894), and the Putney Lodge, No. 2766. As a Royal Arch Mason he was exalted in St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, in 1885, joined the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 34, in 1891, and has filled the chair of First Principal in each. Bro. Blanco White has served no less than thirty-one Stewardships, and is a Patron of the Boys' School, and a Vice-Patron of both the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. F. Atkinson Powell, although he commenced his Masonic career in the Provinces, may now be fairly classed among Metropolitan Masons. He was initiated in the Loyal Monmouth Lodge, No. 457, in 1883, becoming W.M. in 1887. Joined the Globe Lodge No. 23, in 1891, and in the same year took part in founding the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, of which lodge he was elected W.M. in 1894. He represents the Globe Lodge this year as Grand Steward. Bro. Powell was exalted in the Mount Edgcombe Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1446, in 1886, and filled the chair of First Principal in 1890. He is also a member of the Loyal Monmouth Chapter, No. 457; the Hiram Chapter, No. 2416; and the Panmure Chapter, No. 720. In 1887 he was appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works, and in 1898 Prov. S.G. Warden of Monmouth in the Craft, and is a Past Prov. G. Registrar and P. Prov. G.J. in the Royal Arch. To this excellent record must be added his membership of both the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Chapter Committee. Bro. Powell is a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-President of the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Governor of the Girls' School, having served in all twenty-one Stewardships.

Bro. Major C. J. Knightly has been a member of the Order for twenty years, having been initiated in the Royal Savoy Lodge in 1882, of which he became W.M. in 1893. He was exalted in the Metropolitan Royal Arch Chapter,

No. 1507, and took part in founding the Henry Levander Chapter, No. 2048, in 1886. Bro. Knightly is a Patron of the Boys' School, a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, a Life Governor of the Girls' School, and has served in all fifteen Stewardships.

Bro. William Cleghorn was initiated in the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, in 1875, and was elected W.M. in 1882. He was exalted in the Jerusalem Royal Arch Chapter, No. 185, in 1881, and became its first Principal in 1887. Bro. Cleghorn, although confining his interests to the



BRO. WILLIAM CLEGHORN.

lodge and chapter in which he was initiated, has done excellent Masonic work during the past few years, more especially as a member of the Board of General Purposes and of the Committee of Grand Chapter, of which bodies he is one of the most hard working and useful members. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School.

We have given above the Masonic records of the London brethren on whom Past Grand rank has been conferred. Our next issue will contain notices, with portraits, of the Provincial brethren who have been similarly honoured.

Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia.—York College.

THIS flourishing College, which has now almost reached its full complement of members, and is by far the most active and prosperous College in the Society, met in the ancient banqueting hall of Skipton Castle, on the 31st May. There was an unusually large attendance of the fratres. The V.W. Celebrant, Fratres R. J. Smith, was supported by Fratres C. L. Mason, J. L. Atherton, W. N. Cheesman, acting as C. of N.; F. W. Halliwell, J. Smith, Secretary; and W. Swales, all Past Celebrants; also Fratres W. Davey, Deputy; G. Musgrove, P.A.; R. Hudson, S.A.; C. Scriven, as T.A.; J. W. Monckman, as Q.A.; C. A. Thompson, Organist; the Rev. E. Richards, T.P.; and J. E. Cawthorn, as G. of T.

The R.W. Chief Adept of the Province, Fratres T. B. Whytehead, jun., Sub. Mag. IX., was unable to be present on account of his severe accident during last winter, to the very great regret of the fratres. Sixteen aspirants were balloted for and elected; and eleven being present, were advanced to the Grade of Zelator, by the Celebrant, assisted by V.W. Fratres Jas. Smith. A paper on "Skipton Castle and its story," tracing the history of the Castle and its inhabitants, notably the Cliffords, and dealing with some of the principal

events in their career, was read by the Celebrant, who received the thanks of the College. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Richmond (Yorks) on Saturday, the 16th August.

Prior to the meeting, the fratres, accompanied by a large number of ladies, were conducted over the ancient fortress, and shown the various interesting features; the old parish church was also visited.

After dinner at the Devonshire Hotel, a large party of fratres and ladies drove to Grassington and Kettlewell, in Wharfedale, where Sunday was pleasantly spent; and on Monday morning proceeded, via Buckden and Cray, over the ridge and down Bishopsdale to Aysgarth and Leyburn. Various points of interest were visited, and the members of the party returned to their respective homes in the evening, after a most enjoyable excursion through one of the most beautiful and romantic parts of the county.

A very interesting feature of the excursion was the receipt by Fratres Fletcher, editor of the *Yorkshire Herald*, while at Grassington on Sunday evening, of the welcome news of "Peace," which was immediately announced to the inhabitants of the village amid general congratulations and rejoicing.

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The Coronation and Peace.

CORONATION Day—the great National event which has so happily synchronised with the advent of Peace—is upon us, and for the moment other interests are dwarfed to insignificance. Denominational and political squabbles, personal grievances, and antipathies give place to joy and rejoicing. A great family festival of the people of Great Britain and Greater Britain beyond the seas is to be celebrated, with the King as its central figure, and the Nation whole-heartedly acclaiming his Sovereignty.

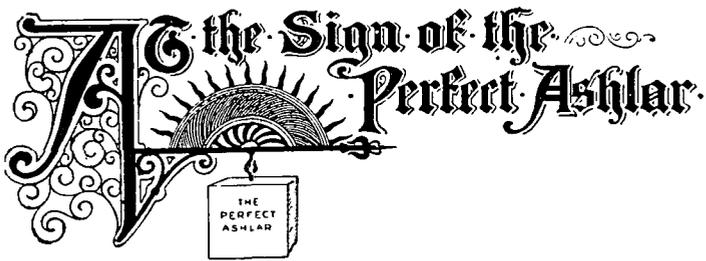
It is that tradition of personal sympathy between Sovereign and people, which was born of the reign of Queen Victoria, that is so marked a feature of this great occasion. It is right and fitting that the Nation should be glad, and that it should show its gladness by acclaiming with all pomp and circumstance the crowning of its King. His Majesty has for so many years so fully filled his part in

the economy of the State and maintained, on behalf of his august mother, the greater part of that ceremonial burden which it was only natural she should desire to be released from, that it requires an effort of the mind to realise that he is now filling another and a greater roll. And what an enormous power for good can be exercised from this lofty pinnacle! It is with no misgivings that the people of this great Empire entrust that power into the hands of their rightful and chosen head. His career has been an open book to the Nation for a long generation. His tactful and strictly constitutional attitude to all the great political and other controversies of the age, his consummate knowledge of men and things, his natural endowments, ripened by experience and keenly intelligent observation mark him out as an ideal ruler of this great constitutional Empire. While taking his full part in the pleasures of sport and the amenities of social life, he has proved beyond cavil that he can do his duty; and how great that duty has been as Prince of Wales and how much greater it will be as Sovereign few will be able to realise.

But it is as the long trusted and beloved head of our Fraternity that our readers will, in their heart of hearts, be most keenly interested in all that pertains to the personality of the King—and by no section of His Majesty's loyal subjects has his Accession and Coronation been more genuinely and heartily welcomed. To attempt an estimate of the value to Freemasonry resulting from the rule of "our Prince," both in regard to its inner organism and constitutions, and the high position it has gained in the outer world, would be an almost impossible task. During the eventful quarter of a century of his Grand Mastership, not only has the number of its members increased by leaps and bounds, but that increase has been accompanied by a corresponding rise in the quality and status of its members—by a vast increase in the funds of the many benevolent organizations of the Order, and by, we hope and believe, a heightening sense of individual responsibility for the maintenance of the good name of our beloved Craft.

In an article in a recent issue, we dealt with the question of the part Freemasonry might fairly be expected to take at the conclusion of the war, in helping to assuage the feelings of enmity which such a long and bitter struggle as we have passed through must necessarily have engendered. The long looked for blessing of peace has now arrived, and already we can, we think, discern the first fruits of that beneficent teaching and practice which has been such a refreshing and redeeming feature of the struggle. We have learnt not only from Masonic sources, but from unimpeachable official authority, that no sentiment of kinship or community of creed or race has appealed to the humanity of our opponents in such effective fashion as the obligation which unites brother with brother in the bond of Masonry. Never has a Masonic appeal under circumstances even of mortal struggle been made in vain, and in no single instance has the Temple of Masonry been violated or suffered any damage, although it is to be regretted that other buildings with perhaps stronger claims to immunity from desecration have not been so lovingly dealt with.

There is much subject for thought underlying these facts. It proves not only that Masonry exercises a powerful influence over those who are ranged under its banners, but the facts which the situation discloses are largely in favour of the hope, which indeed recent accounts from the late seat of war undeniably prove, that the new reign will see the Britain and Boer in mutual respect for each other, quietly and earnestly working out their destinies as co-workers in the consolidation of the greatest Empire on which the sun has even risen.



The foundation-stone of the building which is to be added to Charing Cross Hospital was laid with Masonic rites on the 20th June by the M.W. Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, who was attended by the Grand Officers of the year and several Past Grand Officers who had been invited by the hospital authorities. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who is this year the President of the hospital. The ritual and ceremonial is of a quaintly interesting character, and in the hands of the Grand Master was most impressively rendered. Coins and papers were deposited in the cavity of the stone by the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary read and placed on the stone a record engraved on brass of the event. Addresses were delivered by the treasurer of the hospital and by Sir Joseph Farrar. Loud and hearty cheers were given for the Grand Master, followed by a similar ovation to the Princess, and the Royal party departed. The foundation-stone of the main building was laid in 1838 by the then Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex.



Among the many interesting Masonic functions in connection with the Coronation festivities, the reception and banquet to be given by the Empire Lodge in the Great Hall of the Hotel Cecil stands out as the most important. The acceptances already number over one hundred, and when it is considered that the invitations have been necessarily limited to visitors of distinction who have come from the ends of the earth to take part in this great national event, it becomes certain that the gathering will be of an exceptionally representative character. Arrangements have been made for a full report in the August number of "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED," with numerous illustrations.



The last meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 4th June, which may be said to practically mark the close of the Masonic season, did not depart from precedent, inasmuch as the Masonic Temple was taxed to its utmost extent for the accommodation of the large number of brethren present. The June Communication is always well attended, in consequence of the elections for the Board of General Purposes; but this was exceptionally the case on Wednesday last, by reason of the investment of the new Past Grand Officers.



Metropolitan Freemasonry has lost an active and prominent supporter, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a staunch friend, by the death of Bro. John Albert Fairfield, P.A.G.D.C. Half a century ago his father was the Assistant Grand Secretary, and he himself from an early age took an active part in the affairs of the Order. In Queen Victoria's past Jubilee year he obtained rank in Grand Lodge as Past Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and until his death he acted as Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.



The installation of Bro. Langridge J. Powter as W.M. of the Gresham Lodge, No. 869, took place at Cheshunt Great House, in Hertfordshire, on June 14th. It was a most successful meeting, and the capacity of the ancient hall was taxed to its utmost to seat the sixty odd brethren who were present, either as members or visitors. The W.M., Bro. Alfred E. Gooding, performed the ceremony, assisted by Bro. C. A. Gompertz, P.M., who delivered the address in his usual masterly style.

The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. S. H. T. Armitage, M.D., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorks., Senior Warden; H. M. Sternberg, Junior Warden; C. A. Gompertz, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer; S. M. Banker, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Secretary; T. Bulmer, Senior Deacon; W. Haynes Dunn, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works, Director of Ceremonies; W. Cameron, Organist; W. S. Keep and O. G. Mathias, Stewards; and B. Mitchell, Tyler. Bros. T. W. Chant, P.M., and J. B. Robinson, who would have been invested as Junior Deacon and Inner Guard respectively, were unavoidably absent.



BRO. LANGRIDGE J. POWTER, W.M.

Before the lodge was closed a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. L. V. Walker, P.M., for his valuable gift to the lodge of a very handsome Master's collar and jewel, to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII., Protector of the Order. A banquet afterwards took place, and, in course of the speeches, the Worshipful Master alluded to the candidature of Bro. C. A. Gompertz, P.M. and Treasurer, for the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, and the good wishes of all present were expressed for his success.



R.W. Bro. Lord George Hamilton, the esteemed Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, is to be congratulated on the wisdom of his choice of meeting place for the next assembling of his province. It will be remembered that at the consecration of the St. Clair Lodge, a full report of which appeared in our last issue, his lordship stated that London would be fixed on for the rendezvous in preference to one of the county towns. When it is considered that the majority of Middlesex Masons live in or have business in the Metropolis and its suburbs, it will be wondered at that the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge have not always been held at a convenient house in town.



Bro. H. T. Thompson, P.M., and one of the founders of the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, has compiled an interesting little *brochure*, in which he narrates the circumstances attending the formation of the lodge in 1858, on the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Crystal Palace. Bro. Thompson congratulates the W.M., Bro. George Paxton, on his installation into the chair of a lodge meeting in a building designed by and erected under the supervision of his relative, the late Sir Joseph Paxton, to whom the writer acknowledges indebtedness in past years for many acts of personal kindness and friendly consideration.

Though only a year old, the Golden Square Lodge, which appropriately holds its meetings at 33, Golden Square, and already numbers over 40 members, now bids fair to occupy a prominent position among London lodges. Its installation meeting was held on the 30th May, when Bro. J. Seaman was installed as W.M. by the outgoing Master, Bro. T. L. Moar. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows:—Bros. A. P. Lowthian, P.M. 1900, S.W.; Woodcock, J.W.; J. F. Shiers, Treasurer; Jas. Duffy, Secretary; R. Baker, S.D.; T. Kelly, J.D.; W. J. Parser, I.G.; V. B. M. Zanchi, P.M. 185, D.C.; H. Williams, Organist; and O. L. Thompson and W. Pearson, Stewards. The brethren, to the number of over 100, afterwards dined together at the St. James's Restaurant.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset, at Wincanton, on the 6th June, under the presidency of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Viscount Dungarvan, Colonel William Long, P.P.S.G.W. (who has recently returned from South Africa), was appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in succession to Bro. R. C. Else, resigned, on account of physical infirmity. A letter was read from the latter brother expressing his thanks for the resolution recognising his past services, which was adopted at the special Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at Weston-super-Mare, and stating that his connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge would not be completely severed, as by the desire of the R.W. Provincial Grand Maaster he had arranged to continue the charity working of the province.

The 104th Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at the Crystal Palace, on Wednesday, June 4th, under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Col. John Davis, A.D.C., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey. The Board of Stewards numbered 754, and as a result of their efforts, the substantial sum of £23,948 was announced by the Secretary, Bro. J. M. McLeod. Of this amount, London contributed £9958, and the Provinces £13,993. The Chairman's province of Surrey was represented by no less than 120 Stewards, and the total of their subscriptions was the magnificent sum of £4500.



BRO. COLONEL JOHN DAVIS, A.D.C.

The Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., in responding to the toast of "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys," gave some interesting particulars of the progress of the School, especially in respect to the new buildings at Bushey, now nearly completed, to which place he hoped the boys would return after their

Christmas holidays. We heartily congratulate the Board of Management of the Institution and Bro. McLeod on yet another successful Festival, the precursor, we trust, of many others of a similar character.

We are glad to be able to contradict the announcement made by a contemporary to the effect that the Countess of Warwick has been lying seriously ill. It is but a short time ago that her ladyship was the victim of an accident in the hunting field, from which, it is believed, a complete recovery has been made.

The munificence of R.W. Bro. Lord Burton, P.G.W., is proverbial. We understand that members of the firm of Bass and Co., in which his lordship is interested, have been instrumental in erecting no less than six churches in his native town of Burton-on-Trent, the latest being the new church at Horningblow, which is to be erected by Bro. Lord Burton at a cost of £14,000.

The subject of negro Masonry continues to excite a good deal of attention from those members of the Craft whose imperialistic sympathies are stirred by the aspect of the claims of the great black race to be included in the regular constitution of our Order. An interesting work by Bro. W. H. Upton has, we learn, been deposited in the Grand Lodge Library dealing with the question.

Another publication which has recently seen the light is Bro. E. Garnet Man's book on the Papacy. No member of the Order whose connection with Freemasonry has been interfered with by the claims of the Jesuits should be without this work, a copy of which has, we believe, also been deposited in the Library of Grand Lodge.

The autobiography of Bro. Sir Walter Besant, so long the esteemed Treasurer of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, which has recently been published, will not fail to appeal to the many members of the Craft with whom our late gifted brother came into contact. Reference to his connection with Freemasonry will not be looked for therein in vain.

"R. D. R." writes:—"As an instance of the great possibilities of Masonry, a striking illustration was shown the other day in a great mining centre in Lancashire. The jury in an inquiry relative to the death of ten men in a pit disaster at Edge Green were principally Masons. At the conclusion of the sad ordeal they were in friendly intercourse, when it was suggested by a member of the Craft that they should do something for the bereaved families. Within a few days they had opened a fund and arranged a concert which realised close upon £300. Such incidents as these do not bear out the reproaches so often cast on the Craft that Masons are selfish and live for junketing."

We have been favoured with a copy of a report of the annual communication of the District Grand Lodge of the Transvaal, which is very interesting reading. It was a very successful function, 110 brethren being present, among them the Chief Commissioner of Police, two Assistant Commissioners, all three being Past Masters; Sir Wm. Marriott, P.G.D.; Dr. Kendall Franks, of the Irish Constitution, and several Past Provincial Grand Officers. Lord Kitchener telegraphed his regret at being unable to be present, and sent his fraternal greetings.

A correspondent writes:—"Johannesburg is rapidly assuming its old look, and no one would know, but for the armed police and the preponderance of khaki at the clubs, that war was with us. We are all very busy gathering up our tangled threads, for which work the days hardly seem to be long enough." It is needless to say that this was

written before the declaration of peace. Now that this happy consummation has arrived, we trust our good brethren of the district will not only gather up their tangled threads, but will start on a new era of happiness and prosperity, both in Masonic and civil life.

One of the most striking arches on the line of route of the Coronation Procession is the Masonic arch, erected by South London members of the Craft. It stands at the Borough end of Borough Road, and will face the procession as it sweeps round from Borough High Street towards St. George's Circus. The arch rests on three handsome columns, the central one, forty feet high and surmounted by a globe, standing in the middle of the road, and the others, thirty feet high, on either pavement. Masonic emblems form the decoration.

The appointment of a District Grand Master for Malta—a portion of British territory, by the way, which has for some time been occupying public attention outside the Craft—in the person of Bro. Col. Henry J. Hughes Hallett, Assistant Adjutant-General of the Forces there, will, we believe, merit the general approval of the Grand Master's choice, and give no little satisfaction to the district concerned.

Bro. F. Price, in *The Square and Compass*, asserts that "it is beyond dispute that Masons are poor readers of Masonic literature. Upon the principle that the shoemaker goes barefooted, the hatter hatless, and the tailor without clothes, as it were, so also does the average Mason think he mastered his trade when he was 'raised,' therefore it is presumptuous to attempt to enlighten him. His spattering of ritual and limited knowledge of the esoterics is entirely sufficient for him to pose as a bright Mason. This seems to satisfy his ambition, and, by a glib use thereof, he succeeds in impressing the non-reading contingent with his importance, and through their credulity rides the average members of the Craft with whip and spur. When we say 'average Mason,' we mean no disrespect; we simply mean the brother who does not read and study for himself.

"We are led to these remarks by one of the Craft, who declares himself thus:—'I don't claim to be a reading Mason; I don't want to be a student, but I do claim to be a ritualist, and upon my reputation as such I will stand'—and thereby pose as a bright Mason, we presume. It seems to us that ambition alone would cause him to read, in order that he might at least be consistent in his ritual by being enabled to present his work historically correct, especially so when he has occasion to present it in the presence of those who are as 'bright' as the actor."

The same writer continues: "We have noticed all through our Masonic life that a large majority of the Craft seem to think that the whole of Masonry is contained in the secret degrees and a proper rendition of the ritual. Never was there a greater mistake, and if they would just think for a moment they would discover it. If you profess religion and join a church, and are honest in your intentions, your first desire is to subscribe to some church paper and read the standard works on the history of the church of your choice, so that you may be enabled to discuss the matter intelligibly. If you are a farmer, and are honest in your profession, you, of course, post yourself by reading agricultural journals, in addition to the practical knowledge you receive by personal contact with the hoe. If you are a politician, daily do you devour everything pertaining to your party that you find in the secular press, thereby enabling you to successfully parry the darts of your adversary. If you are a minister, your constant study is the Bible, so that you may be enabled to put to flight 'the ignorance of foolish men' in their arguments. And so might we continue through every trade, profession, and calling, and show that this progressive world has published literature to meet all conditions and classes of men; and further, that all progressive men, especially those

who rise to eminence and distinction, do so through the reading of literature pertaining to their especial case.

"This being so, we are at a loss to know why it is that Masons don't read and study more than they do. Surely it is not for want of literature. There are more books published on Masonry than on all other secret societies combined."

The writer of the New York Letter in *The American Tyler* has something to say in a recent issue about presentations. "I have often wondered," he remarks, "how it is that the taste of our District Deputy Grand Masters should run to diamond rings and scarf pins, gold watches, silver loving cups and the like. I know that such is their own particular taste, because in fixing up a presentation we generally try to get whatever is likely to afford the most pleasure to the recipient. Freemasonry is a philosophical system, and I am not aware that diamond scarf pins and silver loving cups play any part in its work. Being a man of liberal mind, I do not find fault with this, still I cannot help wondering how it is that these Deputies, who I presume are selected for their high honours on account of their pre-eminence as Craftsmen, do not get a gift of a set of books or something of that sort instead of a bit of jewellery. I am sure a set of Sir Walter Scott's works, or of some standard encyclopædia, or a book-case with a set of Gould's history, Morris's "Poems," Preston's "Illustrations," Hughan's writings, and the like, would be more fitting and more in keeping with the aims and purposes of our Institution. A Masonic badge or medal, or something of that sort, is invariably in order, and should always be a work of art, no matter what its cost; but outside of such emblems it seems to me that our gifts should be of a more intellectual stamp than diamond rings.

"The expense don't bother us nowadays. I remember when we used to give an honoured brother a silk umbrella, and to a particularly popular Craftsman we might go so far as to bestow on him a gold-headed cane, and I am sure the recipients of these useful articles were as proud of them as their modern representatives are of the more expensive articles now in fashion; at least, they said so, and they were truthful men.

"I write all this, not in a spirit of carping criticism, but because I believe some change in our form of gift making would be quite agreeable to many of the recipients. I fancy an intellectual man would take as much delight in handling a magnificent set of Shakespeare, for instance, the gift of his lodge, as in gazing on what our modern jewellers describe as loving cups. Then for a brother who likes to read at all, what gift could be more welcome, more valuable, more thoughtful, more really beneficent, and at the same time less extravagant, than a receipt for, say, ten years' subscription to *The American Tyler*."

We entirely agree with our contemporary, but would in all modesty venture to suggest that in the event of the hint in the last paragraph being acted on by the Fraternity in this country, "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" should take the place of our esteemed contemporary.

On Friday last, "La Marguerite" accomplished a most successful trial trip preparatory to commencing her regular summer sailings, which she will resume on 1st July, after having taken part in the Naval Review at Spithead. A thorough overhaul has been made during the winter months, to ensure the vessel maintaining her reputation for speed and comfort. Steaming down the river towards the sea, her engines worked with the greatest ease; on reaching deep water the telegraph was put full speed ahead, the engines responding without an effort, working the vessel up to the high speed of 21 knots per hour; after adjusting compasses at the Nore, a short run was made at full speed, proving that everything will be ready for her speedy runs across channel to Calais, Boulogne and Ostend, to the delight of the tripper.

*Installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn
as Grand Mark Master of England, Wales, and the Colonies
and Dependencies of the British Crown.*

THIS important and interesting function, which took place in the King's Hall, Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, June 3rd, was one of the most brilliant meetings ever held in the history of the Degree. Brethren from all parts of the country and from distant parts of the Empire assembled to witness the installation of the brother of the late Grand Master (now King Edward VII.) as M.W. Grand Mark Master, and long before the appointed time the Hall was filled. Among those present were:—Bros. the Earl of Euston, Pro Grand Master; the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., Deputy Grand Master; the Marquis of Hertford, Past Grand Master; the Viscount Dungarvan, Past Deputy Grand Master; Lieut.-Col. Charles Hunter, Provincial Grand Master for North Wales; Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire; Sir A. Frederick Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire; Right Hon. Thomas Frederick Halsey, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hertfordshire; the Lord Bolton, Provincial Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire; Abraham Woodiwiss, Provincial Grand Master for Derby; Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire; John Owen Marsh, Provincial Grand Master for Monmouthshire; Sir Edward Stock Hill, K.C.B., Provincial Grand Master for South Wales; the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex; Josiah Frederick Pepper, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire and Shropshire; the Rev. Frederick William Macdonald, M.A., Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire; the Very Rev. Edward Currie, D.D. (Dean of Battle), Provincial Grand Master for Sussex; Richard Loveland Loveland, K.C., Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight; J. W. Woodall, Past Provincial Grand Master, N. and E. Yorks; the Rev. W. Mortimer Heath, M.A., Past Provincial Grand Master, Dorset; H. E. Idris Bey Ragheb, District Grand Master for North Africa; Emanuel Xavier Leon, District Grand Master for Jamaica; the Hon. Mr. Justice H. J. Parsons, Past District Grand Master, Bombay; Lieut.-Gen. J. Fletcher Owen, R.A., Past District Grand Master, Mediterranean; H.H. the Maharajah of Cooch Behar, G.C.I.E., Past District Grand Master, Bengal; and many other Present and Past Grand Officers.

The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, opened the Grand Lodge, and the business on the agenda was disposed of.

A deputation, consisting of Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and other Grand Officers, withdrew, and returning introduced H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who was conducted to a seat at the left of the M.W. Pro Grand Master. The Grand Chaplain offered a prayer.

The Earl of Euston then said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, allow me to congratulate you, Sir, on having been elected unanimously as Grand Master of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, and I am speaking on behalf of one and all of them that we were only too proud and pleased to learn that you had consented to rule over us in succession to your illustrious brother. It is not for me to dictate to you what your duties are in this position. They have been performed by you in your position of Provincial Grand Master and District Grand Master, with which you have already been connected.

His Royal Highness then took the obligation, was invested, and enthroned.

R.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies, then proclaimed His Royal Highness as Most Worshipful Grand Master; and His Royal Highness was saluted according to ancient custom.

After withdrawal of the Grand Master and Pro Grand Master, the chair was taken by the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lodge was duly closed.

The banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, presided over by the Pro Grand Master, at which a large number of the brethren were present.

The toast of "His Majesty, our Patron," was duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Master," the Earl of Euston congratulated the members of the Degree in having secured such an admirable successor to their beloved King. In the Duke of Connaught they had got the right man in the right place. Whatever he had done had been done well and with all his might, and among his other actions which commended themselves to them all was the fact that he resigned his right to become a German Grand Duke that he might remain an Englishman. He was one they could all admire, respect and love.

R.W. Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, Past Deputy Grand Master, proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master." Nothing he was sure had given the Grand Master greater pleasure than that his first official act had been the reappointment of the Earl of Euston as Pro Grand Master.

The Pro Grand Master, in reply, thanked Lord Dungarvan for the complimentary remarks he had made, and hoped he deserved even a part of it. He had tried to do his duty to the Degree, and derived a large amount of pleasure in doing so. He had been well backed up by Lord Dungarvan and many other Grand Officers, which made his labours in carrying on the Degree quite easy.

The Earl of Euston then proposed a toast which he was sure would be well received although not on the list. The splendid arrangements which had made the installation that day such a success had been carried out by a committee of three—Bros. Frank Richardson, J. C. Fitzroy Tower, and C. F. Matier. Day after day they had met and puzzled out details, and to-day was the consummation of their work—"perfect success."

Bro. Frank Richardson, in reply, thanked them for the flattering appreciation of the work of his colleagues and himself. Nothing succeeds like success, and he thought the festival had been a success. It had entailed a vast amount of work, but he had been ably seconded by Bro. Tower and Bro. Matier, and every plan had run smoothly off the reel, as they had worked upon the principle of never leaving till to-morrow what could be done to-day. They had met and worked as a committee of three, and had always been unanimous.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Pro Grand Master remarked that they had guests from the Emerald Isle (the Rev. Bro. S. C. Hughes) and from Victoria, Australia (Bro. Frank Davies), both of whom had done much to smooth over difficulties, and, thanks to Bro. Davies' labours, the Mark Masons in Victoria were now in harmony with us.

Bro. the Rev. C. S. Hughes, LL.D., replying, said he was frequently in England, but this was the first Masonic function he had attended here, and he should ever remember it with pleasure as an epoch in the Coronation year, and he was gratified to find a strong fraternal feeling between those who were striving to arrive at a mutual agreement

between England, Ireland and Scotland. It was with eagerness he had come to visit the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Irish Masons, like the Dublin Fusiliers, were not to be linked with those who refused to do honour to our King; there were many thousands of Irishmen who were loyal and true to the Great Empire, of which they were proud to be a part.

Bro. Frank Davies, Victoria, stated that too much credit had been given him by the Pro Grand Master for what he had done in bringing the Mark Masons of Victoria into line with England, where they now said: "if it is good enough for England it is good enough for us." He was glad to have witnessed the installation of the brother of our beloved King, and could assure them that Britons beyond the seas were as loyal as at home—in fact, you needed them as much as they needed you. Australia at the present time was rejoicing with the Mother Country at the Peace proclamation.

Bro. Col. Clifford Probyn (Mayor of Westminster), in proposing the toast of "The Mark Benevolent Fund," urged

its claims with great fervour as it was founded on the best of principles, namely, that no deductions whatever were made for management of office expenses, but every fraction subscribed went to those deserving of it, and that without any humiliating publicity or delay.

Bro. C. F. Matier, Hon. Secretary of the Fund, replied, and thanked Bro. Col. Probyn for the way he had pleaded the cause, as he was sorry to say that, although they were to be honoured by having the Lord Mayor as Chairman this year, he had up to the present only half the usual number of Stewards, and he hoped a large number of those present would rally round and hand in their names to him.

The Earl of Euston proposed the toast of "The Grand Stewards," who had worked so well, and had attended to their comforts in such an admirable manner.

Bro. Capt. Thorp, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, responded, and thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

Consecration of the Pen and Brush Lodge, No. 2909.

THE above lodge, founded in the interests of members of the Journalistic, Artistic and Dramatic Professions, was consecrated at the Trocadero Restaurant on Monday, June 9th, by V.W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Edward Terry, P.G.T., as S.W.; John Strachan, K.C., Grand Registrar, as J.W.; the Rev. H. W. Turner, P.G.C., as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Registrar, as D.C.; and T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B., as I.G. In the course of the beautiful ceremony, which was perfectly rendered, the Chaplain, the Rev. H. W. Turner, delivered the following oration:—

Brethren,—In response to the call of our Consecrating Officer, I gladly avail myself of the privilege thus accorded me of congratulating the founders of this lodge, and of wishing them all the success which this auspicious gathering seems to promise, and also of offering, as I am bound to do, a few words of exhortation to them and to this assemblage generally. In the course of the solemn procedure of consecrating a lodge, it is a timely and a time-honoured custom with us, that at a moment like the present, when our hearts must be softened by the sanctity of the occasion and the beauty of the ceremony, and therefore must be receptive of the best and most lasting impressions, we should be reminded that the nature of our ancient and noble Institution is distinctly a religious one, founded as it is on the Volume of the Sacred Law, which contains the revelation of our Maker's Holy Will and Word; and its ordained purpose is to promote the glory of God by the maintenance and extension of those Divine principles of Mercy, and Charity, and Truth, which help to establish and confirm the brotherhood of man. With what emphasis of meaning that phrase appeals to us just now! One feeling just now is predominant in our breasts which found its expression yesterday in the thanksgivings openly rendered to the Almighty Ruler of Nations by the King, our Protector, and his united people for the restoration of peace. We do not touch on politics, and we know nothing of parties within these sacred walls. As Masons, we are sons of peace, we follow after the things that make for peace, and our mission is to foster universal benevolence and cement goodwill amongst all mankind. But it may interest you all to know that I heard it stated a little while ago by the Grand Master of Natal that during those fierce and protracted hostilities of the war, over the cessation of which we are rejoicing, the only places which our brave and dogged adversaries refrained from spoiling or defiling were the places where Masons held their meetings, and he gave it as his opinion—and an opinion based on such experience

is worth attention—that when peace was made nothing would help so much to dispel animosities, and bridge over variances, and bring about friendly relations between all classes in those disturbed regions of South Africa, as the institution of Freemasonry, with its standard characteristics of brotherly love, relief and truth. What need I say more? What can I say better, to illustrate the high purpose and sublime nature of our craft? I will only add that if such may be the blessed effect of its principles, how careful we should be—in every lodge—individually and collectively—to see that these



BRO. W. S. PENLEY, W.M.

principles shall be worthily upheld and thoroughly disseminated, and we are confident they will be amongst ourselves. The name of this new lodge indicates that it will have associations with literature and art, and therefore will number amongst its members those who will specially appreciate, and be interested in the history and traditions, the rites and ceremonies of our Order—may they also value and inculcate the deep and inward religious and moral truths which offer allegories and symbols continually to the eye and ear, and which alone give them vitality and life, and so to-day may there be added to the Register of the Grand Lodge of England another lodge that shall ever uphold its dignity and

strengthen the mighty influence for freedom and fraternity, which by the Grace of God it is permitted to exercise in every quarter of the wide, wide world.

On completion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. W. S. Penley, P.M. 1319 and 2771, was installed as W.M., and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. W. H. Pike, Acting I.P.M.; Holmes Kingston, S.W.; Edward Salmon, J.W.; Fred. Grundy, Treasurer; Tom Browne, Secretary; Rob. Sauber, S.D.; P. N. Hasluck, J.D.; Crandon Gill, I.G.; Henry J. Drane, D.C.; and E. Way Elkington, Steward.



BRO. HOLMES KINGSTON, S.W.

The Consecrating Officers and Bro. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., were elected hon. members. The lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The loyal toasts were duly given and honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master remarked that it was hardly possible to say anything new about these worthy and distinguished Masons, but he would express his hearty thanks to those who had assisted the Pen and Brush Lodge to obtain their warrant and had honoured them with their presence.

The Rev. H. W. Turner, P.G.C., briefly replied. He was proud to be in a position to reply for the Grand Officers. If anything could increase the dignity of Freemasonry in every part of the world it was the services of such excellent workers as the Grand Secretary and Bro. Frank Richardson. He hoped that long after the present members of the Pen and Brush Lodge had been called away, it might be said that the tenets of Masonry were, to use a phrase well known in connection with their W.M., "still running" and shedding "A Little Ray of Sunshine."

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Consecrating Officers." The grand and impressive ceremony they had witnessed that night could not fail to leave a lasting impression on their minds, not only from its symbolic aspect, but that such effects were obtained only by great labour and pains, and the members would endeavour to take it as their model in their work. He expressed their deep gratitude to all the Consecrating Officers; and to the Consecrating Master, Bro. Letchworth, he had pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the founders, a case containing a gold cigar case, cigarette case and match box, and with it hearty congratulations and best wishes upon his recent marriage; they also wished to present a silver-mounted scent bottle in case for Mrs. Letchworth.

Bro. Edward Letchworth, replying, said: Believe me, Worshipful Master and brethren, my heart is so full that I find it difficult to express what I desire to say. I thank you on behalf of the Consecrating Officers for the kind words you have uttered. It is a pleasure to us all to start into existence a lodge in whose future we have confidence, as we have in this case. Personally I thank you sincerely for the

unexpected kindness which you have shown me relative to a recent domestic event and which I keenly appreciate, and on behalf of Mrs. Letchworth and myself I tender you my heartfelt thanks.

Bro. John Strachan proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and remarked that it was his first privilege as an hon. member. He was happy to have assisted at the consecration of a lodge where members of the pen and brush profession could congregate. Under such a Master as Bro. Penley the lodge was bound to succeed. It had occurred to him that some of the members may be brushly inclined and some Penley inclined. He congratulated the Worshipful Master upon the way he had proposed the toast of the United Grand Lodge and the United Grand Secretary. Bro. Penley would be sure to draw in the lodge as he always did elsewhere. He was a member of his (Bro. Strachan's) mother lodge, the Asaph, and he would ask them to drink long life and happiness to him. Might he continue to amuse us outside and instruct us within the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, replying, thanked Bro. Strachan for the terms in which he had proposed the toast, and was delighted to find they had both been members of his mother lodge. Whatever his qualifications as a Master might be, he could only draw in his own way, but no one could have higher appreciation of and admiration for the tenets of Freemasonry than he had, and in looking after the welfare of the lodge, its officers and members, he promised them his best efforts, and that they should have nothing to regret in having elected him as their first Master.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. H. J. Drane, P.M., D.C., who in the name of the founders extended to them a hearty welcome, and trusted they would come again to see the working of the lodge.

Bros. Mostyn Piggott, P.G.S., Bailey, Chapman and Bowater also responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Officers." He flattered himself that he knew the work they were capable of doing, and was confident they would rally round him. Especially he wished to thank his Senior Warden, Bro. Holmes Kingston, who had been the moving spirit in the inception and foundation of the lodge, upon whose shoulders the principal work had fallen and to whose powers of organization it afforded him pleasure to bear tribute, for to him was due the credit of the successful send-off the lodge had received.



BRO. EDWARD SALMON, J.W.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

Bro. Holmes Kingston, in response, thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind words, and said it was nearly two years since he first had the idea of founding the lodge; gradually he had influenced Bro. Salmon and nine others, and when they looked round for the best man to be their first Master, they fixed upon and found him in Bro. Penley.

Consecration of The William Hesketh Lever Lodge, No. 2916.

ON the 4th of June, a new and promising lodge was added to the honourable roll of the most ancient Province of Cheshire. For some time past a desire has been felt by the Masons and other residents in the beautiful village of Port Sunlight for a Masonic lodge, and the following brethren undertook to found one:—Bros. Lieut. Col. C. S. Dean, P.S.G.D., P.P.S.G.W.; Alderman James T. Thompson, P.P.G. Reg.; and others.

From the first great interest has been taken in the movement, not only in Port Sunlight, but in the surrounding district, and what more natural than that the new lodge should bear and perpetuate the name of William Hesketh Lever, the first Chairman of Directors of Lever Brothers, Limited, and the founder of the firm and village of Port Sunlight.

At 3 o'clock the consecration of the William Hesketh Lever Lodge, No. 2916, took place at the grand hall of the schools, in the presence of a very large number of brethren, including many distinguished Masons holding Grand and Provincial rank, from Cheshire, Lancashire and elsewhere. The ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. James Cookson, P.S.G.W.; J. Armstrong, P.S.G.W.; the Rev. W. Hollowell, P.G. Chaplain (whose oration was an intellectual treat); Henry Jackson, S.G.D., P.P.G.W.; R. Newhouse, P.D.G.S.B., P.G. Secretary; Fredk. Broadsmith, P.P.G.W.; Colonel C. S. Dean, P.S.G.D., P.P.S.G.W.; and Stanley Derbyshire, Prov. G.D.C.

Following the consecration of the lodge was the installation of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Alderman James T.



THE CONSECRATION OF THE WILLIAM HESKETH LEVER LODGE.

On the arrival of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Cheshire, a visit to the works of Messrs. Lever Brothers was at once commenced, under the direction of Mr. Gray (General Works Manager), and much interest was exhibited by the guests at what they saw. After leaving the works, the party was taken in hand by the Rev. S. Gamble Walker, the Pastor of Port Sunlight, who conducted the visitors through the village, showing them many objects of great interest connected with the well-being and happiness of the residents.

A luncheon was served at the Bridge Inn, presided over by Dr. Barrie, where, after "The Health of the King" had been proposed and cordially responded to, Mr. Barrie (who is a non-Mason), in a humorous speech, proposed "The Health of the Visitors," to which R.W. Bro. de Tatton Egerton replied.

Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; Bro. Colonel C. S. Dean, P.S.G.D., acting as Installing Master.

The beauty of these two ceremonies was enhanced by the admirable musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Millward Hughes, P.P.G. Organist, assisted by the Minster Quartette.

On being installed into the chair, the Worshipful Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Alderman James T. Thompson, W.M.; Antonio Macchi, I.P.M.; Edmund V. Salaman, S.W.; E. Kennard Mitting, J.W.; Geo. F. Bird, Treasurer; A. T. Harding, Secretary; A. Cecil Knight, S.D.; Edward Wainwright, J.D.; Samuel H. Saunders, I.G.; Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Dean, D.C.; Millward Hughes, Organist; J. Glen Tyrrell, Steward; and Joseph Webb, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet.

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

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

BRO. SAVAGE said: "Most cordially do I thank you for the reception which you have given to the toast so kindly proposed by my friend, Bro. Slight. I assure you that my attachment to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement is undiminished, and I look back with the most pleasing recollection to my connection with it, for I am under a deep debt of gratitude to it. It was here I first learned the rudiments of Freemasonry, and was induced to make myself proficient in the mysteries of the Order. I was so gratified twenty-four years ago, when I saw our esteemed friend, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, as we saw him to-night, most ably superintending the work of the Lodge, and the other officers performing their duties; and when I saw my old friend, Bro. Pike, go through the ceremony of raising, I was so struck with the working of the Lodge that I said to myself, 'Why cannot I, too, become a working Mason?' From that and from the kind assistance of Bro. Wilson, I learned a little of the working of Freemasonry, and was able, after a few years, to give instruction to others in my turn. Therefore it is that I say I am under a deep debt to this Lodge, and I never think of it except with the kindest feelings, for it was there I found the most pleasant way of

by the support you have rendered to me in the chair this evening, and I receive it as a compliment to myself, for I know that in the warmth of your feelings you cordially welcome me, although for some time past an absentee from your weekly meetings."

The omission referred to at the Festival was promptly rectified at the next meeting of the lodge, December 16th, a vote of thanks being unanimously passed to Bro. S. B. Wilson for the able and eloquent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, "also to Bro. Thomas Fenn for his kindness in taking the Grand Chaplain's work at a very short notice." On the motion of Bro. Wilson a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bassett Smith for his munificent present of two columns for use at the last Festival.

February 3rd, 1860. "Bro. Harris having submitted to the Brethren the original drawings for the Tracing Boards painted by him and now used in this Lodge, with a view to their being purchased by the Lodge, it was proposed by Bro. Pike, seconded by Bro. Levinson, and carried unanimously, that the matter be referred to the Committee to consider the expediency of the Lodge becoming the possessors of them."

February 17th. "Bro. S. B. Wilson reported to the lodge that the permanent Committee had decided to recommend to the Lodge the purchase of the original drawings; it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the sum of five guineas be offered to Bro. Harris for the drawings of the Tracing Boards with the copyright."

Bro. Harris having declined to accept the sum offered, he not having contemplated the disposal of the copyright, the subject was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration. On the 13th of April it was decided to purchase the drawings for five guineas, "the Treasurer giving an assurance to Bro. Harris that the Lodge do not purchase them with any view to publishing them or allow them to be published during the life of Bro. Harris or that of his wife."

The reduced copies here displayed were photographed from the original drawings in possession of the lodge.

At this meeting it was resolved, on the motion of Bro. Fenn, that the meetings of the lodge be held at seven o'clock throughout the year, instead of eight during the summer as heretofore. On the 28th September, S. B. Wilson, jun., and James Pike were unanimously elected as members of the permanent Committee, in addition to the President, Treasurer, and Secretary. At the following meeting, John Hervey was re-elected Treasurer, and Luis Artús, Secretary.

The Annual Festival was held on the 30th of November, S. B. Wilson W. Master, sixty-two members and twenty-nine visitors being present. The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the First Lecture and the second and fourth sections of the Second Lecture were worked, but the names of the workers are not recorded. Ten brethren having been proposed to become members, the lodge was closed and the company adjourned to supper under the presidency of the R.W. Thomas H. Hall, Provincial Grand Master for Cambridgeshire. The proceedings were reported at considerable length in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of December 8th, but as the speeches contain nothing of historical import, they may well be omitted here.

On the 21st of December "It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the thanks of this Lodge to Bro. Thomas Fenn, J.W. Cadogan Lodge, No. 188, be recorded on the minutes for his munificent gift of a Bible and cushion to the Lodge, and that he be requested to



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spending many a Friday evening. I am delighted to see that it is so well supported, and that there are so many here animated by a warm desire for its prosperity. I am gratified

write his name therein as donor, with the date on which the presentation was made."

On the 5th of April, 1861, a letter was read from Bro. Artús to Bro. Fenn, in which he tendered his resignation as Secretary and apologised to the brethren for his recent neglect of his duties, expressing a doubt as to his being able to attend on Friday evening for some weeks to come.

"Bro. S. B. Wilson expressed his regret that the Lodge should be deprived of the valuable services of Bro. Artús. He called the attention of the brethren to the able manner in which Bro. Artús had discharged the duties of Secretary for a period of five years and a half, and gave notice of his intention, at some future meeting of the Lodge, to propose that a testimonial be presented to him." The resignation of Bro. Artús was accepted with regret, and his letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge.

"Bro. Fenn was requested to undertake the duties of Secretary until the next usual period of election in October next."

Bro. Artús had not attended the lodge regularly for several months, the weekly minutes having been written by various brethren, but chiefly by Bro. Fenn.

On the 10th of May a letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the "City of London Freemasons' Club," to the purport that the committee of the said club had deputed certain brethren to attend the lodge and explain the objects and present position of the club.

The deputation, consisting of F. J. Sharp, W.M. of Eastern Star Lodge; E. D. Rogers, P.M. of Kent Lodge; and C. Southall, J.W. Temple Lodge, explained the nature of the proposed club and solicited the co-operation of the brethren.

"Bro. S. B. Wilson approved of the objects of the club, but did not consider the deputation had given sufficient details of the proposed scheme to enable him to recommend it to the favourable consideration of the lodge."

In the minutes of the 12th of July an unusual incident is recorded, affording indisputable evidence of the zeal of the committee in those days to uphold the good working of the lodge.

"After some discussion on the working of the W.M. on the previous Friday evening, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the usual words 'ably worked' should be erased, and the words 'gone through' substituted. The minutes of the last lodge, with this alteration, were then unanimously confirmed."

On the 26th July it is recorded that: "The Committee of General Purposes having, in accordance with the notice of motion given by Bro. S. B. Wilson on the 5th instant, taken into consideration the rescinding of Bye Law No. 5, and reported favourably thereon. Bro. J. Pike proposed, Bro. Murton seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that the said Bye Law No. 5 be from this time rescinded."

The following is the Bye Law referred to: "That any brother accepting the office of Master and not attending to discharge his duties within a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for opening the Lodge shall pay a fine of two shillings and sixpence in aid of the general fund unless a written excuse shall be received from him within the time last named."

Another unusual event occurred on the 16th of August, which is thus recorded: "A sufficient number of Brethren not being present to form a Lodge, the meeting stood adjourned until Friday in the ensuing week." So far as I have been able to learn this is the only instance of the kind in the annals of the lodge, the brethren therefore who attended on that memorable occasion deserve honourable mention. They were Bros. Pike, Murton, Daly, and Rice, the Tyler.

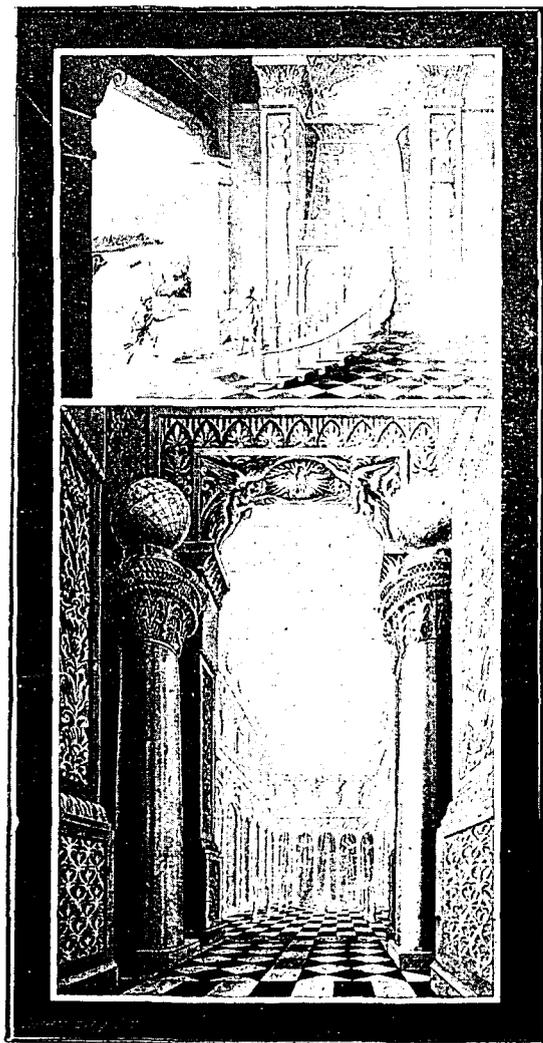
On the 27th of September the Committee of the previous year was re-elected, and on the 4th of October Bros. Hervey and Fenn were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. At the same meeting a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Artús for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of Secretary.

On the 1st of November the R.W. Bro. Viscount Holmesdale, P.G. Master for Kent, visited the lodge, and was proposed to become a member by S. B. Wilson, which proposition, it is scarcely necessary to add, was carried unanimously, or that the ballot at the next meeting was in the affirmative.

On the 22nd November "A letter was read from the Grand Secretary informing the Lodge that the Board of General Purposes had granted them the gratuitous use of the Hall and Temple for their Annual Festival on the 29th inst. A vote of thanks to the Board of General Purposes was ordered to be recorded on the minutes."

At the same meeting a sum of five guineas was voted towards the cost of a jewel to be presented to Bro. Artús, the late Secretary.

The Festival for 1861, held on the 29th of November, was a distinct success in point of numbers, eighty-six members who wrote their names plain enough to be read by the Secretary, and five others whose names, he states, were illegible, together with upwards of 100 visitors being present.



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S. B. Wilson, Chairman 16th May 1865*

S. B. Wilson worked the second, third, fourth, and fifth sections of the Second Lecture and the third section of the Third Lecture, assisted by the following brethren:—Charles A. Murton, F. Dollman, Thomas Fenn, Henry Empson, and Frederick Mead.

Twenty-five brethren having been proposed as members, the usual vote of thanks was passed to the workers, as well as a special vote to Bro. Richard Spencer for his handsome present of a box of working tools, with the name of the lodge engraved thereon.

Viscount Holmesdale had intended to preside at the banquet, but owing to the death of a relative his lordship was unable to be present, and his place was taken, almost at the last moment, by Richard W. Jennings, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, subsequently appointed Past Grand

Warden. In consequence of the late hour at which the lodge had been opened (nearly eight o'clock) the speeches at the table were necessarily brief, as usual the lion's share of praise falling upon the indefatigable S. B. Wilson.

A handsome Secretary's jewel was presented to Bro. Luis Artús, who, in responding to a special toast of his health, thanked the brethren most warmly for their great kindness, and expressed a hope that he might ever continue worthy of their esteem and regard.

As several brethren "enlivened the proceedings by their vocal exertions," we may take it for granted that this was rather "a late sitting."

At the next meeting of the lodge, on the 6th of December, the Secretary was directed "to write to the W.M. of the Lodge of Unions, apologising for the inadvertent omission of the usual toast to that lodge at the late Festival."

This resolution was fully carried out by Bro. Fenn (who took the responsibility for the omission upon himself, it being his first Festival as Secretary) in a way that gave every satisfaction to the members of the parent lodge, the W.M. writing a very agreeable and brotherly reply, both the apology and acceptance thereof being duly recorded on the minutes of the lodge.

On the 31st of January, 1862, "It was proposed by Bro. J. Hervey, seconded by Bro. J. Pike, and carried unanimously, that the pair of globes offered by Bro. Fenn be accepted, and that the very cordial thanks of the lodge to Bro. Fenn, for his kind present, be recorded on the minutes."

On the 25th of April the committee reported the death of Bro. William Rice, who had been Tyler of the lodge for many years, and recommended the election of Bro. John Daly in his place. The recommendation was adopted and Bro. Daly was thereupon invested.

"It was proposed by Bro. Fenn, seconded by Bro. Wilson, and carried unanimously, that the regret of the Lodge at the death of Bro. Rice, and an acknowledgment of his faithful services during a period of . . . years, be recorded on the minutes."

Bro. Rice was a Past Master of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, and joined the Emulation Lodge of Improvement in 1833.

We have no means of ascertaining how long he had held the office of Tyler, but he probably worked as a member of the lodge before being appointed to that office. He was a pre-union Mason, having been initiated as far back as March, 1813, in No. 350, Jersey.

His successor was a Past Master of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, and a protegee of Stephen Barton Wilson. He joined the "Emulation" in 1859, and was a diligent worker in the lodge until his appointment as Tyler; he seldom missed a meeting, and was one of the notable three who attended on the 16th of August, when the lodge was not opened for want of a sufficient number of members.

Bro. Daly was thoroughly conversant in the ceremonies and sections according to the "Emulation" system, and occasionally worked them at other lodges of instruction, when the richness of his brogue and his elocutionary gestures never failed to rivet the attention of the audience. The writer was indebted to Bro. Daly for much of his knowledge of the "Emulation working," but he sometimes finds it difficult to forgive him for not having taken greater care of the old minute books of the lodge.

On the 30th of May the lodge was attended by forty-three members and seventeen visitors, including most of the leading London Masons of the day. The occasion of this unusual gathering being the reading by Bro. Dollman of an essay by S. B. Wilson, on "The Necessity of Maintaining the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, The Incompatibility of Innovation, and The Rise, Progress, and Design of our Lectures."

On a motion by Bro. John Havers, J.G.W., seconded by J. L. Evans, S.G.D., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. S. B. Wilson for his interesting essay.

This essay was printed in the *Freemasons' Magazine* for June 7th, 1862. With regard to the latter part of the title, "The Rise, Progress, and Design of our Lectures." I find that the venerable essayist derived his ideas to a considerable extent from the writings of William Preston and Dr. Oliver,

both of whom, in dealing with historical Masonry, drew too liberally on their imagination to be perfectly reliable.

On the 3rd of October the permanent officers and committee were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.



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J. B. Wilson, Chairman 16th May 1865*

The annual Festival was held on the 28th of November, when part of the Second and the whole of the Third Lectures were worked by S. B. Wilson, assisted by the following brethren:—F. Mead, No. 275; C. A. Murton, P.M. No. 7; T. Fenn, W.M. No. 188; W. Hollingworth, No. 76; and J. R. Thomson, W.M. No. 1008. Eighty-six members and 106 visitors were present; twenty-nine of the latter were proposed to become members.

The usual vote of thanks to the workers having been passed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet, presided over by J. Rankin Stebbing, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, who was supported by many Grand Officers and other distinguished members of the Order. A full report of the proceedings appears in the *Freemasons' Magazine* of December 6th, 1862. This report contains no mention of singing; we may therefore assume that, on this occasion, vocal harmony was dispensed with.

On the 27th of February, 1863, "Bro. Fenn read an essay by Bro. S. B. Wilson on the different answers to the question—'In this Country, Freemasons' Lodges being usually held, etc.'"

This essay was printed in pamphlet form in 1864, for private distribution, as "No. 4." Any profit, after the expenses of publication, was to have been equally divided between the Girls' and Boys' Institutions.

On the 2nd of October Bro. Fenn, who had been absent from the lodge for several months, "stated that, from the circumstances of his residing in the country, he was unable to continue his duties as Secretary of the Lodge, and tendered his resignation."

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