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Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

THE annual festival of the above took place on Friday, February 23rd. The lodge meeting was held in the Temple of Grand Lodge. The chair of W.M. was occupied by W. Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., W. Bros. R. E. F. Lander, I.P.M., G. Rankin, S.W., F. Hughes, J.W., T. W. Allsop, Sec., J. H. Jenks, S.D., S. Chalkley, J.D., L. H. Dear, I.G.



V.W. BRO. THE REV. H. W. TURNER, M.A., P.G. CHAP.

The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the second lecture. Bros. R. F. Price, W. R. Bennett, S. Chalkley, J. H. Jenks, L. H. Dear.

At the conclusion of the work V.W. Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, M.A., P.G. Chaplain, the President for the year, in proposing a vote of thanks to the workers said he reproached himself that this was the first time he had been present on such an occasion. He could truly say "the half was not told me, for it exceeded all he had been told." The aim of the lodge was the standard of true excellence and they had an evidence that evening. They endeavoured to make their ceremonies better understood and to teach the brethren to live a life of service to their brethren on earth and their Father in Heaven. V.W. Bro. the Bishop of Barking, P.G.C., in seconding, said he had heard the work before but never better.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, P.A.G.D.C., in reply, said it was the hope of reward which sweetened labour. The Section Workers had their reward for their labour in the acclamations by which they were received and the encomiums passed on their work. They had the further satisfaction of knowing that the standard of perfection usually associated with this lodge had in no way been lowered that evening.

At the conclusion of the work the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner. So many attended that

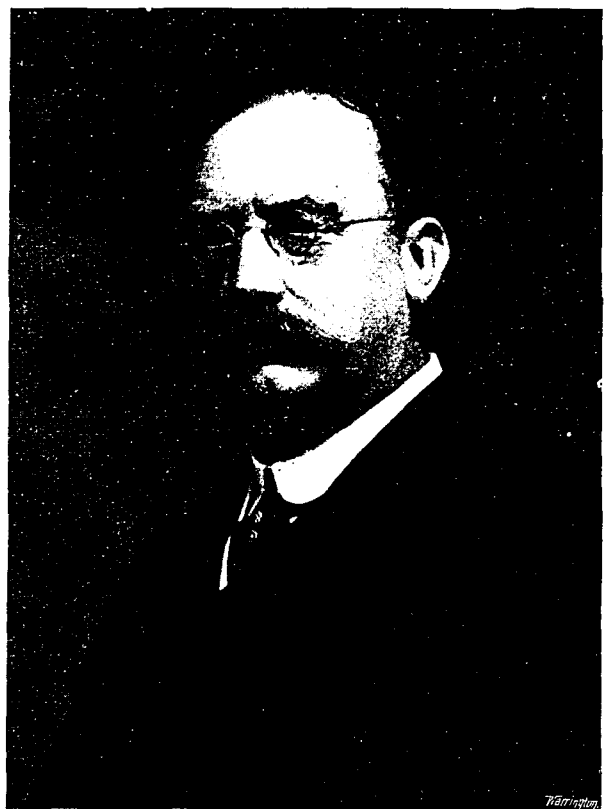
the Venetian and Gordon Rooms had to be used. The President presiding over the former and W. Bro. J. Russell, P.G.S.B., over the latter, supported by W. Bro. Rev. W. Holding, P.G.C., W.M. University of Durham Lodge, 3030.

Bro. R. E. F. Lander, P.G.W. Herts, in proposing the Grand Officers recalled to their minds the alteration in the number of that body by which they would be greatly increased. Fortunately all did not attend Grand Lodge on the same occasion or they would not find room. They were honoured by the presence of a most distinguished body of Grand Officers.

Bro. his Honour Judge Lumley Smith, K.C., P.D.G. Reg. replied the toast was always well received. The proposer of the toast had said they were legion but he had found there were Grand Officers and Grand Officers. The work depended not upon the shifting G.O.'s, but upon those who were permanent, as the Grand Registrar, the President of the Board of General Purposes, and particularly the Grand Secretary. It was not in the power of those who occupied office for one year to do much. He did not think their number too large, but the accommodation too small.

Bro. Sir E. Letchworth proposed the President and said he knew the toast would receive their enthusiastic reception. The President was thoroughly well known in the Craft, and all who knew him loved him. On behalf of the lodge he tendered him their heartiest thanks.

The President, in reply, said he found it extremely difficult to express his thanks for their very kind welcome. He was surprised and delighted to be asked to preside over the festival and to have so many Grand Officers present. He had tried to remember that his office called upon him to carry out his duties to the utmost of his ability, and, as the Grand Secretary knew, he had never been backward in his endeavour to do so, and he supposed that was the reason they had thought of him.



W. BRO. T. W. ALLSOP.

In proposing the Lodge of Improvement, the President said they met with well meaning people who initiated some movement, but for want of perseverance failed. They admired the intention, but not the execution. When they

could admire both they were grateful and that was the case with the lodge. He concluded by adding a verse to the well known Masonic song.

If a free and accepted Mason
His career would throw no disgrace on,
Let him learn with devout admiration
The working of Lodge Emulation.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow in reply said: For some years he had had the honour of replying to the toast, and hitherto had accepted the privilege without misgiving or compunction. But he felt he ought to-night to make way for Bro. Lander, who with Bro. Rankin had for the past two years borne the heat and burden of the day. His absence from the weekly meetings did not in any sense mean that his interest was on the wane; on the contrary, he was always finding reasons why his enthusiasm should remain at fever heat. There were two important matters he particularly wanted to speak upon that evening. First, the brethren would notice that he spoke of Bro. Russell as their "late secretary" because at the beginning of the year he had retired after eleven years of conspicuous success. He was delighted at the opportunity of paying a warm tribute of admiration to his skill and ability in the office of secretary. He was sure the great services he had rendered would never be forgotten. In Bro. Allsop, who

for a long time had acted as deputy, they had a very worthy successor. Now he came to the other matter. He had learnt that it had been stated publicly that innovations had been introduced into the Emulation ritual. If so, he had not been faithful to the trust reposed in him by the late Bro. Fenn. He could say that he knew of no innovation, not even of the most trivial character. If those who made these statements would come and see him and give specific instances, he felt sure that the result would be that they would find there was some misunderstanding. To guard the ritual from innovation had been his duty for the last twenty-three years, and to preserve it absolutely unaltered he could not only trust himself but also his two colleagues on the committee.

Bro. T. W. Allsop, in reply to the toast of Secretary, said he felt he had undertaken a great responsibility in accepting that office after Bro. Russell. He had not any idea until the day before the election that he would be called upon. If on the present occasion he had not done all he should, he asked their indulgence. If he had their support he was amply rewarded. He only hoped that when he retired he would have equally high encomiums as those which had been passed on Bro. Russell.

United Grand Lodge of England.

THE March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, presided, and he was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey and Lieut.-Gen. J. Wimburn Laurie, Provincial Grand Master for South Wales, Western Division, who acted as Past Grand Master. R. W. Bros. Robert Grey as Senior Grand Warden, and Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., as Junior Grand Warden. A large number of Grand Officers were present, and the brethren filled every available seat and space.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn prayer.

W. Bro. Viscount Hayashi, Ambassador of H.I.M. the Emperor of Japan to the Court of St. James, P.M. of the Empire Lodge, No. 2108, was conducted to the Throne by V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, G.D.C., and congratulated by the Pro Grand Master upon the rank and dignity which had been conferred upon him of Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of England.

The minutes of the last communication having been taken as read and duly confirmed, the Pro Grand Master expressed his hearty thanks to Grand Lodge for the honour they had done him in resolving that his picture should be painted and placed amongst those who had been the former rulers of the Craft. It was always pleasant to find, he said, that one's work is appreciated by those for whom it is done, but he could assure Grand Lodge that he felt this honour very much indeed, and was very highly sensible of what they had done.

At the request of the Pro Grand Master, the Grand Secretary then read the following letter from Her Majesty the Queen:—

"The Grand Secretary—

"Sir,—I have had the honour of submitting your letter of the 23rd inst. to the Queen, together with the address of condolence which accompanied it; and I am now commanded by Her Majesty to thank you for the same, and to ask you to be good enough to convey to the Pro Grand Master and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England, the Queen's most sincere thanks for their very kind sympathy in Her Majesty's terrible bereavement."

The M.W. Pro Grand Master stated that the letter had already been read to Grand Chapter, but he thought Grand Lodge would like to hear it.

W. Bro. R. A. McCall, K.C., in proposing the re-election of the Grand Master, said:—Right Worshipful Sir and Brethren, in pursuance of the notice given at the last meeting of Grand Lodge, and in pursuance of the nomination then made, I have now the honour to propose H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught be re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. I am sure I am only expressing the regret of everyone here when I express my own regret that His Royal Highness is unable to be present to hear, as I have no doubt he might have heard, the unanimous approval with which Grand Lodge will receive this proposition. But, as we all know, His Royal Highness is discharging difficult, delicate, and most important duties in South Africa, and it is some consolation to us to know that our loss is the Empire's gain. He is discharging not merely the important duties appertaining to his public capacity, but he is doing what, probably, will touch most of us more—he is bringing great hope and great encouragement to the many Freemasons who are permanently or temporarily resident in South Africa. And probably when, upon his return to England, we have the opportunity of welcoming him again to Grand Lodge, our welcome will not be less loyal—and certainly not less enthusiastic—when we realise, as I am sure we shall then realise, that His Royal Highness's sojourn in South Africa has brought loyalty, peace, and prosperity to His Majesty's South African dominions.

The proposition was seconded by W. Bro. Canon Horsley, who said:—Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, I am most deeply sensible of the unmerited honour which has been placed upon me to second the resolution for the re-election of our Most Worshipful Grand Master. Those who annually make this proposition have none of the excitement of combat, none of the joys of battles, or fear lest their cause might not succeed. So long as His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught expresses his readiness to accept office, so long doubtless shall we honour ourselves by conferring that high office upon him. Telescopic and microscopic as are the eyes that scan the stars in the firmament of royalty, and eager as some are to magnify or even invent their supposed faults, in the case of Prince Arthur of Connaught I feel sure that the tongue of good report has always been heard in his favour as a man, as a soldier, and as a Mason. He is of all persons most worthy to accept the high office. Doubtless there are those who can say that the honour conferred upon the office is amplified by the one who now occupies it, and who, we

hope, will occupy it for many years to come. I am one of those who believe that we have union of high dignity and worthiness of dignity in the person who fills this office. I feel most proud to have the honour of seconding the resolution that His Royal Highness be re-elected as Grand Master.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master said: "Brethren, there being no other name before Grand Lodge, I declare His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master by acclamation."

All the brethren then stood, while V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Reg., G.D.C., proclaimed H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, duly elected as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of England, as follows:—

"Be it known, that the Most High, Most Mighty, and Most Illustrious Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, Earl of Essex, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Grand Master and Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, a Field Marshal in the Army, Inspector-General of the Forces, and President of the Selection Board, &c., &c., &c., &c., is elected Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve."

The M.W. Pro Grand Master having unsealed the report of the Scrutineers for the Election of Grand Treasurer, declared the result of the poll as follows:—

Bro. L. S. WINSLOE...	...	...	...	9511
" J. HARRISON ...	...	...	...	3381
" A. A. FRIGOUT ...	...	...	...	3199

Spoilt voting papers, 330.

He then declared Bro. Winsloe duly elected Grand Treasurer.

The Report of the Board of Benevolence was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the Minutes, and the recommendations contained therein were confirmed.

The Report of the Board of General Purposes, which was in the hands of the brethren present, was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The principal item in the report was a detailed statement of the negotiations which had been entered into with Messrs. Lyons, Ltd., for the leasing of the Freemasons' Tavern, and which had fallen through, and concluded by asking Grand Lodge to rescind the resolutions of March 1st and June 7th, 1905, dealing with the reconstruction and redecoration of Freemasons' Tavern, and to refer back to the Board the whole question of dealing with the Tavern and adjoining premises the property of Grand Lodge.

A resolution to that effect proposed by the President, Bro. Sir Arthur Collins, K.C., was as follows:—"The Board, therefore, asks Grand Lodge to rescind the resolutions for March 1st and June 7th, 1905, dealing with the reconstruction and redecoration of Freemasons' Tavern, and to refer back to the Board the whole question of dealing with the Tavern and adjoining premises, the property of Grand Lodge." This was seconded by V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, who, as the Chairman of the Premises Committee dealing with the matter, said:—"Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and Brethren, in seconding the resolution which the President of the Board has moved, I would draw your attention to the fact that at the Quarterly Communication last March, Grand Lodge authorised an expenditure of £30,000 for the rebuilding of the Tavern, and at the Quarterly Communication in June that grant was increased by £20,000, making in all the sum of £50,000, for rebuilding Freemasons' Tavern, and they referred it to the Board of General Purposes to carry that

into effect. I need hardly remind you that from that time up to within a month ago, the Board of General Purposes and the Premises Committee have been engaged, I may say week after week, in trying to bring this matter to a conclusion. The draft lease when prepared was submitted by the Solicitor to the Board, and was virtually approved as far back as June of last year. With certain alterations, it was reapproved in September of last year, and again in November, but it was not until the 30th January of the present year, at the Premises Committee, we were informed that in addition to the £50,000, which Grand Lodge had authorised the Board of General Purposes to expend, Messrs. Lyons & Company required a further outlay of several thousand pounds; that is to say, they required all tenant's and trade fittings to be supplied by Grand Lodge in addition to rebuilding the premises, and they intimated that unless this was conceded by the Board, they would put an end to all negotiations, and decline to proceed further—that is, to sign the contract. Your Board had no alternative but to accept the ultimatum, and they now come before you to report this matter. It is due to no fault of theirs, for I can assure you the labour over it has been immense, and if I say that the Premises Committee, which is a large one and a very representative Committee, have had something like twenty-five meetings, you will realise that we



BRO. L. S. WINSLOE.

have not been idle in our work. Having received this ultimatum there was nothing left to us but to accept it, because we had no power from you to go beyond £50,000, and we now come before you asking you to cancel the previous resolutions which were come to, and to refer it back to the Board to consider over and suggest some scheme for your consideration. I have much pleasure in seconding the resolution.

V.W. Bro. J. Strachan, K.C., in addressing Grand Lodge, entered into further explanations, and concluded by suggesting an addition to the resolution as follows:—"That the whole question of dealing with the Tavern and adjoining premises, the property of Grand Lodge, be referred back to a special committee, to consist of three Brethren to be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, three to be appointed by Grand Lodge to-night, and three to be appointed by the Board of General Purposes."

The President of the Board expressed his willingness to adopt the suggestion of the Grand Registrar.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn hoped that the Committee would take into consideration the desirability of erecting a hall capable of accommodating all those who attended Grand Lodge.

Bro. William Russell thought it was time that the Craft had a home worthy of the Freemasons of England, and he suggested that an entirely new structure should be built in some noble thoroughfare, and not practically in a side street. The body was a rich one, and there would not be the slightest difficulty in raising money by debentures bearing a moderate rate of interest, in order to enable the Craft to erect a building which would be worthy of them.

Bro. Martin, Deputy Prov. G.M. of Berkshire, said he was only too glad to think that the proposed arrangement with Messrs. Lyons had fallen through, as it gave an opportunity to the Craft which they had not had before. Therefore, it was an ill wind which blew no good. He congratulated the Grand Registrar in proposing that a Special Committee should be formed to consider this important question, and hoped that a building would be erected which would accommodate all those who were entitled to attend Grand Lodge. The time had now arrived when they ought to consider the whole matter fairly, and to erect a building which would be worthy of the Craft, and, if they thought it desirable, a club also.

The resolution, as amended, was put and carried unanimously, and Grand Lodge then elected Bros. Stanley Attenborough, Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, and Martin, Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, to serve on this Committee.

V.W. Bro. Edward Terry (P.G. Treasurer), then proposed that a donation of £500 be made by Grand Lodge to the special fund now being raised for Charing Cross Hospital. He said: "It is with very great regret that I have to appeal to the members of my Craft, and yet it is with a great deal of pride that in my position as a member of the executive of Charing Cross Hospital that it has been placed in my hands to make this proposition. We are not without hope that the sum of money required to complete the hospital will be obtained; Guy's and King's College Hospitals have both had very handsome donations made to them, and when I tell you that the present financial position of Charing Cross Hospital is in a serious state, I am sure you will all sympathise with me in the proposition which I make. If this special appeal which we are sending out does not succeed—as I hope and trust it will succeed—we shall have to close two wards in the hospital, which will be a great deprivation to many poor creatures in this very much crowded neighbourhood. No one can feel it more than those surrounding Grand Lodge, and I am told that a Lodge in the vicinity which has only been in existence for a very few years, has voted the sum of 100 guineas towards the needs of the hospital. I beg to propose the resolution which I have read, and I shall be very pleased if some Brother in the body of the hall will second the proposition."

The resolution was put and carried with one dissentient.

W. Bro. Charles F. Quicke (P.M., 1531), proposed the following resolution:—"That in all future elections for Grand Treasurer, the issuing of circulars by the candidates or their supporters shall disqualify the candidate by whom, or on

whose behalf, such circulars are issued or sent out." He said he desired to take the sense of the meeting as to the recent issue of literature and circulars on behalf of candidates for the post of Grand Treasurer. He had always held the opinion that the election of Grand Treasurer by the Craft should be abolished, and that he should be appointed under certain qualifications by the Grand Master, like other Grand Officers. Grand Lodge had decided otherwise, so they have no alternative but to make the election as fair and unostentatious as possible. If the literature was to be sent out in the way it had been, it was felt by the brethren that an undue advantage was placed in the hands of a wealthy brother who stood for that position. It was felt that beyond the issuing of papers by Grand Lodge which contain the qualifications of all the candidates for the post of Grand Treasurer, any surplus literature was not required. When they get their ballot paper it contained the name and age of the brother, the number of years he had been a Mason, and what he had done for the good of Freemasonry. Any brother reading the paper thus given to him would have all the information he required, and there would be no necessity in future for the issue of literature on behalf of any particular candidate. He offered his unqualified congratulation to the eminent brother who had been elected Grand Treasurer that evening, though he was sure that he, with the other candidates, would have much preferred that such a large amount of money should not have been expended on the contest, but that the matter should have been left to the unbiassed opinion of the brethren, founded upon the information contained in the ballot papers issued by Grand Lodge.

After some remarks by the Grand Registrar and other brethren to the effect that it was practically impossible to suppress the issue of such circulars, the motion was put and lost by an overwhelming majority.

Bro. R. Manuel took exception, on a point of order, to the resolution that had been carried in reference to the appointment of a committee to deal with the matter of Freemasons' Tavern, on the ground that the Book of Constitutions says that a notice must be previously given to the Grand Secretary before the Report of the Board of General Purposes can be set aside in dealing with the question of the future of the premises. Rule 265 said: "Except when otherwise specially directed by resolution of the Grand Lodge, the Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge and may suggest any alterations or improvements." If it was introduced as an addition to the agenda paper and carried without notice, the effect of it would be simply to wipe out of existence the Board of General Purposes; at least that was the opinion of many members whom he had spoken to upon the subject.

The Pro Grand Master did not think the point of order was worth considering. The suggestion met with the approval of Grand Lodge, and it got them out of a serious difficulty.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Henry Massey, who for the past thirty years or more has perhaps been the most familiar figure at lodges and other Masonic gatherings in London. As a journalist he long ago associated himself with the Masonic press, and has probably recorded more of the things of the Craft than any of his confreres. Bro. Massey was equally well known in the Parliamentary Press Gallery and in the Law Courts, and until recently had been the officially-appointed reporter of the proceedings of Grand Lodge. He, however, a year or two since fell a victim to the newly-born zeal of the authorities in suppressing the publication of reports which they considered improper to publish, with the result that he ceased to act as Grand Lodge reporter, and for a time was not present at any Masonic meetings. This, however, did not lessen his Masonic

zeal or his love of the Craft of which he remained a loyal and respected member. Bro. Massey was initiated in the Beadon Lodge, No. 619, in the year 1864, and filled the Master's Chair in 1868. He was also a founder and the first Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, which was constituted in 1881, of which as well as his mother lodge he remained a member until his death. Although Bro. Massey had arrived at a ripe old age and has died in harness, to those who have been so long associated with him his death has come as a surprise, for he was one of those on whom advancing years appeared to make little or no impression. Independence of character, sterling probity, and scrupulousness and care in the exercise of his profession were his chief characteristics, and there are few brethren who have deserved better of the Craft.

Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

THE Sixty-fourth Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons was held at the Hotel Cecil on the 27th February. The Right Hon. Lord Barnard, Provincial Grand Master for Durham, presided, and was supported by a large number of ladies and brethren, among whom were many grand officers and a large contingent of brethren from the chairman's province of Durham.

After banquet, the chairman proposed "The King, Protector of the Craft," reminding the brethren that they drank the toast in a two-fold capacity. There could be no question but they would heartily drink to the health of so gracious a personality, but they were specially reminded by their Masonic duties to drink to his Majesty's health, as they would do to the Sovereign of the land in which they happened to reside.

"The M.W. Grand Master" was next given by the chairman, who alluded to his Royal Highness's good qualities in various walks of life as soldier, in society, as an English gentleman, and as a Mason.

Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P. Prov. G.W. Durham, in the absence of Bro. Sir T. Richardson, P. Prov. G.W. Durham, proposed "The Grand Officers," which was responded to by Bro. the Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, P.G. Chap.

The Chairman then submitted the toast "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and said: He had already alluded to the fact that Freemasonry gave them instructive lessons as to their duties in life—to their God, their country, and their neighbour—and one of the duties they were performing that night, of social intercourse and mutual friendship. But they must never forget the most important duty of universal beneficence and Charity. Their greeting of his remarks showed their hearts were travelling in

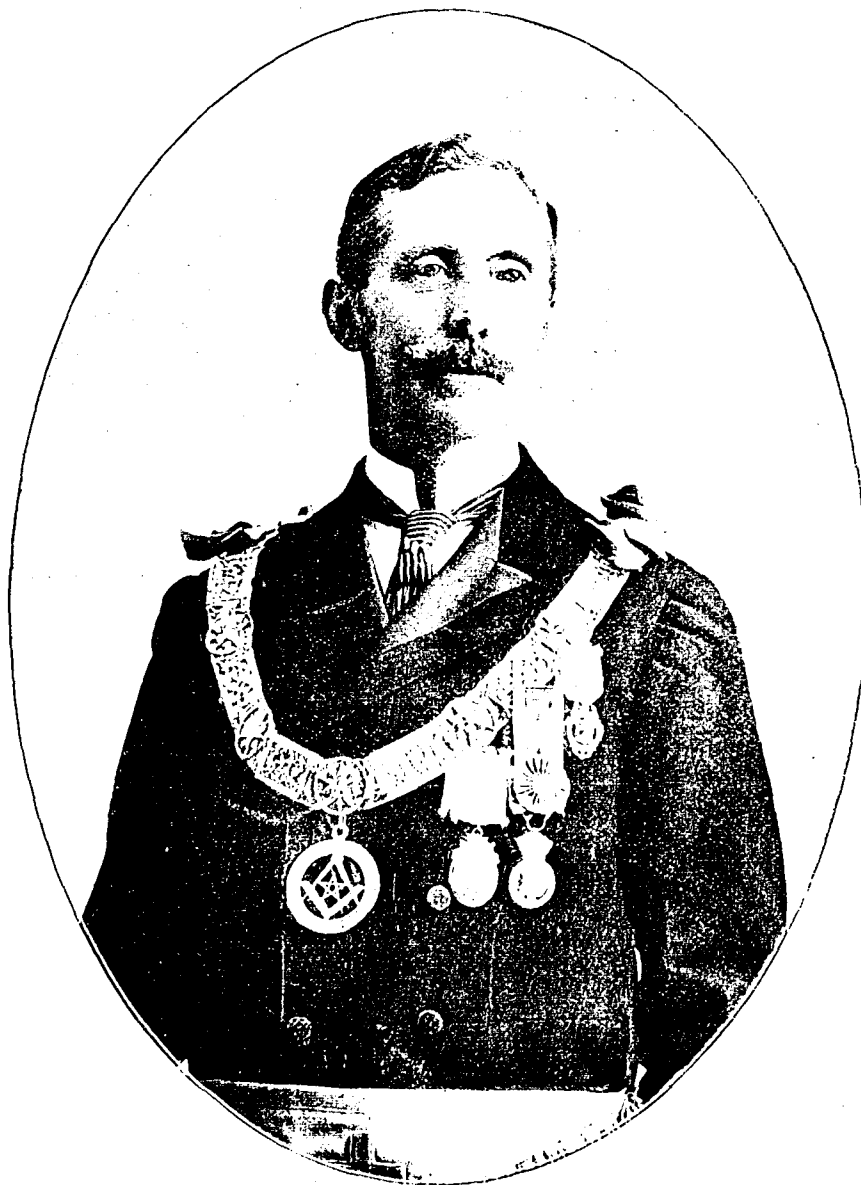
the same direction as his own. He thought they had no occasion to blame themselves for any want of charity towards those of their brethren, who, through no fault of their own, were reduced from comparative affluence to poverty and distress. They extended it to them in a variety of ways, but he should like to say, and he hoped they would agree that the first place where Charity should be sought was in the lodge. In circumstances of temporary necessity the lodge could give all the assistance desired, but if this was beyond their resources, an appeal could be made to a wider circle of brethren. In the Provinces they attempted to supplement and extend the benevolence of lodges by local Charities. There were two very useful Charities in Durham—one for the aged and the other for the education of the children of distressed Freemasons. Even the resources of the province

were at times unequal to the wants, and then they turned to the Central Charities, which were not limited to any particular locality, but for the whole of the Craft. The educational Charities were invaluable, but at the same time who was there amongst them who did not know a case—perhaps, many—of a brother or widow who had been in early life in good circumstances, but who had found themselves in their closing days in poverty? What more benevolent object could there be than to enable him or her to end their days in peace and freedom from anxiety? He visited the Benevolent Institution, as he understood it was the usual custom on the eve of the Festival, and he only regretted he had not the opportunity of doing so a few months ago. He could then have gone to Durham, and told them what he had seen, and this would still more have increased their sympathy with the Charity. It had been the custom amongst Masonic Charities

to promote their interests by Festivals such as this. The two principal objects were to bring home the interests of the particular Institution to some particular locality or province—and in Durham they had not been lost sight of. Another reason—which he had every reason to believe had been achieved—was the financial success, and he was totally in the dark as to that. He was sorry that on the present occasion they had not with them Bro. Robert Hudson, their late Prov. Grand Secretary—who had been called to the Grand Lodge above—who was one of the kindest hearted and most enthusiastic of Masons, for he issued an appeal hoping the province would produce £5,000. He (the Chairman) did not know what the figures were, but he hoped Durham had produced between £6,000 and £7,000. Others prominent in the province had been the present Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Moor, and Bros. Bennett, Robinson and others.

He had anticipated the

result of the day with considerable alarm, and it had not been removed by Bro. Colville Smith, who held the key of the situation. In a province such as Durham he had come to the conclusion that it would be hopeless to attempt to surpass the great success of last year. He had, however, in Durham met with the greatest support. The lodges numbered forty-five—with an average membership of 100, and every lodge had sent up Stewards, and every lodge—with the exception of one or two—had given a handsome contribution. It showed that the financial resources were carefully husbanded. In the Lambton Lodge of forty-one members, all had given a subscription. The number of annuitants in the Institution were 591, and the sum required to provide the annuities was about £24,000. He had heard a rumour that the Committee contemplated adding to the



R.W. BRO. THE RT. HON. LORD BARNARD, PROV. G.M. DURHAM.
CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL.

number of annuitants. He asked them with all cordiality to drink success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. Colville Smith then read the list of subscriptions, the total of which was as follows:—

London—403 Stewards	...	£13,994	15	6
Provinces—267 Stewards	...	10,448	14	6
Durham—185 Stewards	...	6,750	0	0
Grand Total	...	£31,193	10	0

Bro. James Stephens, P.D.G.D.C., as Treasurer of the Institution, said he was incapable of finding sufficient words to express the gratitude of the Committee to the chairman for presiding. When Lord Barnard's name was put forward, his reputation had gone before him, and it was well known that everything he took in hand was worked well and success was ensured. The occasion that evening was an epoch of record making or breaking. He ventured to say that another record had been established, because, although last year the handsome sum of £15,000 was brought up from one province (the previous record being £8,000), he must tell them that that province had something like 120 lodges, whereas Durham only numbered forty odd lodges. It, therefore, established a record for a province of that size. The chairman had told them of the excellent work of the Institution, and the Committee had thought proper to recognise the munificence of the Craft by increasing the annuitants by thirty. The number was increased in the first year of his Treasurership by his casting vote, but last week when an additional thirty was proposed they wished to see that number increased, which showed the progress made. They wished to relieve the poor who were with them rather than go on increasing their capital. The result that evening would gladden the hearts of the 600 old people, who would know that their little income was assured for several years to come.

In the name of those old men and women, he thanked them for the energy displayed and the total collected. The chairman had been east and west doing the best he could, and never had a chairman served the Institution better. Next year Bro. T. F. Halsey, Deputy G.M., would preside.

Bro. Sir E. Letchworth, G. Secretary, proposed "The Chairman," to whose kind interest and influence he felt the great result that had been achieved was in a great measure due. He would take this opportunity of tendering his testimony to the memory of the brother to whose loss reference had been made, and whom they all mourned, and he could assure the brethren of Durham that his many good qualities had endeared him, and will long linger in Freemasonry.

In response, the Chairman said he had been so gratified at the news he had heard that he could hardly brace himself to reply. He thanked them for the hearty support given him on this great occasion on which he had presided, and wished to express his indebtedness to the Province of Durham, for they had always responded to any request with exemplary loyalty, and he hoped it would long continue. He would take the opportunity of expressing the very great debt of gratitude he felt to that other province with which he was—not Masonically—connected, but in which he had great interest—Shropshire. For a small province of twelve lodges it had sent up £561. He was sure they would agree that the whole Festival had been a great success, and in consequence of the large numbers they had to be guilty of what might be discourtesy, and ask the ladies to dine in another room, but—"What mortals can more the ladies adore, than a Free and an Accepted Mason." He again thanked them for their support, and assured them that he had always been ready to do what he could for Freemasonry in the past and would continue to do so in the future.

A New Masonic Hall for Devonport.

Opening Ceremony.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire R.W. Bro. Colonel G. C. Davie, P.G.D., dedicated a new Masonic Temple in Tavistock Road, Stoke, Devonport, on March 13th. The building, which is entirely new, has been erected by Lodge St. Aubyn, 954, which has hitherto met in a room at Morice Town, the accommodation of which it had long outgrown. There was a large gathering, the Prov. Grand Master being supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, W. Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C., Bros. C. W. Brereton, Prov. S.G.W.; C. E. Russel Rendle, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. H. Basil Martin, Prov. G. Chap.; John Stocker, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Treasure, Prov. G. Std. B., and many other Provincial Grand Officers and brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the secretary of Lodge St. Aubyn (W. Bro. J. Smale), in the name of the W.M. and the members of the lodge, asked the Provincial Grand Master to dedicate the building. For many years, Bro. Smale said, they had waited for that building, and it was with very sincere satisfaction that they welcomed the Prov. Grand Master and his officers into it.

The Prov. G. Master said he acceded to their request with the greatest of pleasure. They must have long felt that in their old room their lodge was working under difficulties, and he was glad they had been able to erect so fine and commodious a building.

The dedication ceremony was then proceeded with, and before the Prov. G. Master solemnly declared the building dedicated to Freemasonry, virtue, universal benevolence,

and friendship, an oration on the occasion was delivered by W. Bro. Rev. J. H. Jones, vicar of St. Petrox, Dartmouth, P.P.G. Chap. He took as his subject the building of King Solomon's temple, as recorded in 1 Kings, vi. 7, in which we are told that all the stone and woodwork was prepared beforehand, and that the building rose without any sound of hammer, or axe, or any tool of iron. Bro. Jones congratulated the brethren of Lodge St. Aubyn on the splendid temple they had erected for Masonic work in that district. The subject of the building of Solomon's temple was a fascinating one to every Freemason. The rising of that great building in silence presented to the mind's eye a most singular and impressive feature. The first lesson they learnt from the building of the temple was to put their very best into their work—to offer of their best; secondly, that the best was given, and the temple rose in silence; and thirdly, that in that building beauty was added to strength. He believed intensely in the positive teaching of Masonry. All true life consisted in doing and giving one's best. Then the best and most enduring work generally went on silently. Generally speaking, it was the work of destruction which made the great noise. They could not clearly realise that the making of their characters went on silently day by day. Let them take heed how they built. And then endeavour to add beauty to strength. Let them guard the doors of their lodge with zealous care. The reputation of Freemasonry might be upheld by tens of thousands of members; but it might be upset by half a dozen bad ones. The world was anxious to know what Freemasons were; let them show it by their lives.

Consecration of the Vaga Lodge, Hereford.

THE ancient city of Hereford was the scene of a notable Masonic gathering last month, on the occasion of the consecration of the Vaga Lodge, of which W. Bro. Dr. George R. Sinclair, Past Grand Organist, and Organist of Hereford Cathedral, was the Master Designate. The founders unanimously selected the title "Vaga," which is the Latin name of the beautiful River Wye.

For the purposes of the consecration and in anticipation of a large number of visitors being present, the lodge was held at the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, a handsome apartment which admirably suited the stateliness and solemn grandeur of the ceremony. The brethren assembled to the number of about 250, each wearing emblems of mourning in memory of the late Provincial Grand Master.

The consecrating officer was V.W. Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, and he was assisted very ably by Bros. R. V. Vassar Smith, P.G. Deacon, as Senior Warden; P. Colville Smith, P.G. Deacon, as Junior Warden; the Very Rev. the Dean of Gloucester and the Rev. Sir Borodaile Savory, Bart., P.G. Chaplains, as Chaplains; Albert G. Neville, Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies, as D.C.; and J. Bruton, Past A.G.D. of C., as Inner Guard.



W. BRO. DR. GEORGE R. SINCLAIR, P.G. ORG., W.M.

The musical arrangements were entrusted to Bro. Percy Hull, and were of high-class excellence. A choir, including soloists, was stationed in the gallery, consisting of Bros. E. C. Broadhurst, organist of St. Michael's College, Tenbury; A. Blackall, organist of Warwick Parish Church; Dr. Charlton Palmer, organist of Ludlow Parish Church; Herbert Crimp, organist of Leominster Parish Church; Stephens, J. James, W. J. Ineson, and W. Bradford; the organist being Bro. Hull. The hymns, anthems, and chants were very beautifully rendered, the prayers and bible readings reverently and eloquently expressed, while the rest of the ritual was scriptural and symbolical, sacred, and of course inviolable by the uninitiated. The recitals were both dramatic and elocutionary, and very impressive. Indeed, the consecration was a ceremony of simple solemnity and much beauty, the ritual of the Order being finely expressed by Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, whose commanding personality and grace of style imparted unusual dignity and impressiveness to the scene. The oration for the occasion was composed and delivered by the Dean of Gloucester. The Lodge Vaga,

No. 3146, having been duly constituted in its spiritual and corporate sense, the hymn, "Hail! Masonry Divine," was sung, and the pronouncement of the patriarchal benediction concluded the dedicatory proceedings.

Bro. Dr. Sinclair had then the distinguished honour of being installed Worshipful Master by the Grand Secretary, assisted by the other Grand Officers.

Bro. H. H. Parry was elected Treasurer, and a committee was appointed to frame by-laws for the new lodge.

The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows, investing those who were present:—Bros. A. W. Foster, S.W.; M. J. G. Scobie, J.W.; H. H. Parry, Treasurer; N. H. Matthews, Secretary; Rev. R. Burges-Bayly, Chaplain; Rev. C. A. Treherne, S.D.; H. F. Roberts, J.D.; Dr. J. Herbert Jones, I.G.; C. H. Cowling, D.C.; Percy Hull, Organist; G. Calder Woods, S. Steward; W. Hewitt, J. Steward; and C. H. Ramsden, Charity Steward. The appointment of Tyler was deferred.

Bro. Dr. Sinclair then presented the founders' jewels to the consecrating officers on behalf of the founders.

From their labours the brethren proceeded to the Green Dragon Hotel, where, in the large room of the Palladian, they sat down to a banquet. By special dispensation all Grand and Provincial Grand Officers wore their collars and jewels, and Bro. Edwyn C. Gurney, as Mayor of Hereford, wore his civic chain of office in addition. Accordingly, the assemblage formed a brilliant picture, surrounded as they were by portraits of numerous eminent Masons of the province. Bro. Dr. Sinclair took the chair as W.M., supported by Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth and other Grand Officers, and Bro. the Dean of Hereford and other Prov. Grand Officers.

After the toast of "H.M. the King, Protector of the Craft," the W.M. proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.," toasts which were received with the usual Masonic honours.

W. Bro. Beddoe gave the toast of "The Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the Earl Amherst, the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, and the officers of the Grand Lodge of England." He observed that it was a unique event to have the presence of so many Grand Officers at Hereford, and their presence was much appreciated by the brethren. He coupled with the toast the name of W. Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith, P.G. Deacon, D.P.G.M. Gloucester.

W. Bro. Vassar Smith, who met with a flattering reception, acknowledged the compliment in eloquently humorous terms charmingly expressed, and referring affectionately to his life-long connection with the old city of Hereford.

W. Bro. Cowling proposed "The Prov. G.M. and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Past and Present." Although the Herefordshire province consisted of only five lodges, he believed that it had done splendid work in regard to Masonic benevolence, and had made its influence felt in the councils of Masonry in England. Their strength was not in numbers, but in the personality of its members. They had sustained a great loss in the death of the late Lord Glanusk, but they now tendered their loyalty and transferred their affection to the Dean of Hereford as his successor in the Provincial Grand Mastership. He was sure they all wished him many years continuance in that important position. Bro. Cowling expressed pleasure at noticing a large attendance of the Palladian brethren. He knew they were all proud to belong to the mother lodge of the province, but viewed with affectionate encouragement the foundation of the Vaga Lodge, and was sure that these two Hereford lodges would step out into the future, hand in hand, prepared together to do what they could for Masonry.

Bro. the Dean of Hereford, as Provincial Grand Master, humorously remarked that it had been said of him that he did not belong to the past or the present, but to the future, because he had not yet received his patent as Prov. Grand

Master and had not yet been installed. When this high and distinguished office was offered to him, he would have hesitated to undertake the duties were it not that he was confident that he had the support of the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren generally in the province, and should have as guide and counsellor one who had for many years been distinguished as a brother Craftsman—he meant Bro. H. C. Beddoe, who had been a member of the Palladian for something like sixty years, and had acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for something like thirteen years. He (the Dean) was aware that he followed one who was Master of the province for a quarter of a century, and had fulfilled those duties with great ability and most excellent tact. In the course of a further graceful reference to the late Lord Glanusk, the Dean said it was a curious coincidence that almost at the same time as their Prov. Grand Master was called away from amongst them, his (the Dean's) own relative, the late Lord Leigh, who was Prov. Grand Master of the neighbouring Province of Warwickshire for over half a century, had also been called away. He was very much touched by the kindly references to his late brother during the ceremonies witnessed in the Birmingham Town Hall a short time ago, when there were something like 2,000 Masons gathered together to instal the Marquis of Hertford as the successor of Lord Leigh. The Province of Herefordshire was very different from that of Warwickshire in one respect, inasmuch as compared with their five lodges—now six—there were thirty-five in the Warwickshire province, twenty of which were in Birmingham alone, but as Bro. Cowling had remarked, numbers did not always make for success, and it was in the small lodges and small provinces that they should find brotherly love and friendship in exceeding degree. He appealed to the brethren of this province to be lenient with him in any shortcomings, and to help him zealously and confidently in the performance of his duties. He was initiated in the Shakespeare Lodge at Warwick over forty years ago. He was not able to take much part in Masonic matters while in his big London parish, owing to so many other duties, but as soon as he had come to reside in Hereford and to be connected with their cathedral, his interest in Masonry had been revived. He found, too, that in the years which had passed, there were many dignitaries of the cathedral who had been Craftsmen. In front of him, now, he saw the portrait of the late Archdeacon Lane Freer, who was Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and to whom a magnificent memorial window was erected in the cathedral. The Dean pointed to one or two other portraits of cathedral clerics Masonically clothed, and, in conclusion, said he would once more express his gratitude to the company for their hearty welcome and promise of help in the performance of his duties.

The W.M., Bro. Dr. Sinclair, in proposing "The Consecrating Officers," said he found it difficult to express sufficiently the gratitude of himself and the other founders of Vaga Lodge for the kindness of the consecrating officers in coming so far to help them. London was a long distance from Hereford, and it must have been at considerable inconvenience that the Grand Officers had come so far. And the gratitude of all the brethren present was due to them also for the perfect and enlightening style in which they had performed that day's ceremony. It had been a lesson to them all how to conduct Masonic ritual and ceremony, and it would be to them a pleasant and lasting memory. Bro. Dr. Sinclair expatiated on the grace, dignity, reverence, and elocutionary excellence with which the ritual had been enunciated by the consecrating officer and his assistants, and the perfect way in which the arrangements had been made by the Director of Ceremonies.

The toast was received with honours.

Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth reciprocated the compliments paid by Bro. Dr. Sinclair, and observed that this lodge started under most favourable auspices, and he hoped it had in store very many years of great prosperity.

The W.M. announced a collection of £6 12s. for the local charity.

Bro. Albert Neville, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities." From their initiation onwards the brethren were taught that the prominent characteristic of Freemasonry was Charity, and the results of that teaching were to be seen in their magnificent schools for sons and daughters of poor Masons, the Benevolent Institution, and their various local charities. He trusted that none of them would be missed from their minds, but that all would be felt worthy of their continued support.

Bro. Colville Smith, P.G.D., Secretary of the R.M. Ben. Institution, in the course of a reply of similar effect, said what a pleasure it was to him to see his old friend, Bro. Dr. Sinclair, installed into the Chair of King Solomon, and he offered him his warmest congratulations and best wishes. Referring in detail to the Masonic Charities, Bro. Smith invited Masons, when in London, to visit the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. the Rev. C. A. Treherne, P.P.G. Chap. Berks. and Hereford, submitted the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by the Mayor of Hereford, Bro. Edwyn C. Gurney.

W. Bro. Rootes, after a few prefatory observations, said he felt very proud indeed of being asked to propose a toast which although so low down on the list he considered was the principal item of the evening, viz., the toast of "The W.M. of Vaga Lodge, 3146." Speaking in complimentary terms of the W.M., he said he did not think his brother founders would object to his telling the company of the reasons which had actuated them in selecting Dr. Sinclair to be their first Worshipful Master. It was necessary, in the first place, that they should have a Mason of experience, if possible a Past Master, and one whose merits and virtues were so manifold and manifest that they would be able to look up to him. Bro. Rootes then enumerated Dr. Sinclair's achievements in the Masonic world, as already stated in the introductory of this article. Those were some of the reasons, and there were others equally powerful. Dr. Sinclair had, as was required, been indefatigable in his energy as a Mason, zealous, assiduous, and very courteous and sympathetic to any Brother who had to approach him. All these characteristics Bro. Dr. Sinclair possessed in an eminent degree, and there was no doubt he would fill the chair with pleasure to himself and profit to Freemasonry in general and Vaga Lodge in particular.

Bro. Dr. Sinclair, in returning thanks, said that a certain amount of sentiment appealed to all of us and that quality was raised to a very high degree in Freemasonry. He appreciated very much indeed the confidence which was placed in him by the founders unanimously appointing him as their first Master. He felt very deeply the responsibility, and hoped that the lodge which had begun well would continue to work on true Masonic lines, so that they might always be able to look back upon an unsullied career. Further than this he did not think he need say; those who knew him best knew he was not incapable of gratitude. Before he sat down, he wished to give the toast of "The Officers and Brethren of Vaga Lodge." He was sure that they all felt the responsibility of their duties in their new lodge as much as he did, and he was confident that if they continued to work together as they had commenced they would bring the lodge to a condition of great prosperity and much influence for good. He trusted that they would take a forward position in regard to the Masonic charities, as Bros. Neville and Colville Smith had so eloquently appealed to them to do.

The W.M. further referred to the assistance he had received from the brethren who had been associated with him in the founding of the lodge and in that day's ceremony.

Bro. M. J. G. Scobie, I.G., in a brief but effective reply, said he fully endorsed what had already been said of the success of the day's proceedings, and on behalf of his brother officers further assured the W.M. of their loyalty to him both now and during his term of office, and their intention to further the work of Masonry generally and in Vaga Lodge particularly.

The Tyler's toast ended a most enjoyable and memorable Masonic gathering.

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The Master's Obligations.

IN a recent issue of this journal we discussed the unwritten obligations of the Worshipful Master, and we now propose to consider the written code by which he is bound. It may be generally taken for granted that he has already made himself acquainted with the nature of some of his new responsibilities. During his Masonic career he has had the advantage of hearing the Antient Charges recited, and of witnessing a considerable portion of the ceremony of installation. But when these things take the personal application they often assume an entirely new form, and the new Worshipful Master finds in them very often much that he never suspected before. The written obligations assume a threefold form. The Antient Charges explain his duty to the Craft at large, the S.O. in open lodge, his duty to his own lodge in particular, and the third obligation recites his responsibilities in the new Order to which he is about to be admitted. The Antient Charges not only occur in the forefront of the installation ceremony, but they are the very first words we read in the bound volume of the Constitutions. What is read to the Master elect is but a summary of what immediately follows, which in its turn is a compilation of the charges and regulations that have bound Masons, whether operative or speculative, ever since the Craft underwent organization. Some of them are of great antiquity. They were first printed and made accessible in 1722. Up to about 1870 there were some thirty of these old manuscripts known to exist, but Bro. Hughan, in his preface to the "Old

Charges" (1895), states that there are now sixty-five in all, of which the oldest probably dates from 1390. They are amongst the most treasured possessions of the Freemason, and claim our respect, whether by reason of their antiquity or their adaptability. Just as men and women, in spite of all the advance of modern thought, have never been able to improve on the canons of conduct laid down in the Sermon on the Mount, nor indeed to find any higher ideal, no higher standard has ever been placed before the Freemason than he will find laid down as soon as he opens the Book of Constitutions. He that runs may read, for there is little enshrined in them that is not clear to the meanest comprehension. The fifteen Charges are conveniently arranged in three groups of five each, and to put it briefly these define his duty to his neighbour, to himself, and his duty in the new capacity he proposes to take upon himself. These last are all that is new, for he has heard the first ten epitomised in the Charge in the First Degree. Number eleven practically asserts the unchangeability of the landmarks, and with respect to this it is permissible to regret that an official statement does not exist as to what are the landmarks. The last four are backed up by provisions in the Book of Constitutions. The obligation taken in open lodge does not contain much that is new, but there is one provision that has occasionally required interpretation. The Master elect promises that he will continue to discharge his new duties until a successor has been elected and installed in his stead. In foreign parts there are many lodges in which there is little or no choice when a Master has to be elected, and the transfer of both Wardens during the year has very considerably limited the choice of a successor. Perhaps the only possible successor's qualification does not mature until after the appointed day, and then it is not unusual for an alteration of the by-laws to be made to fit in with the emergency. But would the W.M. in the chair be justified in retaining his seat and refusing to allow the ordinary course to be modified? Moreover the obligation is in apparent conflict with Article 135, which limits continuance in the chair to two years, unless by dispensation. Now the very word dispensation means a legalized illegality, and infers a possibility of refusal. Again this is the first mention in a Masonic obligation of the landmarks, and this emphasizes the remark already made as to the desirability of an official statement of the landmarks. How can any brother pledge himself to an observance of something he can only guess at.

The obligation of the Master is not a one-sided proceeding. It is in the nature of a covenant. What are the duties of the brethren to him? They are not put in the form of a S.O., but they are none the less real and binding. The officers are not obligated, but as they may be said to emanate from the Master, what binds him binds them. Since the necessity of perfect concord is so forcibly impressed on the Initiate at his investiture, how much more necessary for the Officers. There must be perfect loyalty. Should, unhappily, the Master not come up to anticipation in the performance of his duty, then especially the Wardens must "close up" so as to present a united front. Obedience must be of the active type and not passive. For instance, the Master's ruling, even if obviously wrong, must be acquiesced in, unless the protest be the preliminary to an appeal to higher authority.

Peace and harmony in the lodge room are far more essential than a rigid adherence to the trifles as to which many hyper-sensitive brethren are so especially careful. And even in the case suggested where an obviously wrong decision lays the Master open to be successfully appealed against, is it not more Masonic, unless a rank injustice is involved, to forego any such right. The self-restraint shown by an aggrieved brother in a case of this kind affords a valuable object lesson that will permeate the whole lodge. The Master does not err intentionally. It may be ignorance, is it Masonic for a brother of superior knowledge to belittle his Master by showing it up? He has to give a decision for which there may be no precedent to guide him, and perhaps it is not the decision that he would give had he time for mature reflection. Is it fair for the brother who has that

advantage to add to the Master's perplexity, and possibly his distress of mind? In the majority of cases the harm done by rash appeal to outside authority far outweighs that which may be due to the trilling causes which gave it rise.

The Master has a right to appeal to the charity of the brethren, and to ask that they will suspend their judgment, and give him credit for the highest motives. He ought not to feel that he is in an assembly of critics. He should be surrounded by sympathetic friends, and he and they should be imbued with the idea that the *alpha* and *omega* of Freemasonry are unity, peace and concord.



The failure of the negotiations entered into with an eminent firm of restaurateurs for the leasing of Freemasons' Tavern and the expenditure of the sum of £50,000 voted by Grand Lodge for its reconstruction has been the one subject of interest and discussion in London Masonic circles during the past few weeks, and it is not surprising to find that the moderate and practical suggestions of the authorities have been supplemented by the more ambitious and visionary schemes of irresponsible brethren who talk airily of expending millions on some modern Solomon's Temple. That the Grand Lodge of England should possess a house worthy of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world no one would care to deny, but it should also be remembered that English Freemasonry is not of that aggressive type which is characteristic of many organizations and, moreover, needs no advertisement. Its chief aim is the cultivation of brotherly love and charity and the success of its mission in the world is not dependent on gorgeous temples or outward show.

But in saying this we do not desire to convey the impression that we are content that it should be meanly housed or that its executive offices and meeting place should in any way be of a sordid character, or insufficient in space or adornment; by all means let it be in accordance with the requirements of the Order and sufficiently ornate to satisfy modern needs. In this respect we are confidently of opinion that the scheme of reconstruction (with certain modifications) of Freemasons' Tavern prepared by Bro. H. L. Florence, the Grand Superintendent of Works, whose experience as the architect of such great hostelrys as the Carlton Hotel, the Victoria Hotel, and many similar buildings, is a sufficient guarantee that he possesses fitness for the work. With regard to Freemasons' Hall itself it ought not to be beyond the skill of the architect, or the means at the disposal of Grand Lodge, to enlarge and beautify the present building on a scale that would amply satisfy all reasonable requirements, especially when it is remembered that a large portion of the surrounding site has been from time to time acquired. We trust, therefore, that the representative committee which was appointed at the last quarterly communication of Grand Lodge will settle down to their work in a sober and practical spirit and not be influenced by the inflated ideas of the mere ardent spirits who talk and write so glibly of millions without serious thought of where these millions are to come from, or how a vast structure on a fabulously valuable site is to be maintained without impoverishing the Order and withdrawing from the great charitable institutions the monies needed for their support.

The other questions raised in this controversy are more difficult to deal with. Whether it is practicable to retain the Tavern premises wholly for the use of the fraternity, either

as a Masonic club or by the formation of a company to take over the lease and run the tavern on business lines, is a matter on which it would be well to invite expert opinion to express itself, but that some such scheme is feasible we have not the shadow of a doubt, and we trust the "great, wise, and eminent" among our brethren will bring their business acumen and Masonic sympathies to bear on the solution of the problem.

The contest for the Grand Treasurership bids fair not only to be an annual event but an abiding source of interest and excitement during the intervals between the elections. No sooner had the announcement been made of the successful candidature of Bro. Winsloe for the ensuing year than the names of aspirants for the office are put forward for the year 1906-7, one of these being one of the defeated candidates in the recent contest. We desire to impartially convey to our readers the simple announcement without expressing an opinion as to the desirability or otherwise of perpetuating this method of selection for the one appointment to Grand office which is not in the hands of the Grand Master and therefore simply limit ourselves to giving the names and qualifications of the brethren who may, from time to time, be announced as candidates.

Bro. Alfred Augustus Frigout has notified his intention of again soliciting the support of the Craft for election in 1907. He is a member of the Lodge of Amity, No. 171, West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2041, Kentish Lodge, No. 3021, and the Excelsior Lodge, No. 1155. He is P.Z. of the Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25, and also of the Excelsior Chapter, No. 1155. Bro. Frigout is a Vice-Patron of all the institutions and has served in all 30 Stewardships.

The candidature of Bro. Thomas Fraser is also announced in a circular issued by Bro. J. D. Langton, as Chairman of the executive committee, and Bros. J. Percy Fitzgerald and W. Wrighton Hooper as Honorary Secretaries. Bro. Fraser is a partner in the old-established Banking House of Dennistoun Cross & Company, Threadneedle Street, London. He is a Past Master of the Eccentric Lodge, No. 2488, W.M. of the Jubilee Masters Lodge, No. 2712, and a member of the Dene Lodge, No. 2228, the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, the Marcians Lodge, No. 2648, and the Richard Clowes Lodge, No. 2936. He is Z. of the Marcians Chapter, No. 2648, and a member of the Eccentric Chapter, No. 2488, a Vice-Patron of each of the Masonic Charities, for which he has served 18 Stewardships; a Governor of the London Hospital, the Scottish Hospital, the Hospital for Incurables, the British Orphan Asylum, and a generous supporter of other charitable institutions.

The only lodge in the metropolis which has its permanent home in one of the City Companies' Halls is the Cutlers' Lodge, and at its last meeting on March 8th there was a notable assembly of city magnates and Grand Officers to witness the initiation of Lieut.-General Sir John French into Freemasonry. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.W. On General French's return from South Africa after the Boer War, the Cutlers' Company presented him with the freedom and livery of the company and a sword of honour, and he is thus qualified to become a member of the lodge. Bro. Tatton Sykes, the W.M., vacated his position in favour of the Lord Mayor, who was supported by Bro. Cornelius Thorne, P.D.G.M. Northern China; Bro. Canon Childe, P.G. Chap.; Bro. E. Beaumont, P.D.G. Reg.; Bro. F. Richardson, P.D.G. Reg.; Bro. Sir. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary; Bro. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; Bro. A. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; Bro. J. Welford, P.G.S.B.; Bro. T. A. Bullock, P.G.S.B.; Bro. Henniker Heaton, M.P.; Bro. Alderman and Sheriff H. G. Smallman, and Bro. Sheriff T. V. Bowater. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. Attwood Thorne, Samuel Welch, J. Simpson, P.M.; F. W.

Williams, P.M.; Sydney Poccock, P.M.; J. P. Hamilton, P.M.; J. U. Morton, C. E. Squire, H. M. Perkins, T. Cato Worsfold, P.M., and F. C. Squire. At the banquet which followed the Lord Mayor, as acting W.M., proposed the health of Bro. Lieut.-General Sir John French, who, in reply, expressed his sense of the honour conferred upon him, rendered possible by the kindness of the Cutlers' Company.



A representative gathering assembled at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday, February 13th, to witness the installation of the Worshipful Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, for the ensuing year. Bro. Clarence Coggin was impressively installed by the retiring master, Bro. Henry Nye Chart. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year. A pleasing incident was the passing of a candidate, which ceremony was performed by Bro. H. Nye Chart at the request of Bro. Gerald Maxwell, the present Master of the Green Room Lodge.



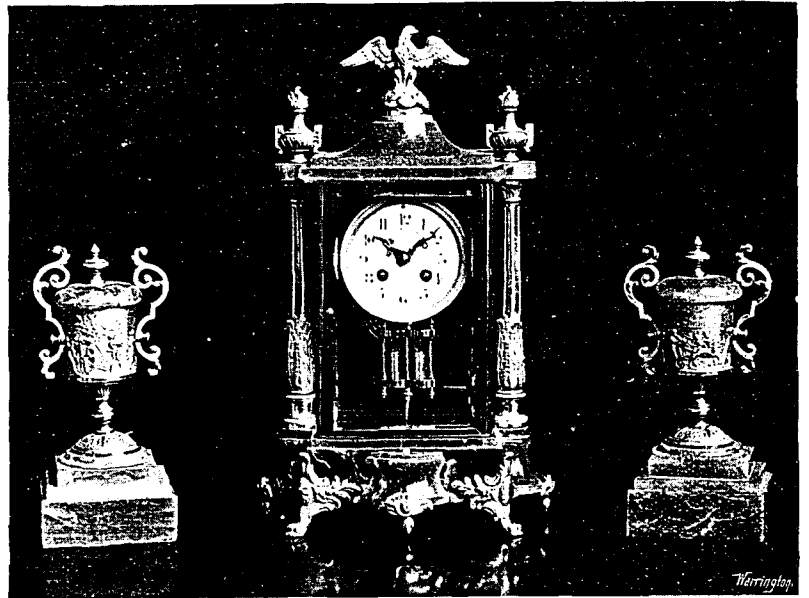
In this issue we are able to reproduce a photograph of W. Bro. J. U. Valentine, P.M., P.D.P.G.D.C. of Devon, who, after a valuable and appreciated service of a quarter of a century in connection with Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, has found it impossible to accept the honour of re-election. At a very interesting ceremony at the annual Installation Meeting Bro. Valentine was presented by the members of the lodge with a very handsome timepiece and ornaments in onyx. The presentation was made in the



BRO. J. U. VALENTINE.

presence of the Prov. Gd. Master and several officers of the P.G. Lodge and on behalf of the members of the lodge by Bro. G. N. Burden, P.M., P.P.G.J.W. Devon. The inscription on the timepiece read as follows: "Teignmouth, February 12, 1906. This clock and vases were presented to Brother J. U. Valentine, P.M., by the members of Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, as a slight acknowledgment of his valuable and untiring services as Secretary for a period of 25 years."

Bro. Valentine was initiated September, 1875, and in January, 1876, appointed to office. He never missed receiving a collar of office in the lodge up to February, 1906, when he retired, and during that period he served as Secretary for 25 years. In 1880 he was W.M. and was fortunate enough to represent the lodge at the laying of the foundation stone of Truro Cathedral by His Majesty the King. In 1886 Bro. Valentine was appointed Dep. Prov. G.D.C. by Lord Ebrington, P.G.M., and in the Arch Degree he was exalted in Chapter No. 303 in 1877 and was Z. in 1883. A year



PRESENTATION TIMEPIECE AND ORNAMENTS.

later he was appointed P.G.O. Devon, and advanced in the Mark Masters' Lodge, No. 316, in 1883. In 1893 Bro. Valentine was elected W.M. and re-elected in 1904, and was in the same year appointed P.G.J. Overseer of Devon. We wish Bro. Valentine the repose and happiness he deserves and that he will live many years to enjoy the respect and esteem he has won from those who have been fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.



Masonic titles, or rather Masonic honorifics, appear to be based upon ecclesiastical procedure. In the latter we have Most Reverend, Right Reverend, Very Reverend and Reverend. These correspond in dignity with the Masonic offices described by changing Reverend for Worshipful. Following out Bishop Wilberforce's suggestion we might make the Wardens a present of a title. They have one under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Why not call them "Rather Worshipful"?



Where ought the Senior Warden to sit in the absence of the Worshipful Master? It seems strange in these days of Masonic enlightenment that the question should be asked, but it frequently is. The Senior Warden's "constant" place is in the West, and whilst he is in charge of the lodge, if the W.M. dies or is disabled, it only means that the summons goes out in his name, and the responsibilities, which were the W.M.'s, are now his.



The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to appoint as Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland Bro. Major A. E. Burdon, in succession to the late Lord Ridley.

BUCHANAN'S *Scotch Whiskies*
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Bro. Albert G. Neville (the son of the popular veteran, Bro. Henry Neville) has been the recipient of Past Grand Officers' Jewels to mark his rank as D.G.D.C. in the Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter respectively, while he in his turn begged the lodge to accept from him the gift of a very handsome banner, to record the reign of the present Master, and from year to year, of seventeen of his successors. The visitors numbered nearly 100, and there were twenty Grand Officers present. The banquet was subsequently given in the Victoria Hall. The customary toasts were honoured in the usual way, and the speeches were commendably short and to the purpose, while notably that delivered by Bro. H. Nye Chart, in submitting the health of the new members, was listened to with evident pleasure, it being remarkable for eloquence and elocution. The list of artists included the names of Misses Ethel Hirschbein and Gertrude Snow, and Messrs. Charles Bertram, Lionel Brough, Charles Capper, Walter Churcher, Robert Cunningham, Richard Green, Nelson Jackson, Frank Braine, and Wharton Wells.



The Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland was held at the rooms of the Sun, Square, and Compass Chapter, No. 119, Whitehaven, on the 16th February, presided over by the M. E. Companion, Colonel Frederick R. Sewell, Grand Superintendent, who invested his officers for the ensuing year. Practically all the chapters of the province were represented. Among the business transacted was the voting of twenty guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. Later in the day the preliminary meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland was held under the banner of the Sun, Square, and Compass Lodge, presided over by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel F. R. Sewell, P.G.D. Fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.



The laying of the foundation stone of the new ward of the Medical College Hospital at Calcutta is thus described in *The World* of 22nd February:—"Saturday last was a great day for the Freemasons of Calcutta, who gave the outside world a welcome opportunity of seeing the mystic brethren performing a very impressive ceremony. The occasion was the laying of the foundation stone of the new surgical ward in connection with the Medical College Hospital, towards which the Prince of Wales had contributed ninety thousand rupees out of the lac placed at his disposal by the Maharajah of Durbungah. In the centre of the enclosure were two big *shamianas*, one for the Government House party and the second for more distinguished Masonic officials, and between them was a large excavation (with steps leading to it from the seats of the mighty Masons) which contained the great block, the corner stone of the new building. With the Viceroy were Lady Minto and her daughters, Sir Andrew and Lady Fraser, Sir Francis and Lady Maclean, Mr. and Mrs. Erle Richards, and several others; while the Masonic tent, which had been furnished and arranged to resemble in every respect a lodge, contained all the principal office-bearers of the Craft. The District Grand Master of Bengal is Sir William Burkitt, but in his absence the ceremony was performed with great distinction by Bro. George Lane Anderson, the Deputy Grand Master, and he had Lord Kitchener, the District Grand Master of the Punjab, in the seat of honour next to him. On the arrival of the Viceroy, he was asked to lay the foundation stone by Colonel Lukis,

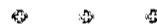
the Principal of the Hospital and also the Masonic Superintendent of Works; but Lord Minto said he would hand over the pleasing task to District Grand Lodge, and sent a request to that effect. It was interesting to those outside the pale ("cowans" is the correct designation) to notice through how many channels even a Viceroy's message was obliged to filter before it could reach the Grand Master, but it did arrive finally, and the ceremony—or rather service—commenced. There were addresses by the great man, Masonic hymns, prayers by the Grand Chaplain, Canon Luckman, and then the stone was lowered to soft music, with oblations of oil and wine and a sprinkling of corn."



Lord Amptill, who is to lay down the Governorship of Madras on the 14th of this month, is a very enthusiastic Freemason, and has been a very successful District Grand Master. He and Lady Amptill are very popular with all classes of the community, and their departure is greatly regretted.



The new King of Denmark (who for nearly ten years has been a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England) has determined to remain Vicar of Solomon and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, as he had been for many years. In this step he is following the example of his predecessor on the Danish throne, Frederik VII., who not only was Grand Master while sovereign, but remodelled what may be termed the external system of Danish Freemasonry; and King Oscar of Sweden—who, by the way, initiated our monarch into the mysteries of the craft—is to-day Vicar of Solomon and Master of the Order in Sweden, though, by a special arrangement in the Scandinavian peninsula the Crown Prince is the National Grand Master. In our own country, of course, King Edward, who had been Grand Master for over a quarter of a century, withdrew from that position when he ascended the throne, and assumed that of Protector of the Craft—a position, it is to be observed, which in Denmark was held by the late Christian IX., and which it was thought his successor, Frederik VIII., with the English example immediately before him, would have taken.

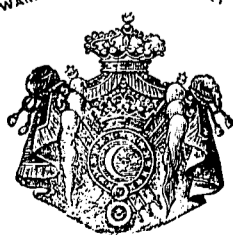


The M.W.G. Master H.R.H. Duke of Connaught received an address at Johannesburg on the 14th February, from the Freemasons of the Transvaal holding under the English, Irish, Scottish, and Netherlands Constitutions. His Royal Highness, in the course of an eloquent reply, laid special stress on the pleasure it gave him to think that the Masonic constitutions so early united in offering their assurance of Masonic and civil loyalty, which he would be sure to lay before His Majesty the King as Grand Patron of the Order, and before the Freemasons of England in order that they could appreciate the happy conditions prevailing.



The annual festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire Mark Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 12th March, under the banner of the Derby Mark Lodge. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Abraham Woodiwiss presided, and there was an exceedingly large attendance. The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, nominating Bro. G. M. Bond, of Ashbourne, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and appointed as his Wardens Bros. A. Grimwood Taylor (Derby) and W. H. Ball (Ilkeston).

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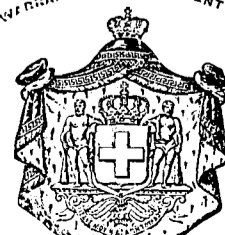
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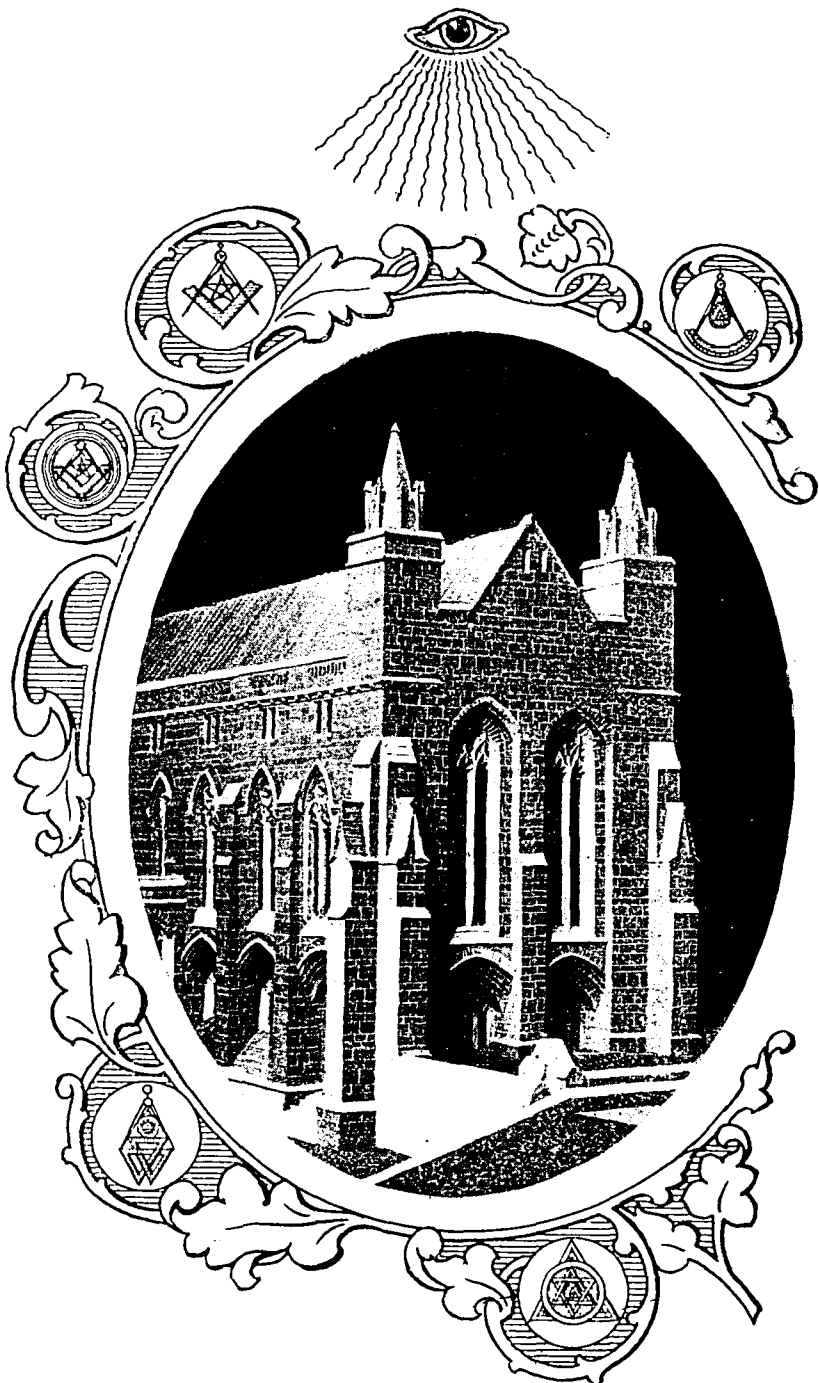
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THE "LATHOM" CHAPTER HOUSE, LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

The Fund that is being raised by the brethren of West Lancashire for erecting the Chapter House of the Liverpool Cathedral, in memory of the late Lord Lathom, is making good progress over £5,500 having been paid and over £8,000 promised. The above illustration is kindly furnished by W. Bro. Francis Goodacre, Hon. Asst. Secretary to the Masonic Cathedral Committee.

A brother with a taste for figures has worked out the cost of King Solomon's Temple and reduced it to the currency of to-day. Here are the results of his calculations, which, by the way, we do not vouch for. Total cost £69,869,822,500. This is an incalculable sum, but we may at once deduct more than sixty-two thousand millions, at which our correspondent has estimated the value of the precious stones. Gold, silver and other metal amount to £6,904,822,500. Wages, 142 millions, wood and stone and other material, 150 millions. King David left in his treasury £911,416,207, neglecting the odd shillings and pence, and Solomon, H.K.T., and the Queen of Sheba made up £80,000,000,000 between them, leaving £11,041,513,707 for repairs.

An American contemporary waxes merry over the future prospects of a new Lodge of Harmony that proposes to show the way in matters musical. All brethren with crotchets, it is suggested, should be admitted without ballot. The Director of Ceremonies would have as his emblem of office, a pair of crossed batons. The key borne by the Treasurer would, of course, be varied at each meeting, and would naturally be minor at a Masonic funeral. The S.O. would be intoned, and it is suggested that the by-laws should be in blank verse. The advance to the East would, in each case, be to the notes of a quick step. The evening's proceedings would be described in the minute book as a "symphony," the last movement of which, down to dinner, would be *allegro vivace*.

Bro. Col. J. R. Bramble has been appointed Grand Master in the Bristol province in succession to the late Bro. W. A. F. Powell, J.P. Colonel Bramble has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master since 1889. The new D.G.M. will be Bro. Pierrepont Harris, who has been Provincial Grand Secretary since 1884. Both appointments have afforded much satisfaction to Freemasons in the province.

OUR BROTHERS' BED.—This bed, which was founded in 1894 in the Free Home for the Dying, at 29, North Side, Clapham Common, by W. Bro. Captain W. Portlock-Dadson, P.G. Deacon, and afterwards endowed in perpetuity by small contributions from lodges and brethren in response to the appeal made by him, continues its good work and is in constant demand as shown by this extract from the report of the Council of the Home for the year 1905:—"Our Brothers' Bed continues to receive most cordial support, and Freemasons will be interested to know that seven members of their fraternity found shelter in the Home during the past year, as many as three having been inmates at the same time. Donations have been received from several lodges and chapters which had not previously contributed, and the Council tender their hearty thanks to these as well as their older Masonic friends for the cordiality and good-will with which their help has been given." Subscriptions in 1905, £46 3s. od.; donations in 1905, £70 2s. 3d. The bed is at present (February 27th) occupied by a Mason.

The Minister of Finance of the French Republic has conferred a signal honour on a well-known British firm, the Ardath Tobacco Co. of London, by appointing them to be purveyors to the French Tobacco Regie. The appointment is made on account of the supreme excellence and unique qualities of the productions of the Company.

On Saturday the 24th, Cordingley's Motor Car Exhibition will open at the Agricultural Hall, London, when nearly 300 exhibitors will demonstrate the progress made by the automobile on land, sea and air. For in addition to motor cars, 'busses, etc., there will be a large display of motor boats and airships. All the leading British engineering firms seem to be entering the motor car industry, and never before has such a complete representation of this section of English enterprise been brought together. Every day various automobile organisations will hold conferences and meetings.

We regret that owing to want of space, the report of the Installation Meeting of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, and several other items have been unavoidably held over.

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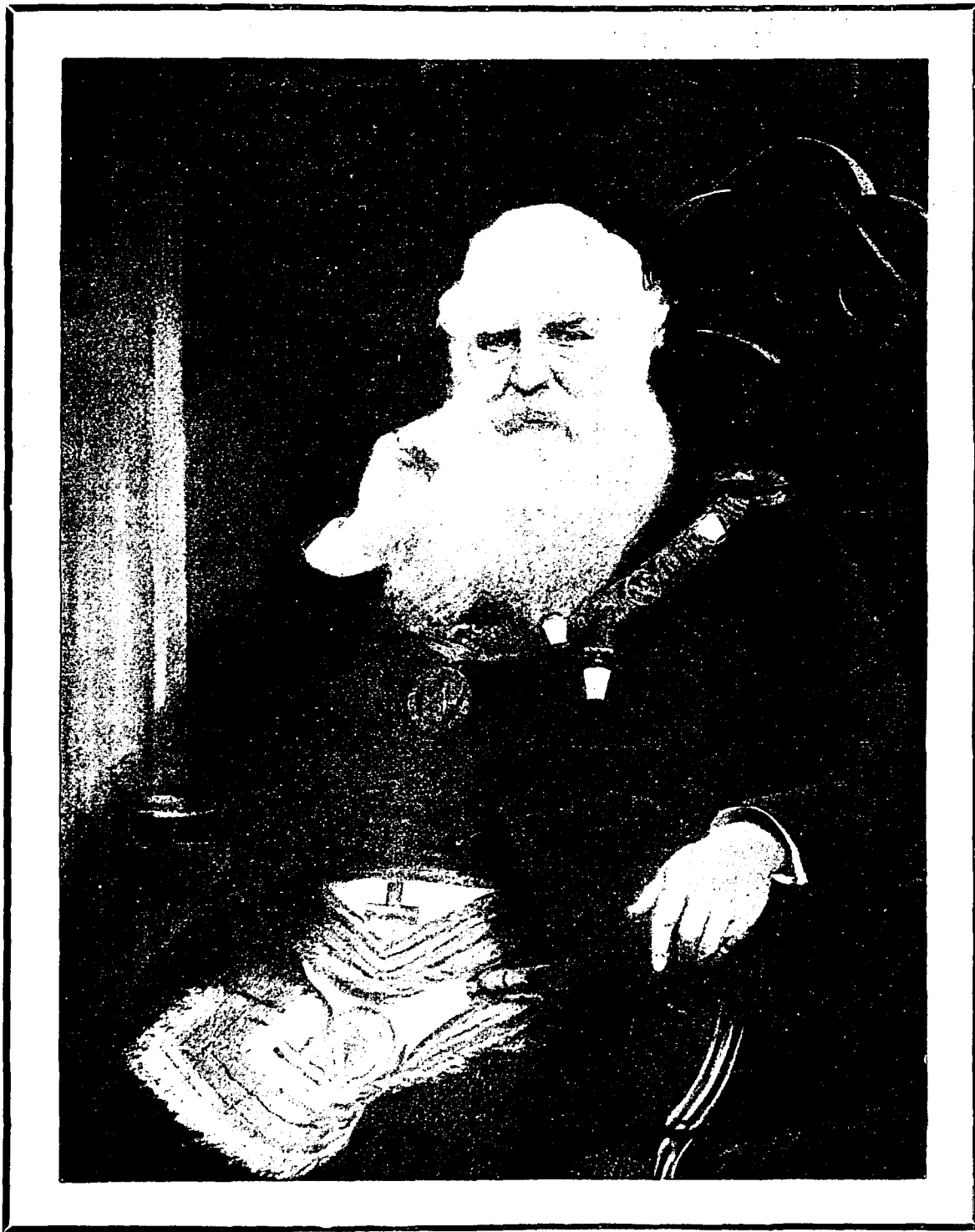
ILLUSTRATED PROSPECTUS FROM PRINCIPAL.

Death of the Rev. Canon Tristram, LL.D., D.D., F.R.S.

IT is our melancholy duty to report the death, on the 8th March, of the Rev. Canon Tristram, Past Grand Chaplain, and for many years Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Durham in the Craft, Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch, and Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masonry for the Province of Durham. It is only during the present year that our venerable brother has resigned, on account of advancing years, the two latter offices, indeed, it was only on October 21st last that he presided at the annual Convocation of the

Masonry, and who would carry out his duties with ability." Subsequently the newly-installed Grand Superintendent paid a fitting tribute to the retiring ruler, and said that it was only from a feeling that it would be ungracious to keep in office one who had devoted so much time and energy to his duties after his expressed desire to be relieved.

Canon Tristram, although active during a long life in ecclesiastical and literary pursuits, has devoted much time and energy to Freemasonry, and the debt of gratitude



THE LATE BRO. CANON TRISTRAM, P.G. CHAP.

Provincial Grand Chapter, at which he announced his resignation, and installed as his successor the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Barnard. His valedictory address on that occasion possesses a melancholy interest. "Advancing years," he said, "behoved him to resign some of the many offices he had held through the goodwill of the brethren in connection with Masonry. He felt it was quite impossible for him to pay that attention to the many departments of Masonry which he should like to do, and, in his opinion, there was nothing that looked more senile than in clinging to office when one was too old for it. If he had been in a Government situation he would have been superannuated long ago. He was the more willing to resign the position because he was conscious that he was handing the office to a successor (Lord Barnard) who was far his superior in

which the Craft owes to such a man cannot be overestimated.

Canon Tristram was born in May, 1822, and had, therefore, attained his 83rd year. He was educated at Durham School and at Lincoln College, Oxford. He has been a great traveller, and has recorded his experiences in the many works that have issued from his prolific pen, notably "The Great Sahara," "Land of Israel," "Natural History of the Bible," "Scenes in the East," "Daughters of Syria," "Seven Golden Candlesticks," "Bible Places of Palestine," "Land of Moab," "Fauna and Flora of Palestine," "Rambles in Japan," besides contributions to many of the reviews and to "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible"—altogether a life full of usefulness and energetic action, always in the direction of sound and cultured teaching and a manly exposition of the Christian virtues.

Yorick Lodge, No. 2771.

THE sixth installation meeting of this popular lodge took place on Tuesday, 20th March, at the Trocadero Restaurant, when W. Bro. Clarence Soumes was installed by W. Bro. E. Lockwood.

There were present a large number of distinguished visitors, including Bros. Major Hy. Wright, P.G. Sword Bearer; A. H. Smith, Prov. G.D. Hants and I.W.; E. B. Hobson, P.M. Lodge 700; W. Watson, P.M. Lodge 959; T. Jefferson, W.M. Lodge 913; H. Allen, W.M. Lodge 694; the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, of which the newly-installed Master is S.W.

The following officers were appointed and invested by the Worshipful Master:—Bros. Geo. Robins, S.W.; Duncan Tovey, J.W.; The Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, P.G. Chap. Chaplain; W. S. Penley, P.G. Treas., Treasurer; F. Trehawke Davies, Secretary; F. T. Addyman, S.D.; Athelstane Nobbs, M.D., J.D.; W. Bro. Alex. Watson, P.P.S.G.W. Bucks., D.C.; A. P. Oxley, I.G.; E. H. Bull, W. Payne Seddon, and W. Bradford Smith, Stewards; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler.



BRO. CLARENCE SOUMES.

It was announced that W. Bro. F. Trehawke Davies was representing the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, and the sum of £10 10s. was voted upon his list from the benevolent fund of the lodge.

At the banquet which followed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," called upon V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley, P.G. Treasurer, and W. Bro. Major Hy. Wright, P.G. Sword Bearer, to respond.

V.W. Bro. W. S. Penley (who had unfortunately lost his voice) in responding, remarked with his usual dry humour, that as a rule he had a beautiful voice, but on that evening it had rounded on him. It was always a pleasure for a Grand Officer to respond to this toast, but in this instance it was a double pleasure, because it had been so very well proposed by the W.M., who had spoken of the good work done by the Grand Officers. Undoubtedly they did an enormous amount of work, and further they always had the interest of the Craft at heart, and there was nothing that gave the Grand Officers present more pleasure than to have plenty of work to do. He wished the W.M. and the lodge every success during the coming year.

W. Bro. Major H. Wright thanked the W.M. for having coupled his name with the toast, and also for the cordial manner it had been proposed and received. He was delighted to be present, as he had met several friends whom he had not seen since the days of the old Junior Garrick Club, from which the Yorick Club had its birth, and from the latter the Yorick Lodge emanated. He wished the W.M. a very happy and prosperous year of office, and thanked him for the hearty welcome extended to him.

W. Bro. E. Lockwood, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," said it required few words of his to commend the toast for their hearty reception, as they all knew what an excellent W.M. Bro. Soumes would prove; they all knew him so well, knew his work, and knew he was one of the founders of the lodge, and he congratulated the lodge on having such a good and sincere Mason to preside over them in the coming year, and he hoped the members would loyally support him in his work.

The W.M., in responding, said he did not know how to thank the brethren for the very flattering remarks which had been passed about him, and for the heartiness with which they had received the toast. He could only promise to do his very best during his year of office, and, as Master, his work would be discharged to the utmost of his ability.

The W.M. in proposing "The I.P.M." said, a more genial and worthy brother than Bro. Lockwood it would be impossible to find; he had done his work right royally and well, and they had spent a very pleasant year under his Mastership. The W.M. then presented his predecessor (Bro. Lockwood) with a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the Lodge, and said it gave him much pleasure to be able to pin it to his collar, and he hoped Bro. Lockwood would live to wear it for many years in the Yorick Lodge.

Responding, Bro. E. Lockwood thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast, and for the kind words which had fallen from the W.M. He also thanked them for the very beautiful jewel which had been presented to him, he would always treasure it, and it would remind him of the very happy year of office he had spent in the Yorick Lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors" received a very hearty reception, and was responded to by W. Bro. Simmonds and W. Bro. J. Youd, both of whom expressed the great pleasure it had given them to visit the Lodge. Bro. Youd, on behalf of the Aldershot brethren, returned thanks for the cordial manner with which the toast had been received, and he was sure it was a delight to see Bro. Soumes installed, and also to witness the admirable manner in which Bro. Lockwood had performed the ceremony. He hoped that under Bro. Soumes' direction the Yorick Lodge would continue to flourish, and that during his year he would be furnished with a good supply of work, and he thanked them for the excellent manner they had been entertained.

The W.M. then introduced what was somewhat of an innovation at a banquet of a London lodge, namely, the toast of the Provincial Grand Officers of his mother province, Hants and Isle of Wight, a large number of whom were present that evening as his guests. W. Bro. Arthur Smith, Prov. G.D., in response spoke at some length of the prosperity of their province under the rule of R.W. Bro. Sir Augustus Frederick Webster, Bart., and he rejoiced that the W.M. of the Yorick Lodge would next year be Master of the Panmure Lodge, No. 723, on the auspicious occasion of its jubilee, and its members intended to render it a very festive event, and he trusted to meet there many members of the Yorick Lodge, who had, as hosts, extended them such a fraternal welcome that evening.

The toast of the "Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary," was then honoured and briefly responded to.

The toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and was responded to by Bro. G. Robins with a very humorous speech.

The Tyler's Toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

History of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.

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

NOV. 20th.—A Petition for assistance was received from the widow of a former member, when, for the first time on record, the Secretary was directed to inform the applicant "that the Finances of the Lodge would not allow of any assistance being given to her."

Subsequently a Motion was unanimously carried that every subscribing member of the Lodge should pay into the hands of the Treasurer £1 11s. 6d. over and above the current subscription, towards liquidating the debt due to him by the Lodge. It was also agreed to increase the annual subscription from One Guinea to £1 11s. 6d. and to reduce the Initiation, Passing and Raising fee to £3 3s.

An urgent appeal was ordered to be made to members in arrear to pay up their subscription.

1798, Jan. 15th.—The appointment of Officers was postponed, there being only four members present and one visitor. The energetic measures taken by the few members who regularly attended were not without a due effect, but the Lodge cannot be said to have recovered from its period of depression until the advent of William Henry White, who was proposed by his father on 18th March, 1799, and initiated at the following meeting.



THE HON. THOMAS HARLEY, LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, 1767-68,
GRAND STEWARD FOR THE LODGE OF EMULATION IN 1763.

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There seems to have been a sort of magic in the name of White, as from the very day of the son of the Grand Secretary being proposed as a member, the Lodge began to revive from its moribund condition. One of the oldest and most active Past Masters who had tendered his resignation at the previous meeting asked permission to withdraw the same, and the Lodge made a fresh start on the road to prosperity.

W. H. White was raised to the third degree on 20th May, and as evidence of the active interest he at once evinced in the affairs of the Lodge, the minutes of this meeting are in his handwriting, as also are those of many subsequent meetings. He was elected Master on 15th December, 1800, and again for 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809 and 1810.

In January, 1800, the Lodge was removed to *The Antwerp Tavern*, Threadneedle Street, much against the wishes of the

proprietor of *The Paul's Head*, in Cateaton Street, where it had been held for upwards of thirty years.

At the first meeting in the new place a Committee consisting of the Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary was appointed to see the furniture, etc., removed from *The Paul's Head*, but the landlord of that house, Samuel Marriott, finding that his promises of better treatment failed to induce the members to reconsider their decision, had evidently determined to give them all the trouble he could, and absolutely refused to deliver up the Lodge property unless the brethren could produce a receipt which he asserted had been given to the Lodge for the Furniture, etc., when it first came to his house. This, the Committee was unable to do and the matter was adjourned for a fortnight at the request of the landlord, when the Master of the Lodge attended the Committee, with a former old member who stated "that he perfectly remembered the Furniture going to *The Paul's Head* and that no receipt was given by Mr. Marriott for the same." Finding that the Committee was determined to stand no more nonsense Marriott consented to deliver up the Furniture to the Tiler on an order signed by the Master and the several other members, which he might very well have done at first. The steps taken by the Committee in this business are embodied in a lengthy report read to the Lodge on 17th February, 1800, the concluding paragraph of which is as follows:—"We consider Mr. Marriott's conduct on this occasion was sufficient (if anything had been wanting) to convince the Brethren that the removal of the Lodge from the House of Mr. Marriott was a step absolutely necessary."

On 17th March following "It was moved by Bro. Norris (Treasurer), 'That the supper Bill in future be called for at half-past eleven o'clock,' which, being seconded was carried in the affirmative."

1801, June 29th.—On this evening Francis Columbine Daniel, Master of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 57, who had been proposed at the previous meeting, was elected a member, thus adding another to the list of Masonic celebrities on the roll of the Lodge of Emulation. He was appointed Senior Warden in 1802 and served as Grand Steward for the Lodge in 1803, when he was chosen Treasurer of the Board of Grand Stewards.

Bro. Daniel was a Surgeon, having an extensive practice amongst the sea-faring population in the East of London. In 1806 he invented a life preserver and gave several exhibitions of its qualities on the Serpentine in the presence of royalty, and also on different parts of the Thames.

This invention was brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society and was at once awarded a medallion. It was also laid before the Society of Arts, and upon a full investigation of its merits and mechanism, "The Society unanimously agreed in opinion that such a valuable discovery merited the highest prize, the gold medal."

During his connection with the Royal Naval Lodge Daniel is said to have acted as Master for upwards of seventeen years, and to have initiated over 600 American seamen, and near 400 British naval officers.

Bro. Daniel was, for a time, an active member of the rival Society, known as the "Antients," and was chiefly instrumental, in 1798, in establishing a School for boys under the auspices of that Grand Lodge.

In 1808, he, assisted by other members of the Royal Naval Lodge, instituted a second Masonic Charity for the purpose of relieving the widows and orphans of brethren under the "Modern" sanction. Owing to his characteristic energy and personal liberality, he was fairly successful in this, as he was in all his undertakings. After the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, he endeavoured to unite the two Charities, *i.e.*, that of 1798, and of 1808, and in 1817 this union was effected, thus forming what is now known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

He received the honour of Knighthood about the year 1821.

The portrait of a boy in the picture, to whom Sir Francis is directing attention, is that of Master David Humphreys, an orphan pupil in the school established in 1808, who seems to have possessed remarkable powers of oratory, and was presented by the Duke of Sussex with three medals at different anniversaries of the Institution.

The large cup or tankard so convenient to the elbow of Bro. Daniel was probably placed in that position more for exhibition than actual use. It doubtless represents the silver cup, valued at £20, given him by the Royal Naval Lodge on July 6th, 1808.



SIR FRANCIS COLUMBINE DANIEL,
GRAND STEWARD FOR THE LODGE OF EMULATION, 1803.

Without this explanation, it might possibly be thought that the habits of the worthy knight tended in some degree towards conviviality represented in the shape of a constant and liberal supply of liquid refreshment.

At the end of the year 1801 there was a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of £24 4s. 2d. with forty-two subscribing members on the books.

1802, March 15th.—“Resolved that the Fee to be paid by Brethren visiting this Lodge be seven shillings (instead of five shillings) to take place on the next night of meeting.”

During the previous year several Germans were initiated, four at an Emergency meeting on 20th July, one from Cassel, two from Frankfort and one from Hamburg which probably led to the initiation, at a Lodge of Emergency on Oct. 4th, 1802, of one who subsequently attained world-wide celebrity, as the founder of the London branch of the firm of Rothschilds. The transaction is thus recorded in the minutes by W. H. White:—“Bro’ Norris proposed Mr. Nathan Mayer Rothschild of Manchester, Merchant, aged 26, and Mr. Nehm Beer Rindskopt of Frankfort, Merchant, aged 21, to be made Masons in this Lodge this Evening they being about to leave the kingdom immediately, which being seconded by Bro’ White they were balloted for and declared unanimously approved, and were accordingly initiated into the first, passed into the second, and raised to the third degree, and paid their fees to the Treasurer.

“Notice was ordered to be given to the Grand Secretary of the Brothers having passed the three degrees this Night on emergency.”

Neither of these gentlemen became members of the Lodge of Emulation, they may have subsequently joined some other Lodge, but I can find no record of such joining.

The romantic history of the house of Rothschilds having been ably and, to all appearance, faithfully recorded, it may not be deemed out of place if I venture to quote a passage from its pages relative to the very distinguished member of our Order who sought and received Masonic Light in the Lodge of Emulation.*

“The first step towards extending the business of the original house in Frankfort was taken in 1798 by Nathan Mayer, the third and most remarkable of all Mayer Amschel’s sons, who in that year started for England with the object of creating a business of his own. To Nathan Mayer may be ascribed much of the subsequent prosperity of the family, as, by his splendid financial abilities and untiring energy, he contributed far more than any of his brothers towards raising the firm to the brilliant position it has held for the last fifty years. He it was who, by his vast schemes and far-reaching speculations, gave the firm its cosmopolitan character, whilst the great services which he, in common with his brothers, rendered to all the Governments of Europe in turn gained for his family a reputation and a consideration such as no other firm has ever enjoyed.”

Nathan Mayer Rothschild (“N. M. R.”) was born Sept. 19th, 1777, and was advanced by Imperial Letters Patent dated at Vienna, Sep. 29th, 1822, to the dignity of a Baron of the Austrian Empire. He died July 28th, 1836, at Frankfort, but his remains were brought to England for interment.

1802, Nov. 15th.—“It was proposed by Brother Pugh, that in future no Brother shall be permitted to smook tobacco either in the Lodge or in the Supper Room when the Brethren have retired to Refreshment, and that this shall be entered in the Book of Bye-Laws, which was seconded by Brother Whitford, and on the Question being put was carried with only one dissenting voice.”

1803, March 21st.—“Resolved unanimously that in future the Fee to be paid by any Gentleman on being made a Mason in this Lodge should be Five Guineas and a half including the Registering Fee, and the Fee to be paid by any Brother joining the Lodge as a Member shall be Two Guineas.”

1804, Nov. 19th.—“B’ Bryant Barrett moved, That this shall become a Dinner Lodge, carried in the affirmative. B’ Barrett also moved that the Annual Subscription shall be Three Guineas, instead of Two, in consequence of this becoming a Dinner Lodge ;

“Resolved, That the Bill be called Three hours after sitting down to Dinner.”

There was no other business before the Lodge, and the Brethren had evidently decided without due deliberation, for at the next meeting after the minutes had been read, W. H. White moved, and Bro. Norris seconded, that they be Rejected, which was carried in the affirmative.

1805, Feb. 18th.—“The Lodge proceeded to ballot for Mr. Lucas Birch who was unanimously approved of, and he being in attendance was regularly initiated.”

“Resolved, That in future the Fees on Initiation be Four Guineas including the Registering Fee.

“Brother Birch having been informed previous to his initiation that if he was made this Night the Fees would be One Guinea and an half more than he would pay if he waited untill the next Evening of Meeting, he expressed his wish to be made this day, as he considered the money would be applied to Charitable Purposes, whereupon on a Motion made, it was Resolved unanimously, That the One Guinea and an half be paid to the General Fund of Charity.”

The brother who thus early evinced his fitness for reception into the ranks of Masonry was the proprietor of the celebrated old catering establishment (now Ring and Brymer’s) in Cornhill, in which business he was succeeded by his son, Samuel Birch, Colonel of the First Regiment of Loyal London Volunteers, Lord Mayor of London, 1814—15, who attained some celebrity as the author of several musical dramas performed during the latter part of the 18th century.

* *The Rothschilds: The Financial Rulers of Nations.* By John Reeves. London, Sampson Low, Marston, etc., 1887.

It is recorded that he sent annually an artistic Twelfth-cake to the Mansion House as a present to the reigning Lord Mayor.

1808, Jan. 18th.—“Resolved unanimously, That the Lodge do in future dine together at half-past 4 o'clock, and that the Bill be called at 9 o'clock precisely.”

May 16th.—At this meeting Mr. Thomas Moore, of Lenham, Kent, aged 21 years, was proposed for initiation and unanimously approved, as was also Don Manuel Aniceto Padilla. “Mr. T. Moore who was a Lewis, (at the recommendation of his Father) waved his privilege as such in favor of Don Padilla.

“Messrs. M. A. Padilla and T. Moore were then regularly initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry, and Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft.”

Nov. 21st.—“Resolved unanimously, That the Annual Subscription of the Members of this Lodge be in future Three Guineas, and that the Fee to be paid by Visitors be in future 10s. 6d.”

1809, Nov. 20th.—The minutes of this meeting contain the first intimation of a practice which subsequently prevailed in the Lodge for a considerable period—that of transacting a portion of the business of the evening and then adjourning to dinner—probably with a view to enable the late comers to bring forward the names of candidates for membership. The minutes conclude in this wise, “After Dinner the Lodge was resumed.

“Brother Joseph Whiteley, of 21, Old London Street, Proposed by Brother Norris to become a member of this Lodge, and Seconded by Brother Teague, was ordered to be balloted for next Lodge Night.

“All Business being over the Lodge was closed in due form until the third Monday in the ensuing month, emergencies excepted.”

1810, Jan. 15th.—This was Installation night, and after the investiture of the usual officers, “The question being put That the Lodge have Deacons, and the same being carried in the affirmative, and a Motion being made by B^r Cruse, and Seconded by B^r Jas. Newman, that the R.W.M. appoint the same, and being carried unanimously, the R.W.M. appointed the following Brothers to that office for the ensuing year, viz., B^r Whitford, Senior Deacon, and B^r Piggott, Junior Deacon.”

It was resolved that the annual appointment of Deacons for the Lodge should be inserted in the By-Laws, and that jewels be provided for these officers.

April 16th.—After considerable discussion on the question of whether the Lodge should dine at 4, 4.30, or 5 o'clock, it was decided to take the middle course, “and it was ordered that this Lodge in future dine at half-past 4 o'clock precisely. And in order to ensure the same the Landlord should be subject to a fine upon neglect to have the Dinner on the Table at that time.” It was eventually resolved that the Landlord should be subject to a fine of One Guinea should the dinner not be ready at the time stated.

“Mr. Butler being accordingly requested to attend the Lodge, the R.W.M. acquainted him therewith, when he objected to the sum of one Guinea, but consented to be subject to a fine of half a Guinea for such neglect, which being agreed to by the Lodge was ordered accordingly.”

May 7th.—“The R.W.M. stated that he had called the present Lodge in consequence of the A.G. Master having expressed a wish that Brother Alderman Hunter should serve the office of Steward for the ensuing year, the A.G.M. being desirous to appoint him a Grand Warden the year following, and that if the Lodge would present him as a Grand Steward at the next Grand Feast he should feel himself personally obliged.”

On Feb. 3rd, 1779, the Grand Lodge ordered, “That in future no brother be appointed a Grand Officer until he shall have served the office of Steward at a Grand Feast, nor unless he be an actual subscribing member of the Stewards Lodge at the time of such his appointment.”

Bro. Hunter was forthwith proposed and elected a member of the Lodge, and Bro. John A. Newman who had

been elected Grand Steward for presentation at the ensuing Grand Festival having waived his claim, “on the condition of being presented to succeed Bro. Hunter, and the ballot being taken thereon the R.W.M. declared the same to be carried in the affirmative and Brother Hunter to be duly elected.”

Bro. Hunter having served the office of Grand Steward for 1810—11, was appointed Junior Grand Warden on the expiration of his Stewardship, and as such presided as Grand Master at a meeting of the Grand Lodge on 27th November, 1811, he being then Lord Mayor of London.

At the time of his wearing the red apron and when appointed Junior Grand Warden, he appears to have been merely a Fellow Craft. So far as I can see the only occasion on which he attended the Lodge was on 18th November, 1811, when his name as Lord Mayor and J.G. Warden heads the list of those present, being placed above the names of the Master and Officers. This evidently was deemed a slip of the pen on the part of the Secretary, for the name was crossed out and placed lower down at the head of the names of the lay members.



BARON NATHAN MAYER ROTHSCHILD,
INITIATED IN THE LODGE OF EMULATION, OCTOBER 11th, 1802.

The minutes of this meeting contain the following: “The Lodge was opened in due form (in an adjoining Room) in the Third Degree. B^r Hunter who had been passed to the Second Degree in another Lodge was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason.

“The Lodge was then closed in due form and the Brethren adjourned to Dinner, after which B^r Hunter as J.G.W. took the chair, and the Lodge was opened in due form in the first Degree.”

The Antient Charges were then rehearsed and the ordinary business of the evening proceeded with.

It will thus be seen that Br. Hunter sat as Master of the Lodge on the night of his receiving his Third Degree, and nine days later presided as Grand Master.

Viewed from our present day standpoint the whole of the transactions appear most extraordinary, and it is with feelings of regret that I record the fact that the brother chiefly concerned evinced little gratitude for the favours

bestowed upon him. As before stated he only attended the Lodge on the 18th November, 1811, for the purpose of taking the Third Degree, and within a month afterwards he tendered his resignation by letter as follows :—

“Sir,

“I am extremely mortified that I am compelled, owing to my total inability to attend the meetings of the Lodge of Emulation, to beg the Lodge to allow me to withdraw my name from their list, I beg to assure you that did I see the least chance of being able to attend their meetings twice a year I would still continue my name among such respectable Gentlemen.

“I am, Sir,

“Your very faithful humble Serv^t

Mansion House,

the 12th Dec^r, 1811.

Robert Newman, Esq^r

“C. S. HUNTER,

Mayor.”

This letter was read to the Lodge on 16th Dec., when it was resolved “That the consideration thereof be adjourned until the next meeting.” Probably with a view to afford the brother an opportunity for reconsideration the matter was again postponed but was brought up at the meeting on 17th February for final disposal. On the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, “A motion was made and seconded that the same be confirmed, except so much thereof as relates to the Resignation of B^r Hunter, and the question being put, the same was carried in the affirmative.”

Bro. Hunter's Letter of Resignation was then read, when it was “Resolved, That the Lodge of Emulation received with much surprise the Letter of B^r Hunter dated the 12th Dec^r 1811, tendering his resignation so immediately after the accommodation afforded him at his own personal solicitation, at the same time the Lodge has no regret in complying with his wish and accepting his resignation, but lamented that it is obliged thus to express its feelings. Resolved, that the above resolution be transcribed and sent to B^r Hunter.”

1811, Feb. 18th, “B^r White made his promised Motion, ‘That a Chaplain be appointed to this Lodge by the R.W.M.,’ which, being seconded by B^r Deans, was carried, Nem. Con.

The R.W.M. then appointed the Rev. B^r Hatt to that office for the remainder of the year.”

May 20th.—“Moved and seconded that one dozen of aprons be provided at the expense of the Lodge for the convenience of those brethren who come without.” The motion was carried unanimously, as was also the following, “That any member coming to the Lodge without his Badge be fined 2/6, and that those Brethren entitled to wear red or blue aprons be fined 5 - for the like neglect, the fines to be applied to the Fund of the Lodge.”

Nov. 18th, “B^r Percy moved, ‘That five members be summoned by order of the Master, in rotation, to assist in the business of the Lodge, and if any Officer of the Lodge, or any of such five members shall absent himself, he be fined 2/5, unless he provide a substitute, Carried in the affirmative.’ At a later period of the evening, “P.M. White stated to the Lodge that the R.W.M., Wardens, himself and the Secretary, together with Brothers Batchelor and Percy of this Lodge, and Brother Moore of the Corner Stone Lodge, No. 26, had resolved to form a Lodge of Instruction, to be called the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, and that they had formed Rules and Orders for the Government thereof, which being read, it was moved and seconded that the same be entered on the minutes of this Lodge for the information of the Members thereof, and the question being put, was carried unanimously.”

1812, Jan. 20th.—“The R.W.M. elect, B^r Deans, having promised to support and maintain the By-Laws, retired to an adjoining room, where having been regularly installed he returned to the Lodge Room and took the Chair.” B^r Norris having been re-elected Treasurer was invested with the Jewel for that office, and the rest of the officers having been invested, “The R.W.M. previous to appointing a Chaplain stated to the Lodge, that the Jewel for the Chaplain had been provided by B^r White at his own expense, which he now requested the Lodge to accept.” A vote of thanks was subsequently passed to Bro. White for his present of a Chaplain's Jewel.

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