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*The Right Hon. Lord Stanley, C.B., M.P.,
 R.W. Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire,
 Chairman of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, 1905.*

(Photo Langley, Old Bond Street.)

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE Annual Festival of this Institution took place at the Hotel Cecil, on Wednesday, 22nd February, under the presidency of the Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for East Lancashire.

The gathering proved the largest on record for an ordinary festival, so large indeed as to tax the immense dining hall to its utmost capacity, and to necessitate an "overflow" into the Victoria Hall, which had been set apart for the entertainment of the ladies. In all there could not have been less than one thousand brethren and ladies present.

The toast of "His Majesty the King, protector of the Order," and that of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn" having been drunk with great enthusiasm, that of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers" was given by the chairman.

There was one thing, he said, that was essential to the Craft—that those who were put in high position should be men of good repute not only in the Masonic world, but in the world in general. If they were to retain their self-respect ;



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TREASURER OF THE INSTITUTION.

if they were to be respected by others, it was essential that those they chose to rule over them should have the respect and confidence of every one. He did not think a single brother in the room would take any exception to the fact that he and his younger brother enjoyed the unenviable distinction of belonging to the House of Commons. They were told in the House of Commons that they did nothing but talk. That might be so. He was glad to think that some, at all events, reserved their energy for work, and one of those was Bro. Halsey, one of those whose names were associated with this toast, which he knew they would pledge heartily. He felt some hesitation in proposing this toast, because he had to associate it with the name of his own brother. He had known him longer than anyone in the room, and he was quite content to think, and he hoped the brethren would think, as he was glad to think, that the fact of his being Grand Master of the province of East Lancashire had not prevented his brother from being appointed Grand Master of the Isle of Man. Speaking of the other Grand Officers, besides his brother and himself, none were known

better in the Masonic world than the Grand Officers, and they upheld the good name and character of the Craft. If the brethren believed him they would join him in enthusiastically drinking their health.

The Hon. Arthur Stanley, Provincial Grand Master for the Isle of Man, responded. On behalf of Grand Lodge and the Grand Officers he congratulated the brethren and the Chairman very sincerely on what probably would be the result of the night's meeting. His Masonic brother justly remarked that they had been brothers for a considerable number of years, and he was kind enough to allude to him. He had one fault to find with him, and only one, not only on being a brother, but on insisting on being an elder brother, but the circumstances were perfectly beyond his brother's control, and if he had been in his brother's place he should have done exactly the same thing. Might he say, in cutting this speech short, although it was no disparagement to his brother, his impression, from a glance at the toast list, was that before the evening was over the brethren would have heard enough of the Stanley family.

Lord Stanley, in proposing the toast of the evening—"Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons"—said his brother had paved the way for the boredom to be inflicted on the brethren by him. Before he thanked the brethren, as he must do, for what they had done now and in the past, yet he had ground to think of an appeal to them in the future, and the best incentive he could give was that they should continue in the good work that they had done and were doing. The object of the Masonic Benevolent Institution was well known to the brethren, but they might not know to what extent they were able to carry their generosity and charity. There were at the present moment on the books of the Institution 334 widows and 236 men as annuitants. The total of 570 persons involved the outlay of £22,000 on the part of the Society. For the next election to thirty-two vacancies there were no less than 121 candidates. When he said he hoped there would be a good return that evening it was in that hope it had been thought it had been possible to put on an extra thirty annuitants. That was what they had done in the past. He asked them to drink the health of this Institution, and in drinking it they would think it was an embodiment of all that Masons held most dear to Masonry, doing in practice what they preached. It was a strenuous life which always went on. There was no room for the waster ; there was little help for those who fell by the wayside. It was true Masons had their secrets ; but there was a secret which at the same time was no secret ; it was that perhaps which reminded them more than any other of their secrets—that they wished to dispense charity to the best of their means and ability ; and the secret they wished to insist on was not to let their left hand know what their right hand did. Brother Masons throughout the world knew no distinction of county or country, of creed or political party. There was a password that went to the heart of every Mason—it was the password of a brother fallen by the wayside holding out his hand for charity, asking brethren who possessed this world's goods to give to Masons equally good, with them a happy ending to a hard life. This was the appeal that was made to them ; it was the appeal of the chairman, whoever he might be ; it was the appeal which had been made by the chairmen in the past, it would be the appeal of those who might have to take that position. Masons' chief feeling was charity ; and that, if they would do what they wished to do—their duty to the Craft—was to do to others as they wished others to do to them. He had the happiness to go last Saturday to the Institution, where the annuitants, male and female, were enjoying the results of the brethren's generosity in the past. They were happy and content, and were looking forward to what would be the outcome of this

evening's festival. They were as happy as the brethren could make them. The last promise made to them was that they should know the result of to-night's subscriptions. One said to him: "It is not that we know our future is assured; we hope that you may be able to put others in the same position." There was deep gratitude in that; it was a gratitude that he was perfectly certain would come home to all the brethren, and in giving to them "The Health to the Institution," which he now did, he wished it, in the future, God-speed; might it always fulfil that good work which they wished it to do, and which they knew it was doing.

The toast having been drunk, the Secretary, Bro. P. Colville Smith, then read a summary of the lists, of which we give the totals:—

London—443 Stewards	...	£14,436 13 6
Provinces—683 Stewards	...	25,016 16 6
		£39,453 10 0

Bro. James Stephens, Treasurer of the Institution, in returning thanks, expressed the great gratification he felt at the result. It was a record, and he thanked the Chairman, whose popularity was such, that they wanted such men at the head of affairs. After stating that two or three years ago the Committee put on extra annuitants instead of piling up money for the future, he said they had already resolved to put on more, and after the success of this evening, he thought they would supplement that by another ten.

Sir E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary, in proposing "The health of the Chairman," said the brethren knew the important duties which devolved upon Lord Stanley as a member of the Government, and the brethren were the more grateful to him for finding time to come among them that evening. They all knew that the provinces of Lancashire, East and West, were never behindhand in the cause of charity, and he ventured to believe that the magnificent result just announced was, to a large extent, due to the popularity and influence so distinguished a brother possessed in his province.

Lord Stanley, in reply, thanked Sir E. Letchworth for his kind expressions. How was he to express his gratitude to the brethren, or repay the kindness they had shown him. It was such men as Bro. Colville Smith, and such friends who sat at the table and helped on the good work and contributed so largely to the funds that the great result of the night was due. There was no feeling of soreness in the cause of charity. That was shown by the kind message which had just been placed in his hands from West Yorkshire. "West Yorkshire, in losing the provincial record, desire to convey their warmest congratulations to their friends and brethren of East Lancashire." That was very pleasant. Other provinces were the same. He tendered to East Lancashire his warmest thanks. He could not repay them, but he wished them success. The Institution was doing a great work. The brethren helped it generously; they had minded those who needed it, and had nobly answered the appeal made to them. They had the reward which was always given, the reward of feeling they had done a good work; the reward which was not seen always at the time, but still it existed whether it was seen now or in future times.

Bro. Col. Beswicke-Royds, D.P.G.M. East Lancashire, proposed "The other Institutions," and wished the Girls' School and the Boys' School every success at their respective festivals.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges responded, and, in doing so, congratulated the Institution on its successful announcement, and the chairman on his province.

Bro. Sir Arthur Trendell proposed "The Stewards."

Bro. Charles D. Cheetham, P.G.D., Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, replied, and said the London brethren had handsomely supported the provincial brethren by bringing forward the noble sum of £14,426. He was always proud of what London did in the cause of Masonic charity and of charity generally. It was the pride of every Englishman; it was the wonder of the world. As



BRO. CHARLES D. CHEETHAM, P.G.D.

far as the provinces were concerned, the East Lancashire brethren did not think they would have had such support; but they gave them their thanks for what they had done. Coming to East Lancashire, he might say it had Charities of its own; they clothed and educated the young, and gave annuities to old Masons and widows. They had a fund with £1000 to the good. At these festivals its records were: 1902, £7600 odd; and the next year £8400. They made up their minds that this year they would top the tree.

United Grand Lodge of England.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, March 1st, and in accordance with recent custom when a contest for the Office of Grand Treasurer has occurred, it was summoned for two o'clock in the afternoon. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, opened Grand Lodge, and was supported by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master the Rt. Hon.

T. F. Halsey, M.P., with R.W. Bro. George Richards, District Grand Master of the Transvaal, as Past Grand Master. The minutes of the last quarterly communication, as far as they related to the election of Grand Treasurer having been read by the Grand Secretary, the Pro Grand Master announced that the poll was opened, and from that time until six o'clock a steady stream of brethren passed through the Temple to

record their votes for the respective candidates. At the close of the poll it was found that no fewer than 2,717 voting cards had been issued, a number far in excess of any previous contest.

At six o'clock Grand Lodge was again declared open, and after the scrutineers for the ballot had been obligated, the usual business was proceeded with.

The Pro Grand Master announced that the Election of a Grand Master was the first business on the agenda. W. Bro. Judge Lumley Smith in proposing the present Grand Master for re-election, said it was his privilege to propose in Grand Lodge the re-election of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn as Grand Master of the Order. It was a proposal which he knew would be accepted by the brethren with the utmost unanimity, and he was quite sure, therefore, that seeing the mass of business that Grand Lodge had to get through it was necessary for him to say but a very few words. His Royal

Highness has now been Grand Master for four years. In those four years it must be admitted that the dignity of his high office has been maintained, and the prosperity of Freemasonry had continued uninterrupted. During that time, however, an event had occurred which was fresh in all their minds—he referred to the serious accident which had but recently befallen his Royal Highness. That accident was one which, judging from experience, might have been attended with fatal results, but it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. that that event should only have a good result, inasmuch as it had been the means of drawing out a very great manifestation, not only

from Masons, but from all England, of the popularity his Royal Highness enjoyed. It was a fitting opportunity to take of congratulating his Royal Highness on his providential escape, and of expressing the hope that his Royal Highness might return from the voyage he had taken enjoying renewed health and vigour. Without impertinence he thought he might also offer, in the name of the brethren, his heartiest felicitations to his Royal Highness on the announcement that had been made of the forthcoming marriage of his daughter. He would conclude by proposing that his Royal Highness be elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The motion having been seconded, it was put to the vote and carried by acclamation, whereupon W. Bro. Frank

Richardson, Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed His Royal Highness Grand Master in the customary manner.

The Pro Grand Master then said that he was taking the unusual course of moving a resolution without notice because the announcement of which he wished to speak had been made two days after the meeting of the Committee of Grand Lodge, and it was, therefore, impossible to have acquainted the brethren beforehand. He proposed to move that a sum of money not exceeding 250 guineas be expended in a wedding present to her Royal Highness. They would agree with him that it was an occasion that called for recognition by Grand Lodge, for not only was the Princess the eldest daughter of their Grand Master, but King Oscar of Sweden, the grandfather of the bridegroom elect, was himself an ardent Freemason, the Protector of the Swedish Order, and a Past Grand Warden of their own Grand Lodge. He, therefore, moved that that sum be voted, and that his Royal Highness be asked

to decide later what form the presentation should take.

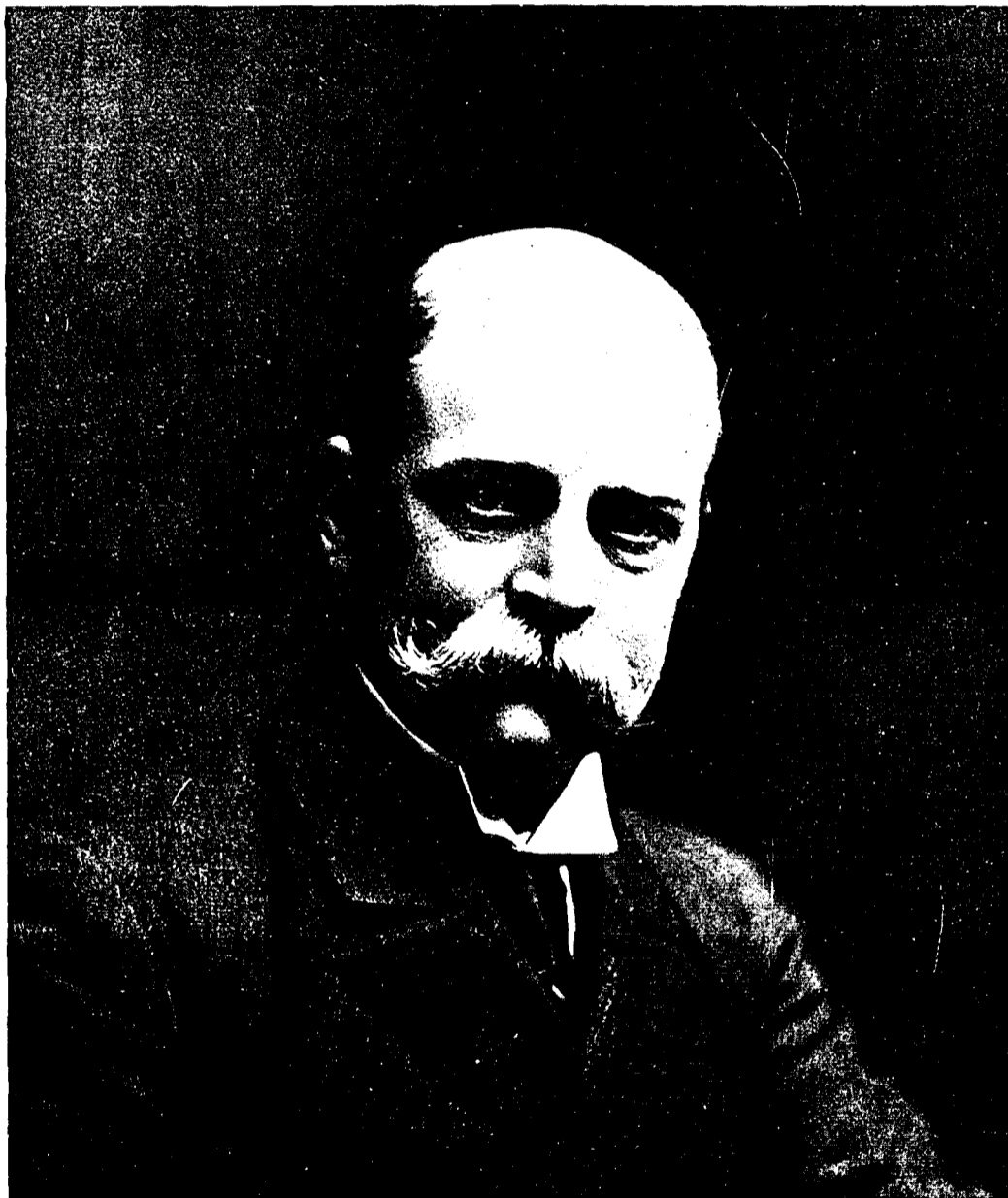
The Deputy Grand Master seconded the motion, which, he said, would express the sentiments not only of all members of their own jurisdiction, but of every jurisdiction throughout the world.

The motion was carried amid much enthusiasm.

After the motion of the president of the Board of Benevolence, W. Bro. J. H. Matthews, confirming the various grants which had been made by that body during the quarter, Bro. Sir Arthur Collins, K.C., proceeded to move the adoption of the report of the Board of General Purposes so far as it referred to Freemasons' Tavern, to the effect that—in view of the

expiration of the lease to Messrs. Spiers and Pond, at Michaelmas next, the question of re-leasing the premises had been very carefully considered, and the Board had arrived at the decision to recommend the acceptance of the offer of Messrs. J. Lyons & Co., of a rental of £3,000 per annum for a period of fourteen years, and the Board be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £30,000, which was considered necessary for the reconstruction and redecoration of the Tavern. He thought they were such as to be accepted, and he moved that that portion of the report be adopted.

Bro. Frank Richardson said it became his duty as Chairman of the Premises Committee to second the resolution. He assured the brethren that the proposals contained in the report had been arrived at by substantial majorities of the



BRO. STANLEY J. ATTENBOROUGH, GRAND TREASURER.

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committee appointed to investigate the matter, which had been a very representative committee, and one which was composed of business men and others well qualified to deal with the questions that had arisen. It might, of course, be asked with regard to the proposal why should not the lessee of the Tavern do his own repairs; but in answer he would say that no one would undertake to re-model the Tavern in accordance with the requirements of the Craft unless a fifty years' lease were given. As Grand Lodge was amply possessed of the necessary funds, therefore it was thought desirable to do what had been proposed in the report of the Board, that was to spend the money themselves and only grant a short lease.

Bro. Lewis Ferguson, P.M., moved as an amendment, that the question be referred back to the Board as to its desirability, and especially as to the omission in the report of any reference to the alterations in the Temple of Grand Lodge. It was not long ago that the question of excluding the Wardens from Grand Lodge had been discussed in connection with the inadequate accommodation provided in the Temple of Freemasons' Hall. He would ask, was another fourteen years to elapse before the question would be considered? And whether the proposed arrangement with Messrs. Lyons was the best?

Bro. E. W. Nightingale, P.G.P., seconded Bro. Ferguson's amendment, pointing out that in granting this lease they should have regard to the fact that Great Queen Street might

very well in the near future become a back street, and that in view of the new street being made, it would be much better if Freemasons' Tavern were behind the Hall.

In connection with the view that the sum mentioned was too much to spend on alterations, such as were proposed, a member of the Board of General Purposes pointed out that they would get full value for the money expended in the extra rental that was to be paid by Messrs. Lyons. With regard to the accommodation in the Temple of Freemasons' Hall, that was a question which would come up again for settlement. In some eight years' time many of the leases of the adjoining property around Freemasons' Hall would have fallen in, and that would give them a chance to remedy the evils complained of.

A grand officer remarked that if in the meantime the present system of election of Grand Treasurer were altered, he ventured to think there would be no necessity for any enlargement of Freemasons' Hall.

The brethren divided on the motion, with the result that the resolution was carried by a majority of 41.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

The scrutineers not having completed their examination of the voting cards for Grand Treasurer, the result was afterwards communicated to the M.W. Pro Grand Master as follows: Bro. S. J. Attenborough, 1150; Bro. E. C. Mulvey, 849; Bro. G. F. Edwards, 718. Bro. Attenborough was therefore declared duly elected.

Installation Meeting of the Westbourne Lodge, No. 733.

THIS prosperous lodge held its installation meeting recently at the Holborn Restaurant, the incoming Master, Bro. Charles Halston, being installed by Bro. Frederick Beesley, whose own induction a year ago Westbournians will remember as having been chronicled in these columns. Nothing was wanting on this occasion to render the meeting a complete success, and that the ceremonial part of the work was well done need hardly be said. Bro. Beesley celebrated his leave-taking of the Chair by taking up a list for the Benevolent Institution, the splendid result of which festival has since been announced.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Charles Halston, W.M., Frederick Beesley, I.P.M., John Welford, P.G. Std. Br., Treasurer; S. R. Walker, Secretary; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Std. Br., D. of C.; Henry Times P.G.D.C.; W.C. Wise, P.M. Lodge No. 2789; Rev. R. Jamblin, P.P.G.

Chap.; Curtis, Drew, Arrowsmith, Brown, Bagnall, Roberts, Weaver, Hallett, and Faircloth, P.M.'s, and many others.

The subsequent festivities were not allowed to suffer any deviation from the high standard maintained by this lodge, the toasts being interspersed with songs, humorous and sentimental. The toast of "The Grand Officers," following that of "The King" and "The Grand Master," was replied to by Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. Std. Br., who said he could not help feeling that as the years went by he would also have to "go by," but the time had not come yet, and although at first he felt some uncertainty as to whether he would really be with them that evening, yet there he was, and very glad he was to be with them. There were very few faces around him he did not know, and it did him good to be there. The toast of the evening followed, proposed by Bro. Beesley, who asked the brethren to drink the jolly good "Health of their Worshipful Master," Bro. Charles Halston. Bro. Halston had been performing the ascent of the ladder in that lodge during the past eight years, and he had now attained to the summit where he hoped the brethren would support him as they had done their Worshipful Masters in the past, and in the way they so well knew how to do.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he must introduce himself in his new position as a sort of rough diamond, if he might be pardoned the expression. He hoped the wisdom of his predecessors would in some measure infect him, and that he should not only have plenty of work to do, but that he should do it ably. They also wanted the right sort of candidates. That fact had always been kept in view in the Westbourne Lodge, and he hoped it would be the case during the year he had the honour and pleasure to preside over them. In proposing the toast of the "I.P.M.," Bro. Beesley, it was, he said unnecessary for him to remark on the appropriateness of such a toast, still less for honouring the recipient of that toast that evening. Bro. Beesley's record was well known to them, while his own had yet to be established.

Bro. Beesley rounded off the occasion by saying that it was the same old face that rose to greet them although in another place. He assured them of his delight in continuing to do work for them, even though it were in the capacity of Immediate Past Master.

The Library and Museum of the Grana Lodge of England.

Their Origin and Progress.—(Continued.)

BY HENRY SADLER.

WE are precluded by want of space from giving prominence to many of the valuable donations, for which we are indebted to these brethren, but, as the originals are always on view, we would suggest that our readers come and see for themselves.

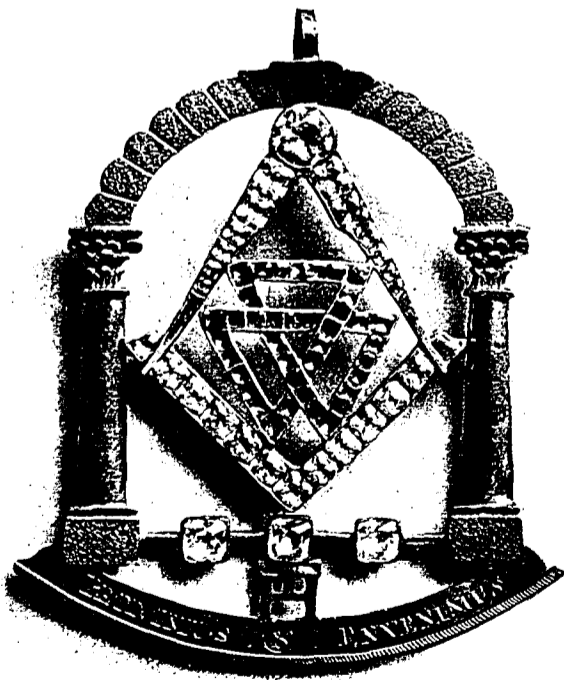
The handsome oval jewel, bearing in relief the figures of the three Grand Masters, who are said to have presided at the building of King Solomon's Temple, was one of the earliest contributions to the museum made by His Honour, Judge Philbrick, K.C.



(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

PAST MASTER'S JEWEL, 1785.
Presented by Judge Philbrick, P.G.W.

We have several of a similar design but of different make, one of bronze, one of silver, and a third a beautiful specimen of Battersea enamel. They were used as presentation jewels to Past Masters of the "Modern" lodges in



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ROYAL ARCH PRINCIPAL'S JEWEL, 18TH CENTURY.
Presented by George Kenning & Son.

the latter half of the 18th century. The one photographed for this paper is of more than usual importance, having an inscription on the back with particulars which are lacking

in others. The inscription is as follows:—"The Gift of the Patriotic Lodge to Robert Kidder, R.W.M., for his Steady and Upright Conduct, June 23, 1785." The Patriotic Lodge was constituted at Croydon in 1783, and was erased from the list of lodges in 1822, having been several years in abeyance.

The fine old 18th century Royal Arch Principal's jewel, one of several presentations, by George Kenning and Son, is unique, being the only example of the kind in our museum. The square and compasses are composed of paste brilliants, and the triple triangle in the centre is of garnets, set in silver, the frame work of the jewel being gilt. The unique silver breast jewel, one of the gifts of Spencer and Co., is, or was, worn by the members of the Lodge of St. John and St. Paul, Malta. Bros. Henry G. and Walter Spilling, who are also liberal contributors to our museum, are here represented by a P.Z. jewel of unusual design and excellent workmanship, presented by the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, to one of its founders in 1850.



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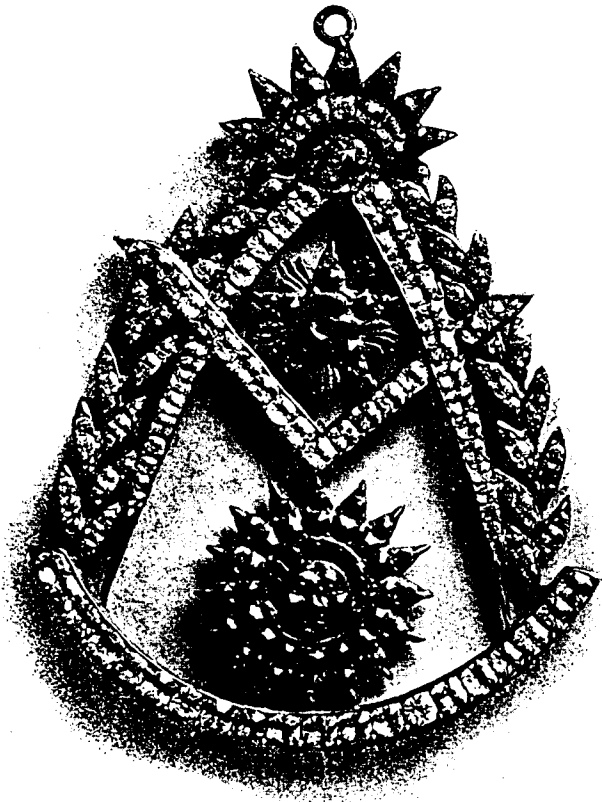
MEMBER'S JEWEL OF LODGE ST. JOHN AND ST. PAUL.
Presented by Spencer & Co.

The handsome old collar jewel, given by Samuel Vallentine, is deservedly much admired. It is composed of the finest paste brilliants, red, white, topaz—yellow and green, artistically arranged, is apparently of French make, and was probably intended for the Master of a French Lodge in the latter half of the 18th century. Owing to the absence of colour the photograph hardly does justice to its beauty.

We consider that the gem of this class is the beautiful little Past Master's jewel, presented to Dr. Reynolds by the Royal Lodge in 1777. It is of enamel and fine gold, and the workmanship is of the highest order. The central emblems are of dark blue, with a border of red, on which is the motto, "Friendship and Benevolence" in gold letters. The border on the reverse is formed of clasped hands. So far as we know it is quite unique, for we are not aware of the existence of another of the same design. It was evidently

worn on a ribbon round the neck, and was given to the Grand Lodge collection, several years ago, by a descendant of the original owner.

The Royal Lodge—so-called because two of our Royal Dukes were initiated in it—was constituted in 1764, and was a rather remarkable Lodge in its day. It was a "Red Apron Lodge," and at one time had the privilege of being represented by two Grand Stewards at each Grand Festival. It fell into abeyance in the early part of the last century, but was retained on the list until 1824, when it was united to the Alpha Lodge, No. 16, the latter taking its name and thus becoming the Royal Alpha Lodge.



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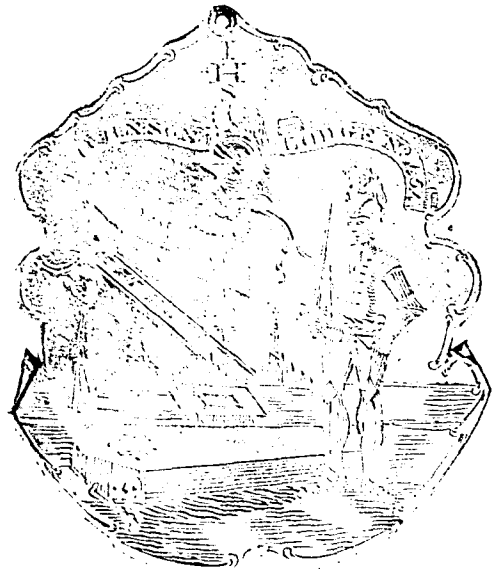
FRENCH MASTER'S JEWEL, 18TH CENTURY.
Presented by Samuel Vallentine, P.G.P.

APRONS AND OTHER REGALIA.

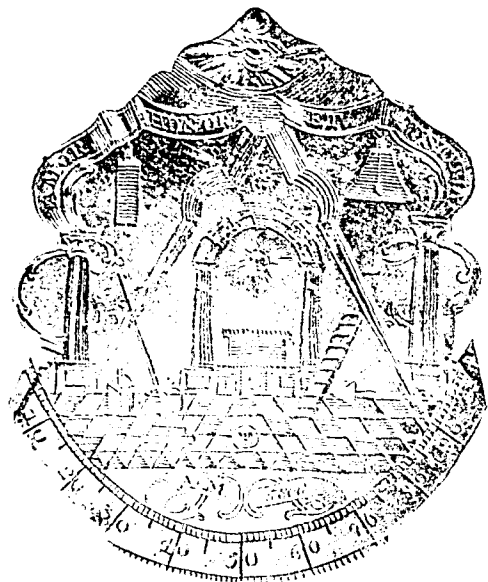
The large and interesting collection of aprons and other regalia appertaining to the various degrees of the Fraternity in many countries, for the exhibition of which no adequate

apron worn by the late Duke of Leinster, many years Grand Master of Ireland, and the plain Master Mason's apron worn by His Majesty King Edward VII., on his attending the Grand Lodge to be invested as Past Grand Master.

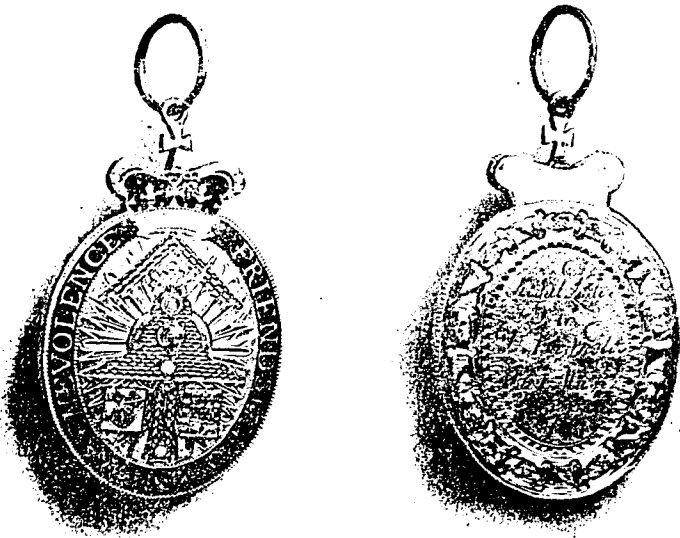
This historic badge was presented to the museum by the late Sir Albert Woods, who wrote the tablet affixed to the flap, which, owing to the necessary reduction in the size of the photograph, is somewhat indistinct. The inscription is as follows:—"This is the apron worn by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his introduction into Grand Lodge, and prior to his investiture as Past Grand Master. Albert W. Woods, G.D.C., 1st December, 1869." In striking contrast to the plain regulation apron worn by the subsequent head of the Order, is the artistic apron of an earlier period. This badge of the past is of white leather, the ornaments being carefully painted in gold and colours. It may be termed a combination apron, as, like many others of the same period, it bears the



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OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF OLD SILVER MEDAL.
Presented by Thomas Wakley, Junr., P.G.D.

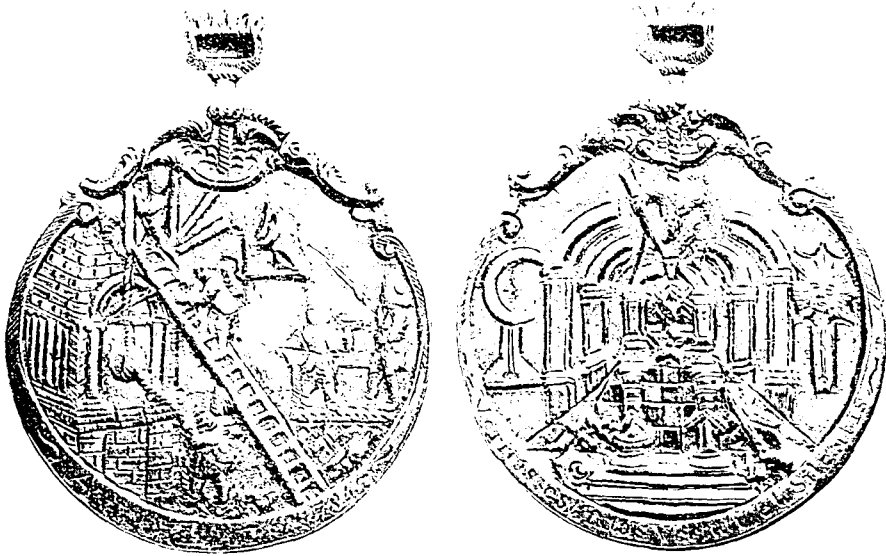


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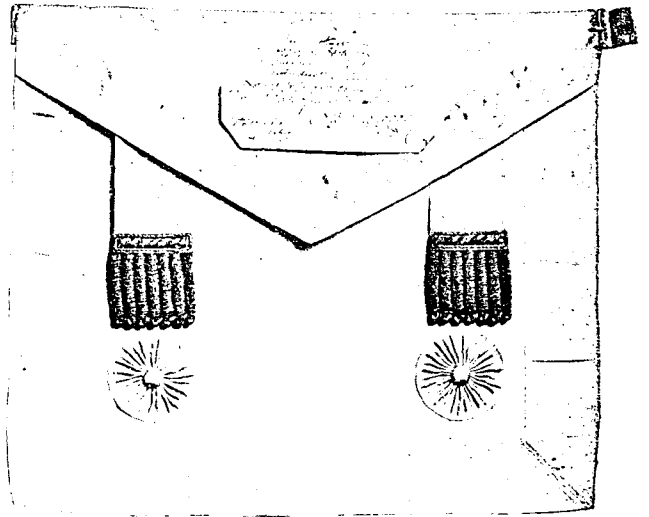
PAST MASTER'S JEWEL OF THE ROYAL LODGE.
Presented by a descendant of the original owner.

provision has yet been made, is well worthy of inspection. It includes the Grand Master's aprons worn by the late Duke of Sussex and the Earl of Zetland, as well as the Grand Chapter apron worn by the latter, and also the Royal Arch

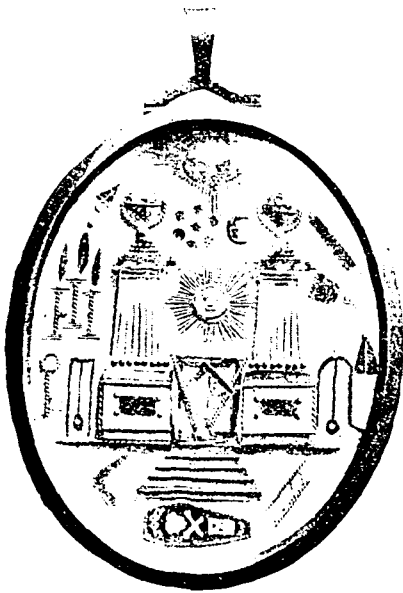
emblems of the Order of Royal Arch Masonry, as well as those of the Craft degrees. The pre-union Grand Lodge arms on the flap indicates that it was painted prior to 1814. This apron has a history which may probably interest our brethren of the theatrical profession. On the back neatly written on a slip of pink paper, pasted on the leather, is the following inscription:—"This was the Masonic apron of Lionel Benjamin Raynes of the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, original proprietor of the Strand Theatre. He was the most successful of the followers of the celebrated John Emery, and was selected to succeed him on his death, in or about the year 1820. Mr. Raynes, a few days before his death, presented his apron to his friend, John Reddish, who now



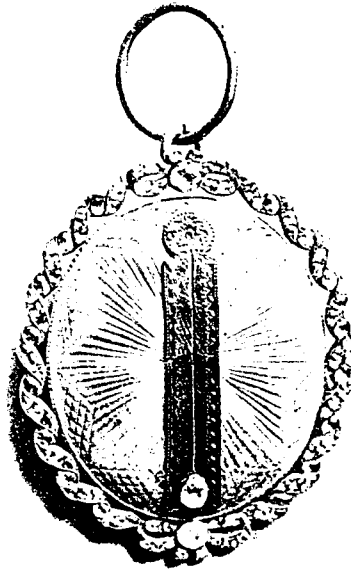
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 OBVERSE AND REVERSE OF SILVER MEDAL, 5781.
 Presented by Edmund Coste, P.M. No. 9.



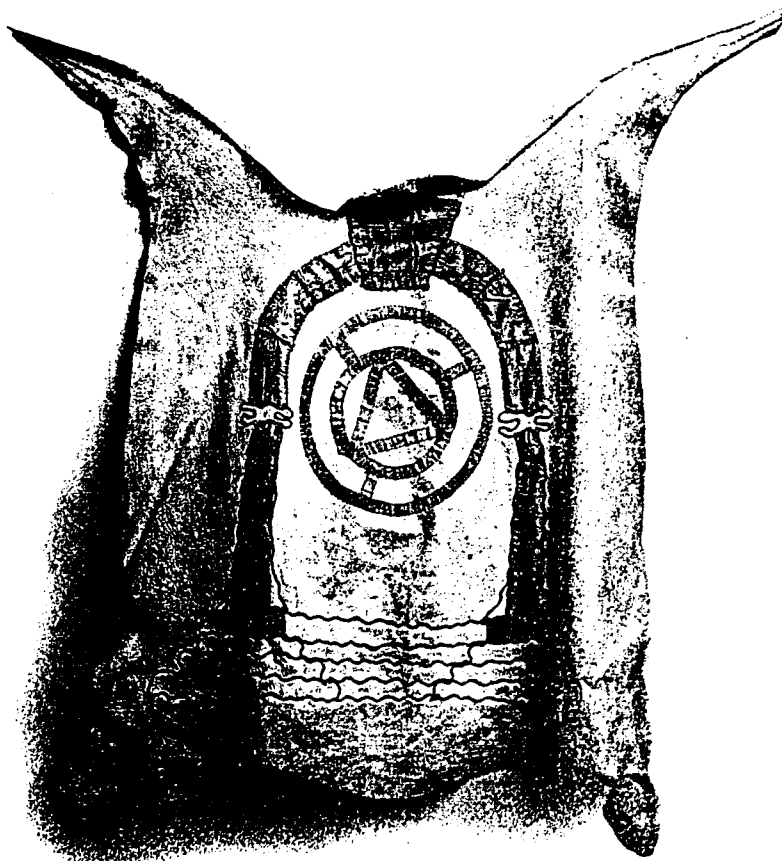
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 APRON WORN BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING,
 Prior to his investiture as Past Grand Master.



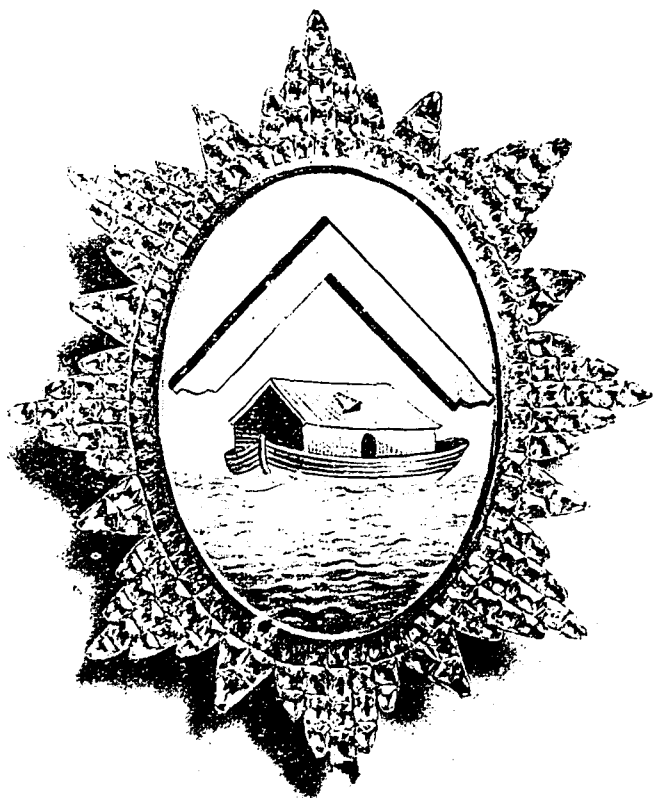
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 JEWEL MADE BY A FRENCH PRISONER OF WAR.
 Presented by Robert Greg, P.G.W.



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 PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN'S JEWEL, 1785.
 Presented by Sir Lionel Durrell, Bart., P.G.W.



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 OLD ROYAL ARCH APRON.
 Presented by the late J. H. Sillitor.



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 OLD ROYAL ARK MARINER'S COLLAR JEWEL.
 Presented by Mrs. Irwin.

presents it to A. J. D. Filer, June, 1857." The following was written by Br. Filer:—"Presented to Br. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, by Br. Filer, 23rd February, 1877. A. J. Duff Filer."

We have also the apron worn by the late Charles Mathews, when a member of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, presented by Captain William E. Chapman.

The old Royal Arch apron, presented by the late J. H. Sillitoe, of Manchester, is the earliest form of apron known to the Craft. We have no means of ascertaining its age, but it probably dates back to about the middle of the 18th century. We consider its possession of great importance



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OLD ROYAL ARCH APRON, FORMERLY THE PROPERTY OF JOHN HERVEY, G. SECRETARY.

from an antiquarian point of view, as it clearly indicates the operative origin of the badge or apron of the speculative Fraternity.

The handsomely embroidered Masonic sash, presented by Lady Letchworth, is apparently of French make, although differing in some respect from others in the collection known to be of French origin.

Possibly a brief description of it may enable some one amongst our readers to enlighten us as to the particular grade or branch of the Order to which it appertains.

The ribbon is four inches and a quarter wide, of light blue colour, with a half inch border of bright red. The jewel or ornament appended is of metal gilt, composed of leaves worked both sides. In the centre is a wreath encircling a monogram formed by the letters C.M.K., over which are two hands clasped,

On the whole, we think the English Craft has good reason to be proud of its Library and Museum at headquarters, and of the progress that has been made during the last twenty or so years in bringing together so many interesting relics of the past, and when we remember that there are now other collections of a similar character in different parts of the country, some in private hands and others belonging to various lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges, we have all the more reason for gratification. We are pleased in being able to add that, since the last issue of this journal, the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, has presented one of its Special Centenary Jewels, thus



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OLD FRENCH MASONIC SASH.
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only leaving one (that of the Albion Lodge, Quebec) wanting to complete the collection.

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A PROPOSAL that demands a poll of the whole Craft under the Constitution, must be one of considerable importance, and deserving of careful consideration. Whatever is done as the result of the present appeal, it may be taken for granted will not readily be undone. We are therefore on the point of legislating, not only for the present, but for the next generation as well. True the cash book is not a landmark, like the Volume of the Sacred Law, and even if it were, there are those who say that the connection of the Grand Treasurer with the Grand Cash Book has become so

attenuated as to be almost undiscernable. This argument for the abolition of the office may be considered later. Meanwhile there seems to be unanimity of opinion that change of some kind is necessary. Neither the unanimity nor the opinion has been of hasty growth, because for years past the circumstances attendant upon the election of successive Grand Treasurers have never failed to call for comment in the Masonic press, and, not infrequently, in the profane press. We need not, therefore, re-open the past, but, without seeming to pre-judge the issue, or even to influence those to whom it is confided, we may add somewhat to the circular which the Board has so wisely sent round for the information of brethren. The office was not always the sinecure that it is now said to be. From the time of Bro. John Dent, to that of Bro. John Creaton, that is from 1813 to 1883, successive incumbents of the office have been treasurers in fact as well as in name. The transfer of financial responsibility, from treasurer to secretary, began early in the eighties. In 1883, Bro. Creaton, who had been re-elected as a matter of course since 1879, was again proposed. Certain influential brethren seem to have conceived the idea, or perhaps recognised as a fact that the office bade fair to become a life tenancy, a freehold, in fact, like that of the Grand Secretary or the Grand Tyler. An agitation sprang up, which differed from the present, in that no official notice was taken of it, and eventually Bro. Allcroft was nominated in opposition to Bro. Creaton. Readers of the Masonic literature of that period will not easily forget the paper warfare that raged for some months. Bro. Allcroft was elected, and when he had served for a year, to every one's amazement, his friends put him up for a second term of office. Such a *rolle face* demanded explanation, and Bro. Allcroft's friends were not without courage, for many of them wrote to the papers to say that during the past twelve months they had undergone a change of opinion with regard to the advisability of an annual change of treasurer. When the day of election came round, however, these gentlemen proved to be in a minority, and Bro. H. B. Marshall was elected, and the principle then seemed to be established that the office was not tenable for two years in succession. There seems to have been some recollection of this, in the present proposal that Past Grand Officers shall be ineligible. That is, that what was previously a convention, shall be crystallized into a regulation. This is of course the true spirit of legislation, the crystallization of public opinion.

Whether it be for the good of the Craft that the present relation between the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall continue, is a question outside our present province. But one word of warning may be uttered. It may not always be the case. In the State, the constitutional practice is for the popular representatives to keep command of the purse, and no one has ever discovered any disloyalty to the person or the office of the sovereign, because of this important limitation of his prerogative. As things are today, possibly the public money might be a good deal more profitably spent if the monarch had the spending of it, and the same may, with equal truth, be said of the finances of the Craft. In fact, such is our confidence in the constitutional nature of our government that we have for so many years been content with the nominal hold upon the finances represented by the popular election of their nominal guardian. But is it certain that this will be the case for ever? Should Grand Lodge ever want to regain effectual control, nothing but a departmental re-arrangement would be necessary as things are, but if it had ever surrendered the only hold it has, recovery might be next to impossible, without the exhibition of a good deal of disloyalty.

This is the only point of view from which it seems unadvisable to transfer patronage from Grand Lodge to the Grand Master, for, although another reason has been adduced that has a plausible look, there is really nothing in it. Grand Lodge is made up of an official and a popularly elected element. These are the Grand Officers, the nominees of the Grand Master, and the brethren on the floor who represent the lodges. The latter number some 16,000, are in such an enormous majority, that the objection to any increase of the Grand Master's nominees has no real weight. In civil

government, we know that the Prime Minister has always, as a last resort, the power of creating peers wholesale, and he has the further power of invoking the Royal Warrant when things appear to call for it, as for instance when purchase was abolished in the army. In days gone by, something of the same kind used to happen in the Craft, when the Grand Master's prerogative proved to be of such elastic dimensions, that seditious brethren were sometimes moved to ask for a definition of its beginning and ending.

The present appeal, to the whole Craft may probably result in suggestions how to make the election a more popular one. A polling booth in each province would do much to solve the problem, if it were not for the districts abroad. The most effectual and inexpensive mode of election would be to issue voting papers to each lodge, making suitable provision against plural voting. Three thousand penny stamps would cover the postage, and the total cost, including printing, &c., would not exceed £50, and we venture to think that very few candidates for the office have been able to keep their expenses down to that figure.

If the proposed legislation takes this form, it will be necessary to limit canvassing.

In fact, it is the excessive canvassing and the ill-judged manner in which it has gone on, that is largely responsible for the feeling that change is desirable. If the lodges abroad are admitted to the practical benefit of the franchise, as they have always been theoretically, then canvassing at all will become almost impossible, otherwise than through the post. Grand Lodge has already given expression to an opinion on the subject of this election. Some years ago a hospitably-inclined candidate, with the most innocent and laudable intentions in the world, provided refreshment for those of his supporters who came from a distance, but unfortunately it was impossible to keep an effectual check upon those who availed themselves of the brother's hospitality, and many unauthorized persons gained admission, and the brother who raised the question in Grand Lodge referred to the "treating" that went on. Grand Lodge thereupon, whilst not adopting the censure proposed, contented itself with recording an abstract opinion that any such inducement as that described was unmasonic.

There is never an evil that is unmingled with good, and the excessive canvassing of recent years has shown up one gratifying feature of the election. It is only Masonic merit that after all is relied upon even by the most zealous supporter to gain votes for his candidate. A competition that takes the form of seeing who can do most for the Charities, is not lightly to be condemned, and in the terms of commendation with which candidates are proposed, whilst private and public virtues are by no means forgotten, their attitude with regard to the Charities always ranks first.



Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, the successful candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer at the recent Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, has long been a prominent figure in London Masonry. His position as Treasurer of the Boys' School, and also for a long period its honorary solicitor, have brought him continually into contact, not only with metropolitan Masons, but with brethren from all parts of the country, from whom he has won that regard and respect which is always accorded to the strenuous and disinterested Craftsmen. Bro. Attenborough has a Masonic record of 21 years behind him, and although his services had been already recognised by the M.W. Grand Master, by his appointment to Grand Officer, few will dispute the fitness of the selection by the Craft for the higher distinction.

Bro. Attenborough was initiated in the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, in January, 1894, afterwards joining the Lombardian Lodge, No. 2348, of which lodge he is a Past Master. He is also a member and a Past First Principal of the Lombardian Royal Arch Chapter. In 1897 he was honoured by the M.W. Grand Master by appointment to the rank of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



But it is his splendid services in connection with the charitable institutions, and his generous contributions, both in time and money, more especially to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which constitute his greatest claim to the gratitude of the brethren. During many years he ungrudgingly gave up much of his professional time as honorary solicitor to the Boys' School—the duties connected therewith, it is unnecessary to state, being of a most onerous nature—from the time of the inception of the scheme for the new schools at Bushey until the completion of that undertaking. The value of these services it is impossible to over-estimate. Bro. Attenborough is a patron of each of the three Masonic Institutions, for which he has served as Steward on no less than fifty-one occasions.



The Grand Lodge of English Freemasons, writes the *Westminster Gazette*, in voting a handsome wedding gift to Princess Margaret of Connaught, the eldest daughter of its Grand Master, has contrived a double debt to pay; for not only is a graceful honour thus rendered to its chief, but a special recognition is made of the Royal House of Sweden, with which Masonry has in a striking degree for long been identified. King Oscar himself initiated into Freemasonry, not far from forty years ago, King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, and now Protector of the Craft in this country, and since 1888 he has been a Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England. His Majesty is, moreover, Master of the Order or Vicar of Solomon in Sweden and Norway, while the Crown Prince—father of Princess Margaret's affianced—is the National Grand Master; and in this they follow the example of the last sovereign of the House of Holstein-Gottorp and the first of the House of Ponte Corvo or Bernadotte; for when Charles XIII. resigned the office of Grand Master in 1811, and it was assumed by his adopted heir, afterwards Charles XIV. and the founder of the present dynasty, he retained the position of "Vicarius Solomonis." And it will especially appeal to English Freemasons, who work so hard in support of their three great benevolent institutions, that, many years before any one of these was established, there had been founded in Stockholm a Freemasons' Orphanage in 1753, the year in which King Adolf Fredrik, the earliest of the House of Holstein-Gottorp, took upon himself the "Chiefmastership over all Societies of Freemasons in the Kingdom," and became the first Protector of the Craft in Sweden.



To no single worker is the success of the present years' Benevolent Festival more attributable than to the Chairman of the Provincial Grand Charity Committee of East Lancashire, Bro. C. D. Cheetham, P.G.D. For many months past our zealous brother has devoted all his leisure, and a great portion of his business hours, to secure the success of this festival, and to him, the result of his efforts to place the province in the position it now occupies in regard to the Masonic Charities, must be peculiarly gratifying.



Bro. Cheetham, of whose Masonic career we gave an account on his appointment to the office of Grand Deacon in 1901, was appointed Chairman of the East Lancashire Charity Committee, in succession to the late Bro. J. H. Sillitoe. He has never missed serving as steward of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for the past eighteen years, and has attended as such at every festival during that period. He is also a vice-president of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and has served five stewardships for each of these institutions.

The Quatuor Coronati Lodge has arranged a very attractive programme for its summer outing this year, which should be one of the most popular of the many excursions of that Lodge. It has been decided to make the ancient City of Chester the centre of the excursion, and the many interesting architectural features which it contains amply warrants the visit. The local brethren, moreover, have determined that a very pleasant and instructive time shall be spent.

Bro. Alfred J. Robbins, P.M. of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, was the subject, recently, of a genial caricature at the hands of the inimitable "F. C. G." the cartoonist of the *Westminster Gazette*. It took the form of a Christmas and New Year's



Greeting Card, and those who have the pleasure of the acquaintance of the able journalist and excellent Mason, whom it so cleverly depicts, will readily recognise under the quaint guise of the pictorial art of ancient Egypt, the familiar personality of Bro. Robbins.

Lincolnshire Freemasons will have heard with regret of the resignation, through failing health, of Bro. W. Harling Sissons, of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire, which he had held for nearly thirteen years. Bro. Harling Sissons, who has been residing at Duddington Vicarage, Stamford, is taking up residence in the South of France. Canon Bullock, P.G. Chaplain, Vicar of Spalding, has been appointed to succeed him as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The Province of Durham, with its 45 lodges and between four and five thousand members, is particularly interested in the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for 1906, when the Right Hon. Lord Barnard will preside. Already, in response to the preliminary circular issued by those in charge of the matter, the sum of £1,150 has been contributed, and the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Barnard, has generously promised the sum of 100 guineas towards the fund, and already forwarded a moiety of 50 guineas. Lady Barnard has also shown her interest by sending a cheque for ten guineas, an example, it is hoped, that others may follow. The province of Durham has several beneficiaries in the institution receiving its benefits, and just recently four petitions from widows were accepted for future election.

For the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. the Earl of Dartmouth as Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch Province of Staffordshire, in succession to Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley, V.C., who has resigned the appointment after twelve years' service, a Convocation was held at Wolverhampton on the 27th February. The Installation ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Z., and among the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter present were Comps. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., G.S.E., Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker, Provincial Grand S.E., R. G. Venables (Shropshire), G. Beech (Warwickshire), F. Richardson, P.G. Reg., G.D.C., J. F. Pepper, G. C. Kent, J. Bodenham, and upwards of 100 members from the various chapters throughout the province. Lord Dartmouth appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Companions, J. F. Pepper, Prov. Grand H.; W. Lister, Prov. Grand J.; Col. Walker, Prov. Grand Scribe E.; G. C. Kent, Treasurer; H. Wilkins, Registrar; W. Allman, P.S.; J. J. Smith, first assistant; W. Webster, second assistant; Elijah Jones, S.B.; W. Baker, St.B.; L. W. Potts, D.C.; J. E. Mitchell, Asst D.C.; J. Jackson, Organist.

In the evening a banquet was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Lord Dartmouth presiding. The usual Masonic toasts were honoured. Lord Dartmouth, in responding to the toast of his health, proposed by Col. Bindley, said he undertook this duty in the Royal Arch in the firm confidence that he would receive the same loyalty, the same courtesy, and the same consideration which he had received from his brethren in the Craft—an association which had been one of the happiest and pleasantest in his life. In the course of the evening Lord Dartmouth sent the good wishes of the assembly to Bro. Sir Henry Irving. Sir Henry, from his room in the hotel, sent a reply acknowledging the "fraternal and loving greetings of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Staffordshire."

The committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund met on March 2nd, at Plymouth, to arrange for the annual meeting and election on Wednesday, April 5th. W. Bro. F. B. Westlake, D.P.G.M., presided, and there were also present W. Bros. J. B. Gover, Hon. Secretary; W. Allsford, Hon. Treasurer; C. G. Withell, C. Mutton, C. Piper (Exeter), E. Fage, S. Broad, F. Maitland and W. A. Staton. It was decided to hold the meeting at Plymouth at three o'clock in the afternoon of the 5th prox., and to declare one vacancy, but in the event of there being three or more applications, to elect two children on the fund. A committee was appointed to examine petitions and place candidates on the list.

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On that occasion also the Chair was occupied by a Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, the late Lieut.-Gen. Le Gendre-Starkie, and that province achieved the distinction, as now, of creating a record, the subscriptions amounting to a total of £13,800, of which sum the chairmans' province contributed £3,500.

For some years past the officers and members of the senior lodge in the province of Kent, Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, have felt the desirability of establishing a home for Freemasons in Chatham. In conjunction with the brethren of Lord Charles Beresford Lodge, No. 2404, they took the opportunity offered of acquiring a site for that purpose on the east side of Manor Road. A company was formed for the purpose, and Bro. G. E. Bond was instructed to draw up plans for a building which will include in its area a fine Masonic temple, and a banqueting hall of similar proportions, with smaller rooms for minor occasions; together with all the rooms necessary (including a fine billiard room) for the conducting of a successful club. The building, when finished, will cost about £5,500, and will be one of the most imposing in the district. On February 17th, the Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, as Provincial Grand Master of Kent, laid the foundation stone, with the impressive and imposing ceremonies observed in Freemasonry on such occasions. The auspicious occasion was marked by the attendance of the greater part of the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the officers and brethren of the local lodges and others in the province, and a full muster of the officers and members of Lodge 20 ("Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity," Chatham), Lodge 2404 ("Lord Charles Beresford," Chatham), and also Lodge 1174 ("Pentangle," Chatham), who joined in entertaining the visitors.

The Craft generally will share the regret of the brethren of West Yorkshire at the accident which has occurred to the Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Herbert Green, who, a few days ago sustained a fractured leg while on a visit to Mr. Beaumont at Hatfield Hall, Wakefield. As a result of the accident Bro. Green is unable to attend to his official duties, being laid up at Wakefield. It is hoped, however, that he will shortly be able to return to Leeds.

W. Bro. Robert Wylie presided at the annual meeting of the West Lancashire Benevolent Institution, held on the 22nd February, at the Masonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool, the attendance being large. A very satisfactory report was adopted, and all who had contributed to the good work were thanked. The hon. officers (Bros. Herbert F. Burrows, treasurer; G. Barclay, secretary; James Platt, Phillip Lloyd, and W. Savage, auditors) were re-elected, Bro. A. G. Inglis being added as joint secretary.

Following upon the recent successes of the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Cambridge University Local Examinations in December last, we were pleased to find that at the January Matriculation Examination of the London University, the five senior boys who entered passed—one in the first, and the others in the second division. The average of these boys was only sixteen years seven months. During the last nine years, twenty-seven boys have been entered and all passed, fourteen in the first division of this difficult examination with an average age of sixteen years nine months.

At a meeting of Emulation Royal Arch Chapter, at Hastings, on Monday, February 27th, the Very Rev. Dean Currie was presented with regalia on his appointment by the Duke of Connaught to the office of Grand Superintendent of Sussex. There was a numerous gathering of Masons. In accepting the regalia, Dean Currie spoke in praise of General Randolph, his predecessor, and also of his keen appreciation of the very high honour it had pleased the Duke of Connaught to confer upon him. The recipient expressed his gratitude to the Chapter for their extreme kindness in presenting him with the lovely regalia.

Quite one of the most interesting and deserving charities is the Christian Community. This society was founded by the Huguenots in 1685, its double object being for visiting and preaching the gospel in workhouses and other places, and for the relief of the very poorest. The following is a record of the work done by the society, which includes no less than 450 voluntary workers:—15,000 workhouse inmates were visited every week in 23 workhouses, infirmaries, and casual wards; 2000 lodging-house inmates visited every week in Spitalfields, Notting Hill, Poplar, Borough, and Hastings; 8 mission halls entirely supported, in which 1228 homeless men were received into the all-night shelter; 21,000 breakfasts, teas, cocoa suppers, &c., given; 920 bread, lodging and other relief tickets distributed; 10,500 children's dinners and breakfasts provided; 1377 children and adults taken into the country for a day; 500 sent for a week; 11,000 workhouse inmates entertained at Christmas with concert, buns and oranges being also distributed; 8544 workhouse inmates taken for a day in the Forest; 2000 entertained with magic lantern, &c.; 170,000 tracts, booklets, and periodicals distributed; 2610 attendances were made by poor widows employed in making clothing; 1300 garments were made and sold last year. Contributions or Donations (N.B.—Periodicals and tracts are most useful, and may be sent to the Secretary) can be paid into the bank, to the treasurer, F. A. Bevan, Esq., 54, Lombard Street, E.C.; or will be very gratefully received by the secretary, Mr. James Atkinson, 61, Rectory Road, Stoke Newington, N.

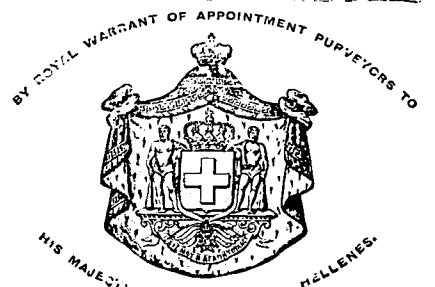
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THE members of Beach Lodge, No. 2622, held their annual Ladies' Banquet and ball at that popular home of South London Freemasonry, the Horns Hotel, Kennington Park, recently, and the function proved the most successful that this flourishing lodge has ever held, over 200 sitting down to the excellent menu provided by Bro. Jean Kohl. W. Bro. T. W. Parmiter, the Worshipful Master, made a genial chairman. He was supported by Bros. D. S. Milne, I.P.M.; B. Donald, S.W.; C. Bauer, J.W.; T. Higgs, Treasurer; H. Almond, Secretary; W. A. Matthews, S.D.; A. C. Green, J.D.; and H. Spooner, D.C. At the banquet the toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Milne, and that of "The Ladies" by the Worshipful Master, the response being entrusted to Bro. H. Spooner. A special feature was made of the concert, and Bro. Almond is to be congratulated on the splendid programme. Songs were sweetly rendered by Mdlle. Marie Vagnolini and Miss Edith Blanchard, and the Curfew Glee Singers were heard to advantage in several quartettes. Mr. Samuel Masters was encored for an artistic rendering of "Like Stars Above," and the other items included a clever quick change sketch by Bro. Charles North, and humorous songs by Mr. Aubrey A. Constant. Bro. A. Groves accompanied, and conducted the orchestra during dinner and at the ball. Bro. F. Locke officiated as M. C., and Bros. W. F. Tipper, T. Cook, J. Bedford, and W. E. Green acted as stewards. At the close Bro. Kohl was the recipient of hearty congratulations on the splendid arrangements he had made for the comfort of all.

Cordingley's Motor Car Exhibition.

The motor car has advanced since the first Motor-car Exhibition was held at the Agricultural Hall, London, and the Automobile Show which opens there on Saturday, March 18th, will reveal some idea of the progress made. This will be the tenth of the annual Motor-car Exhibitions held there by Mr. Charles Cordingley, and will prove to be the largest display of the kind ever seen in this country. It will be thoroughly representative of the British industry, which has developed in every direction, and the exhibitors will represent all the great centres of England, coming from Coventry, Manchester, Birmingham, Hull, Glasgow, Bristol, Sheffield, Leeds, South Wales, Bradford, Oldham, Maidstone, Lincoln, Liverpool, Northampton, Edinburgh, Wolverhampton, Lowestoft, Tunbridge Wells, Salisbury, Gainsborough, King's Lynn, Berwick-on-Tweed, Basingstoke, besides many smaller towns where the advent of the motor-car has given promise of new prosperity. The great exhibition is under the patronage of the Automobile Mutual Protection Association, of which the Earl of Shrewsbury is President, the Motor-Van and Wagon Users' Association, and the Aero Club of the United Kingdom, the latter organisation being responsible for a display of balloons and air-ships. All the latest types of touring and pleasure cars will be on view, and several motor-cabs and motor-buses intended for service on the London streets within a few weeks will make their *debut*. The collection of municipal vans and motor-vehicles for industrial purposes will be thoroughly comprehensive of all types, and arrangements for an overflow display have had to be made in order to cope with the demand for space. The presence of some of the racing cars for the 1905 season will give an interest to the sporting section of the community, while the fact that the Motor Union—an organisation of motorists many thousands strong—will hold its annual meeting at the Exhibition gives the display an authoritative position in the motor-car world. The great galleries will be crowded with accessories, clothing and other matters indispensable to motorists, and Cordingley's Tenth Motor-car Exhibition will be the best of the series. It will remain open a week, closing on March 25th.



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AN exceptionally interesting meeting of the above lodge took place at the Café Monico on February 2nd, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Harry Burkett, P.P.A.G.P. Berks., had the unique and happy experience of initiating



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

his father into Freemasonry. The event drew together a full muster of the brethren and visitors, who showed a very keen interest in the ceremony, the circumstances making it

even more impressive than usual. Hearty congratulations were extended to both on their becoming brothers. Mr. J. W. Hobbs was also initiated at the same time.

After the work in the lodge the brethren adjourned to a banquet, the usual loyal toasts being duly honoured.

W. Bro. J. W. Martin, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Berks., in reply for the "Grand Officers," said he was proud of belonging to that august body, which was composed of brethren from over the whole world, in fact, they were pretty well a legion. As a Mason it was a great pleasure to him to see the W.M. initiate his own father. He wished them both long life and happiness.

W. Bro. Scroggy, I.P.M., felt, on rising, he had every support in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," as he was every inch a Mason and loved by all who knew him, but particularly by the Piccadilly and St. Alban's Lodges. They heartily congratulated him on the happy event and unique position he now occupied in having become his father's father and his father's brother, it was bound to unite them even stronger together.

Bro. Harry Burkett, on rising to reply, was received most heartily. He said he thanked them most sincerely for their kind reception and for turning up in such good numbers. It showed that there was something exceptional to do so. That evening would naturally be reckoned by him as the crowning of his masonic career. His heart was too full to express all he would like to say, especially before such a father as he fortunately had. Bro. Scroggy said that although the tie of Masonry was added, they could not be bound more strongly together, that was impossible, for their hearts were bound together in one accord. He begged them to put that subject on one side for a few moments while he reminded them that he was to represent the lodge as steward for the R.M.B.I. If anyone had fifty guineas to spare he could assure him that he could not do better than put it on his list.

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In reply for the visitors Bro. White, P.G. Sec. Berks., said the W.M. had eulogised the work done in his province,



THE INITIATE.

and he could assure them, they did it quite as well as they did in London. It reminded him of Kipling's line. "They knew the ancient landmarks and kept 'em to a air."

Bro. Dr. Rev. J. Hughes, Chaplain to the Girls' Institute, and Bros. Griffin, Spicer and Godson also replied.

The W.M., in proposing the Initiates said, it was the most important one of the evening. No words of his could express his pleasure in submitting it to them. It was nevertheless a somewhat awkward one to propose. He would only say that if Bro. Burkett turned out as good a Mason as he had a father, he would, indeed, be good. Personally, he had no doubt on the matter.

Bro. Burkett, in reply, said he felt proud that his son was Worshipful Master, and had initiated him into Freemasonry, and hoped to prove worthy. He sometimes wondered why he had not done so before, seeing how enthusiastic his son was.

Bro. Hobbs said he perceived that the principles of Freemasonry were an allegory of life. We strive onward in darkness, groping, if it may be that we may feel the grasp of a friendly hand, to lead us towards the light. Having passed the gloomy portals, we come at last to a light irradiating the darkness and showing us that, were spirits to lead us on to full knowledge, to that knowledge he desired to press forward until he had reached the end. He would strive to maintain the glory and renown, not only of the lodge, but the whole Craft.

A splendid programme of music, under the direction of Bro. J. Jefferson, added greatly to the evening's enjoyment.

Ulster Lodge, No. 2972.

THE first Installation Meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on Friday, the 17th February. Bro. John Bright Crowe was installed into the Chair of King Solomon in a masterly manner by the very able outgoing master, W. Bro. A. E. W. MacCamley. The newly installed master then appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. Andrew E. W. MacCamley, I.P.M. and Sec.; Thomas Dunwoody, P.M., S.W.; Robert A. McQuitty, J.W.; Samuel M. Barry, P.M., Treasurer; Rev. Crawford Hillis, M.A., Chaplain; S. Crawford Hillis, S.D.; Dr. Hugh Knox, J.D.; R. J. Stevenson, I.G.; J. P. Mayne, Organist; Robert Coulter, Steward; F. F. McGeagh and Max Clarke, Assistant Stewards.

Bros. Charles Stuart and Hugh McKee, B.A., were unanimously elected joining members, and Mr. Edward Moore was afterwards initiated in a most impressive manner by the Worshipful Master. W. Bro. Samuel M. Barry, P.M., the Treasurer, presented to the lodge a very handsome embroidered and painted banner which Bro. Crowe suitably acknowledged.

At the banquet which followed, the Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "His Majesty the King," said they had a real interest in that toast as the King was protector of the Order. It was specially interesting to them to know that the King was particularly concerned in the bringing together of nations with a view to universal peace, and when the opportune time arrived in connection with that terrible conflict now raging in the Far East they might be sure that the King would be much in evidence. That fearless son of the Emerald Isle and gallant Admiral Lord Charles Beresford designated the King as "Edward the Peacemaker," and as such his name would be handed down to posterity.

In submitting the toast of the "Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master remarked that the Grand Lodge was the Parliament of Freemasonry, wherein laws were framed for the observance of the Craft, and those of them who had been privileged to attend there must have been struck with

the wisdom displayed by the Grand Officers in their deliberations, and he felt convinced that Masonic affairs entrusted to them were in safe keeping. He had much pleasure in coupling with the toast the name of their illustrious



BRO. J. B. CROWE. (Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

Ulsterman visitor, W. Bro. W. R. McConnell, K.C., D.L., J.P., Past Deputy Grand Registrar. He, the Worshipful Master, was personally indebted to him for his kindness in coming there at great inconvenience, and he took it as a personal compliment that he had graced

their gathering with his presence. W. Bro. McConnell responded in his usual fluent manner, saying how delighted he was to attend the lodge called after his native province, and he wished them every success. He congratulated the Worshipful Master and the Installing Master on their perfect working.

W. Bro. MacCamley proposed "The Worshipful Master." He said it gave him much pleasure in rising to propose the toast of the evening, that of the newly-installed Worshipful Master. In Bro. Crowe they had no novice, he had been through the chair in another lodge, and from what they had been privileged to witness that evening he had no hesitation

day was remarkable in his life, not so much because he now filled the office of Master, as that experience was not a new one, as only two years ago he occupied the chair of the Penge Lodge; but by virtue of the fact that the lodge over which he now had the honour of presiding was named after the province whence he derived his birth and infant nurture. Should the Great Architect of the Universe endow him with health and strength during the year, it would be his aim and object to uphold the dignity of Freemasonry and the fair fame of Ulster; to maintain the standard of excellence in Masonic working set him by his predecessor, and generally to merit



GROUP OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, ULSTER LODGE No. 2972.

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in saying that the excellent standard of work set up in the lodge would be well maintained. Bro. Crowe was noted for his seriousness and earnestness, both good qualities in a Master, he was also imbued with the enthusiasm which makes for success in his position. He could take up a deal of time in expatiating on the Worshipful Master's good qualities, but it was unnecessary in the presence of the members of the lodge, and the many visitors who know him so well.

The W.M. on rising to respond, met with a very hearty reception, he thanked the I.P.M. for the eulogistic manner in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for the appreciation evinced in the acceptance of the toast. The

approbation of the brethren. Let them unite together in brotherly love and live in harmony with each other, always keeping before them the fundamental principle of Freemasonry, Charity "without which we are nothing worth." Freemasonry was a grand religion, and he trusted that its influence upon them would be such that visiting brethren coming amongst them from time to time would be so impressed that they would be moved to say that never had it been their lot to be in the midst of a happier family.

The musical arrangements, under the direction of Mr. E. J. Jose, were much appreciated, and added much to the evening's enjoyment.

Province of North Wales.

THE St. David's Lodge, No. 384 Bangor, is the mother and premier lodge of the Province of North Wales.

In February, 1904, Bro. O. R. Hughes was installed W.M. (after having served 12 months in every chair from Steward) in the presence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the late Bro. Sir W. Grenville-Williams, Bart.; the Past

Dep. Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. Colonel Hy. Platt, C.B., P.G. Deacon; W. Bro. T. Westlake-Morgan, Past Grand Organist, and many other distinguished provincial officers, past and present. At that meeting five candidates were proposed for initiation for his first lodge meeting in March. He had the pleasure of initiating the maximum number

allowed by the Constitutions, and at the same meeting he passed two to the second degree.

During Bro. Hughes's year of office (nine lodge meetings) he has a record of fifteen candidates which he has initiated, passed and raised personally. This number may not be considered great in large towns, but it is by far the largest number initiated by any one W.M. in St. David's Lodge during his year of office.

February 8th was Bro. Hughes's last lodge meeting, at which he initiated two members, and afterwards installed his successor.

At the subsequent Banquet Bro. Hughes was presented with a beautiful P.M.'s Jewel for valuable services.

On the death a few months ago of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master, the St. David's Lodge is now again honoured by having one of its members appointed Prov.

Grand Master of the Province of North Wales in place of the deceased Sir Grenville-Williams, Bart.—namely, W. Bro. Colonel Hy. Platt, C.B., and it is his wish to be installed Prov. Grand Master at St. David's Lodge, No. 384, soon after Easter.

St. David's Lodge has a Past Master (W. Bro. D. Wynne Williams, P.P.J.G.D.) who was W.M. of this lodge in the year 1878, and is now a regular attendant at all the lodge meetings. Bro. Hughes had the pleasure of presenting Bro. D. Wynne Williams with a large framed portrait of himself on behalf of the brethren of the lodge at the last lodge meeting. This lodge contributes liberally towards the different Masonic Charity Funds. At their last lodge meeting 10 guineas was voted towards the "A" Boys, 10 guineas to the Benevolent Fund, and 1 guinea to the "B" local fund—21 guineas.

The Cancer Hospital.

THIS most important and valuable hospital held its fifty-fourth annual meeting of the governors of this charity in the board room of the hospital on February 22nd, the Right Hon. Lord Ludlow presiding.

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From the report of the committee it appeared that during the year 1904 there were 721 new in-patients, 1763 out-patients, with a total number of visits of 18,900, and the daily number of beds occupied was eighty-six.

We regret to find that owing to the deficiency of the ordinary income, it was necessary during the year to realise £6,500 from capital to meet the expenses.

The sanitary and hygienic conditions of the hospital had been the source of thorough investigation, and many

recommendations made by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose were being carried out.

A number of beds are provided for patients who may remain for life, thus having every attention they may require adapted to their case, and many heavy expenses have been incurred during the past year to place the hospital in a thorough up-to-date state of efficiency.

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Any donations forwarded to Mr. Fred. W. Howell, the Secretary, the Cancer Hospital Brompton, S.W., will be thankfully received and acknowledged by him.

We might add the reports and balance-sheet were adopted, and the usual vote of thanks accorded.

Some Notes on Freemasonry in Australasia.—(Continued).

By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.D.G.M. of Victoria, and P.A.G.D.C. of England.

THE CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 656.

AS to the legal proceedings, the plaintiffs, two years later, or seven years from the commencement, gained the day, the arbitrator, however, awarding merely nominal damages and the return of certain articles claimed, whilst he adjudged the defendants to pay all costs of the reference, arbitration, and award. Some of the members of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales were not satisfied with the award, and a rule was granted for referring the award back to the arbitrator; but, as recorded, "The Grand Master, with the advice of the Grand Registrar, decided not to spend any more Grand Lodge money in law proceedings in this case," which means that the New South Wales Grand Lodge supplied the sinews of war for the defendants, whilst the plaintiffs had to fight their own battle and at their own expense. On the whole, therefore, it was merely a Pyrrhic victory for the plaintiffs, seeing that the debit balance in costs amounted to well on to a thousand pounds. Reverting to the Commission, in London (applied for by the defendants, by-the-bye), the evidence in that behalf was not tendered in the Sydney Courts, the plaintiffs consequently having to pay their own costs for nothing.

The end of the fifteen years' struggle was apparently in sight, as in September, 1903, the New South Wales Board of General Purposes recommended the recognition of the Cambrian Lodge, following the receipt of a copy of a letter from the Grand Secretary of England on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, which letter had been addressed to the Secretary of the Cambrian Lodge, and in which the position of affairs was clearly defined so far as the New South Wales authorities were concerned. The stilled waters were, how-

ever, once more lashed into fury, on an amendment being moved and carried to postpone recognition to a special meeting of Grand Lodge. The meaning of this was the resuscitation of a circular, published a year and a half before, and disseminated far and wide, in which the writer replied to, denied, and corrected certain statements made by the Grand Master of New South Wales the year previous. Unfortunately the Cambrian Lodge brother, in addition, used some strong language. In other words he overlooked the dignity and status of the Grand Master of New South Wales, and retaliated on the individual member of the local community in which they mutually moved. This line of action would be easily understood in the free atmosphere of the Australian Colonies, where social distinctions are of comparatively little account, and where independence of spirit is appreciated; but it could not pass unquestioned in England, which the New South Wales authorities well knew, and so this said circular, after as one supposed being forgotten, was raked up, and recognition of the Cambrian Lodge postponed until such time as the document could be brought under the notice of the Grand Lodge of England, and a reply be received. Of course, the Board of General Purposes in England were bound to take action, and so the end of the Cambrian trouble is not yet in New South Wales, although the requisite *amendé* has been made and accepted by the authorities in England. Pity it is that the compiler of the circular did not call to mind Julia's reflection in Shakespeare's comedy of *Measure for Measure*—

That in the captain's but a choleric word,
Which in the soldier is flat blasphemy.

This report and complaint to the Grand Lodge of England, it will at once be seen, is tantamount to recognising the offending lodge as a constituent unit of the Grand Lodge of England.

The Cambrian trouble, during the long seventeen years, has truly been a sorry business, and the situation is aptly summed up by Bro. Higstrim in his before-quoted history of Scottish Masonry in New South Wales. He is a Past Grand Warden of New South Wales, was on the spot the whole time, and consequently is entitled to speak with authority and impartiality. He says :—



THE LATE BRO. RICHARD EYE, PAST GRAND TREASURER OF ENGLAND.

"This large expenditure (it cost New South Wales close upon £2,000), with defeat attached, could have been avoided, had common sense been exercised, in lieu of a process at law. Confirmatory experience, dearly bought, has assuredly been gained as to whose opinion was correct—the professional (legal) or the Masonic jurist—the former experience, with lamentable results; the latter inexperience, and not in any way raising the ire of English adherents. By defeat the aspect is altered; having might and right on their side as an English lodge, any inducement to get the lodge into the New South Wales fold, which might have been practicable, is, apparently, like the money, now lost."

The wonder is that Bro. George Robinson and his little band—sadly depleted in numbers as the years wore on—held out so long against the heavy odds, and harassed and provoked as they were at every turn; denied too, any reply to the ungenerous and uncalled-for statements of the local Grand Lodge's official organ, and of its adherents. Nothing but indomitable perseverance and dogged courage could have preserved the rights of the lodge, apart from the large expenditure of money involved, and it cannot be denied that the constitutional minority displayed a tenacity of purpose from first to last that gained them and their lodge the good wishes and sympathy of many old and influential Masons, not only in Australia, but in every section of the Masonic world where the English language is spoken.

There is little else to be said on the never-to-be-forgotten Cambrian case, and, with the bitter experience gained, our authorities have revised the laws so as to render a like occurrence impossible. The much-debated article 219 is now widely altered, one of the provisions being that the minimum number of members to lapse a warrant is five in place of three as formerly. But, better than all, there is an entirely new procedure in the case of new Grand Lodges being

started in British dependencies. Lodges can now, by dispensation, meet and discuss and resolve on the question of the formation of a Sovereign Grand Lodge, whilst, in case of a dispensation being refused by a District Grand Master, an appeal may be made to the Grand Master. Next, within six months after recognition, special meetings of every private lodge—twenty-one days' notice being given to each member—are to be held, at which only those appearing on the last Grand Lodge returns, are entitled to say whether or no they desire the lodge to continue on the English register. A two-thirds majority is required, and if the decision is in the affirmative, the warrant has to be returned to the Grand Master, and the property and effects vested, as shall be decided, by vote. Minutes of the proceedings are then to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. Finally, no second meeting can be held, without the special leave of the Grand Master. After these alterations and additions were made law, however, the inconsistency of recognising a new Grand Lodge, and there and then assuming temporary control over the lodges holding under the new body, was freely questioned. Anyhow, it reads very like an anachronism.

By-the-bye, in the case of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, which was founded under the new laws, an announcement was subsequently made in Grand Lodge that henceforth all warrants must be returned to England for cancelling. This is another instance of the experience to be gained under adversity, and had this part of the Constitutions been observed in the New South Wales recognition, the Cambrian embroglio would never have been heard of. Better still, though, a humble suggestion of my own was accepted on the occasion mentioned, namely, that no warrant shall be cancelled until it has been three months in the hands of the Grand Secretary. The rights of minorities are now fully conserved, late in the day though it be, it must be admitted.

In concluding these notes on the seventeen years' troubles of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, it will be of some interest to introduce the first minutes of its foundation



Warrington.

BRO. GEORGE ROBINSON, P.M. & SECRETARY CAMBRIAN LODGE OF AUSTRALIA, No. 656, E.C.

in the year 1855. It was on the 23rd of February in that year that the lodge was constituted by Capt. Long-Innes, under his provisional warrant as Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales. The minutes read as follow :—

"A Provincial Grand Lodge having been duly opened, the W.M., Bro. James Murphy, was duly and solemnly installed the first Master under dispensation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, dated this day.

"This being the first meeting, no former minutes existed.

"The W.M. deferred investing his officers until the next meeting of the lodge.

"Proposed by Bro. Stocks, seconded by Bro. H. Coles, that Mr. James Walker Jackson, of O'Connell Street, merchant's clerk, aged 21, be admitted for initiation.

"Proposed by Bro. Stocks, seconded by Bro. Coles, that Capt. H. J. Lyas, of ship *Queen of England*, aged —, be admitted for initiation.

"Proposed by Bro. Stocks, seconded by Bro. Coles, that Capt. J. D. Mowatt, of ship *Samuel Boddington*, be admitted for initiation.

"No other business being before the meeting the lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony at 10 o'clock.

"JAS. MURPHY.

"W. MacGUIRE, Acting Secretary."

The proceedings, it will be gathered, were of an unpretentious character, at all events, vastly different to the elaborate ceremonial of the present day, whether in Australia or in England.

The Grand Lodge warrant is dated July 31st, 1855, and the then number of the lodge was 942, altered to 656, as a consequence of the "closing up" in 1863.

Amongst those present, supporting the Provincial Grand Master, were Brothers John Williams, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and subsequently twice Provincial or District Grand Master; H. P. Coles, Provincial Grand Treasurer; William MacGuire, Provincial Grand Secretary; Ellis Deeper, T. B. Davidson, and A. Moore, Australia Lodge of Harmony, No. 814, afterwards No. 556, and now No. 5, New South Wales Constitution, Sydney; D. R. Campbell, W. Jackson, and J. Y. Patten, Sydney Samaritan Lodge, No. 843, after No. 578, which became extinct in 1874; M. Charlton, and L. Lipman, Lodge of Australia, No. 548, after No. 390, Sydney, and now No. 3, New South Wales Constitution;

J. Glossop, Lodge of Harmony, No. 267, Liverpool, now No. 220, Garston, Liverpool; W. Rose, Cambrian Lodge, No. 472, now No. 364, Neath, Glamorganshire; J. Lyle, Prudence Lodge, No. 266, Leigh, Lancashire, and now No. 219, Todmorden.

At the following meeting Sir S. Osborne Gibbes, Bart., who that year succeeded Capt. Long-Innes, as head of the Province, was present. It is recorded that he was a P.M. of All Soul's Lodge, No. 199 (now No. 170), at Weymouth, and a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Dorsetshire. He was the second baronet, a member of the Legislative Council of New Zealand, and father of the present baronet, Sir Edward Osborne Gibbes, of Wellington. He died in 1874. Further, at this meeting, it was resolved to make Bro. J. H. Wilton, of Enoch Lodge, No. 11, London (still on the roll under the same number), a Master Mason.

And, in closing these reminiscences of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, it is worthy of note that one of its early initiates was the late Major-General Lord John Henry Taylour, appointed Junior Grand Warden of England in 1888, uncle to the late Earl of Bective, Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, and brother to the Marquis of Headfort, Senior Grand Warden of Ireland. Lord John Taylour was, about the period referred to, A.D.C. to Lord Lisgar, Governor of New South Wales. Again, Bro. the Hon. A. T. Holroyd, a Master in Equity, and the fourth Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, was a founder of the famous old lodge.

It must not be omitted to mention that the Jubilee of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia was fittingly and worthily celebrated on the 23rd of February, 1905.

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