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Installed Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons, 17th July, 1901.*

Installation of His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught As M.W. Grand Master of England.

"Hail to the Master!"—(Old Chorus.)

AFTER a brilliant and beneficent reign, extending to more than a quarter of a century, His Majesty King Edward VII. resigns the government of the English Craft to another Prince, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, whom may the Great Architect of the universe long preserve!



THE PRESENT AND PAST GRAND MASTERS.

The British Royal Family has ever been closely identified with Freemasonry as it is and has been practised in England from the earliest days of the institution as an organised body; indeed, the Duke of Connaught, in his installation address, hereafter it will be seen, amplified the interesting subject, and detailed his ancestors, who had identified themselves with the Craft, as far back as the year 1737. Political strife and revolutionary upheavals are not permitted within its portals; in short, the precepts of our Craft were most happily and truthfully defined six and twenty years ago by the present King, on the occasion of his installation, when he proclaimed far and wide that its watchwords were "Charity" and "Loyalty." Those of us who were present in the Royal Albert Hall on that memorable day have never forgotten the then new Grand Master's striking testimony to the aims and teachings of British Freemasonry as distinguished, one is sorry to say it, from that practised in some parts of the continent. These characteristics moreover were forcibly exemplified, as will be seen in the Pro Grand Master's admirable address to the newly installed Grand Master.

Thus we work and progress in our quiet and useful way, conscious in our minds that the bulls, edicts, and fulminations of the Vatican do not apply to, and cannot possibly have any effect on, the good and welfare of Freemasonry, as practised by the English-speaking race in all parts of the Universe.

Casual mention has been made of the connection of our Royalties with English Freemasonry. It is well to add to the reference by remarking that prior to his present Majesty the King, the Grand Master's throne has been occupied by four other Princes of the Blood, namely, the Duke of Cumberland, the Prince of Wales (Prince Regent), the Duke of Kent, and the Duke of Sussex, and the Duke of Connaught makes the sixth of the Royal line. After the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence, his illustrious uncle, the Duke of Connaught, was by general consent looked upon as the next Grand Master, whenever the time arrived that the Prince of Wales should seek retirement. The prediction, in point of fact, was a safe one from the very outset, the more so that His Royal Highness, during his long connection with the



BRO. EARL AMHERST, BRO. EARL OF WARWICK,
BRO. FRANK RICHARDSON, BRO. E. LETCHWORTH,
AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE DUKE.



THE DUKE ARRIVES.

Craft, has proved himself very considerably more than an ornamental Mason. It was as far back as 1874 when the Royal Duke first "saw light," and he was "raised" on the eve of the Prince of Wales's installation as Grand Master. We then saw His Royal Highness—the "Junior Master Mason of England," as he subsequently dubbed himself—occupying a place of honour in the procession, and alongside the throne. From that day forward the Prince co-operated with his Royal brother, the Grand Master, in all the prominent work of Masonry. In 1877 he was appointed Senior Grand Warden, and at the same time H.R.H. the Duke of Albany—a "bright" and deeply regretted Mason—assumed the rank of Junior Grand Warden, whereby was added to the annals of the Craft the hitherto unknown and pleasing incident of three Royal brothers occupying at one and the same time the highest offices in the Grand Lodge of England. In 1886, the Duke of Connaught was installed Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and the year following, on assuming an important military command, His Royal Highness was further installed District Grand Master of Bombay, thus being chief of two Provinces. But more was to follow, as in 1891 the Duke was elected by Grand Lodge a Past Grand Master, a position which had also been conferred on His Majesty the King, some years previous to his election as Grand Master. Add to this the circumstance that His Royal Highness has now and again practically evinced his warm interest in the charities by presiding at our Festivals.

Such in brief is the Masonic record of our new Grand Master, and truly it is a brilliant record, consummated as it now is by his induction to the highest rank and office in the power of the Craft to bestow.

Shortly after the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, it will be remembered that the King announced his resignation of the position of Grand Master; but, in order to soften the feelings of regret certain to arise in every part of the world where English Masonry has its being, His Majesty was graciously pleased to intimate his assumption of the title of Protector of the Craft, a resolution sufficient of itself to prove that the Sovereign's Masonic sympathies are as warm as ever they were.

The great meeting in the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, on the 15th of February last, was the preliminary step to the Duke of Connaught's election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of England. His Royal Highness was on that day nominated successor to his exalted brother, in which connection it may not be out of place to observe that the proceedings were not precisely in conformity with the "Book of Constitutions." In other words, the Grand Lodge seems to have tacitly, or at all events, unwittingly, suspended its own laws for the time being. In all probability the peculiarity of the incident has not occurred to the minds of a dozen mem-

bers of the Craft; nevertheless, the act is a record for all time, and having been confirmed by the deliberate vote of Grand Lodge, cannot now be interfered with.

Wednesday, July 17th, 1901, will for many a year to come be looked back to as amongst the *memorabilia* of English Freemasonry. In 1875, when His Majesty the present King was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master, the total lodges on the roll numbered little more than half the roll that obtains at the close of the twenty-six years. The Royal Albert Hall has a seating capacity of about 7,300. In 1875 the building was full in every part. On the present occasion, therefore, the problem facing the brethren in charge of the arrangements was, with the marvellous increase in lodges considered, how to provide accommodation for those entitled to be present by virtue of Grand Lodge membership. This, it will be gratifying to know, was safely and successfully accomplished, principally by the erection of staging throughout the entire gallery space, which enabled at least 2,000 more brethren to be admitted, and although, with the exception of the orchestra platform, devoted to Provincial Grand Masters and Past Grand Officers, where there were vacant chairs here and there, it may be safely asserted that nearly 10,000 Masons were present, and that the hall was full to its utmost capacity. The tropical heat, it may be readily imagined by those not present, was severely felt in the different parts of the hall, though, without doubt, the part just under the vaulted roof, in which the staging was erected, was the most uncomfortable of any part, and old Past Masters, whom the ill-luck of the ballot for places had relegated to the upper regions, must have been extremely uncomfortable from first to last.

Five o'clock was the hour announced for opening the especial Grand Lodge, two hours later than on April 28th, 1875, which was, by the bye, the Grand Festival, on the Wednesday nearest St. George's Day. With the entrances all around the hall opened at three o'clock and ordered to be closed at four, the continuous streams of brethren concentrated from all parts of the Metropolis and from the country districts may be guessed. And how vastly different the occasion of their coming, compared with the Grand Lodge Festivals in the early decades of the eighteenth century, when one reads of the brethren assembling at the town house of the Grand Master, and, headed by a band of music, escorting "His Worship" to one of the City Companies' halls, in which a "noble feast" succeeded the business in Grand Lodge.



ARRIVAL OF BRO. THE EARL OF EUSTON.

From one point of view the thousands of "light blues" had considerably the advantage of the arrangements, inasmuch as after entering the building they proceeded to their seats. Not so the Grand Officers (Present and Past), however. In accordance with the new order of procession the Past Grand Officers were left to kick their heels in the corridors of the southern entrance for the better part of an hour after admission, ere the word was given for them to form up and

proceed to the places on the orchestra set apart for them. The long wait, without any seating accommodation, in a very high temperature, was strongly animadverted upon by the many brethren in the sere and yellow. As a matter of fact, this was the one and only blot on an otherwise admirably and systematically arranged gathering, and there was nothing to have prevented the three hundred or so Past Grand Officers taking their seats in the same way as did the bulk of the great assemblage some time before.

At a few minutes before five o'clock the Grand Officers' procession entered the Hall, and moved towards the orchestra, on the front of which was the former Grand Master's throne and pedestal, the former, by the way, wanting the Prince of Wales's plume, and in its place was a Duke's coronet. Right and left was a beautiful floral display. The first appearance of the M.W. Pro Grand Master in his usual place at the end of the procession was the signal for a round of applause. To the right and left of the throne places had been reserved for deputations from the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, headed by Bros. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn, and the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., respectively, the latter of whom no doubt remembered his presence in the same place six-and-twenty years before, when, as Marquis of Hamilton, he was honoured with the collar of Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of England. The Grand Lodge of Canada was also represented by deputation.

When Earl Amherst, the Pro Grand Master, ascended the throne to perform the solemn and impressive duties of the day, in emulation of his departed, but never to be forgotten predecessor, the Earl of Carnarvon, one at last had an opportunity of contemplating the gorgeous spectacle of a life-time. The far distant promenade, the balconies, grand circle, amphitheatre, and arena, were solid masses of the light blue of the rulers of private lodges, the fringes of the arena, relieved by streaks of crimson and silver worn by Past Grand Stewards, whilst on one side there was a patch of scarlet, worn by military brethren; who had come to do honour to their gallant Grand Master. The orchestra *enlourage* of course, provided a brave display of purple and gold, appertaining to the Grand Officers, numbering between three and four hundred, Present and Past, relieved by the bright green and gold of the Scottish brethren, and the more modest light blue and gold of the deputation from Ireland.



ARRIVAL OF BRO. LORD ADDINGTON.

At length all were seated in the east, in readiness for the auspicious ceremonial of the day, but memories of the long past installation of the now retired Grand Master once more crowded on the mind. The long procession of Provincial Grand Masters that in 1875 met the eye was now almost

totally changed, for amongst the noble brethren that then graced the proceedings, and have since departed from the busy scene, were:—The Earl of Lathom (then Lord Skelmersdale), Lord de Tabley, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Limerick, the Duke of Manchester, the Earl of



BRO. DR. BALFOUR COCKBURN ARRIVES.

Londesborough, the Duke of Newcastle, the Earl of Bective, Lord Tenterden, Lord Methuen, Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Henry Edwards, Sir Daniel Gooch, Col. Le Gendre Starkie, Sir Watkin Wynn, General Brownrigg, and lastly Colonel Lyne, who died but a few days ago, full of years and honours. And it is further a reflection of the past to remember that of the six Provincial Grand Masters forming the escort of the then Prince of Wales on entering the Grand Lodge, only one is now alive—the Marquis of Londonderry. But to-day, sprinkled amongst the many comparatively new rulers of the Craft in the provinces, it was pleasant to note of those present at the former celebration—R.W. Bros. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the Marquis of Zetland; and T. F. Halsey, M.P. Another engagement deprived the great assemblage of the presence of Bro. Lord Leigh, whose installation as head of the Warwickshire Craft as far back as 1852 entitles our venerable brother to the appellation of "Father of the Provinces." He, too, was present in 1875.

The opening of Grand Lodge in ample form by the Pro Grand Master, supported by the Earl of Warwick, Deputy Grand Master, with Bro. Lord Templetown, Senior Grand Warden (for the second term), and Bro. Wykeham Cornwallis, Junior Grand Warden, in their places, followed by the reading and confirmation of the minutes, so far as regards the election of the Grand Master, occupied but a few minutes, when a deputation of Provincial Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, and Officers, headed by Bro. Beach, was directed to withdraw and introduce the new Grand Master. The procession, though limited as to numbers, was striking and full of interest. Almost at the head of it was the insignia of Grand Master, borne most appropriately by the Deputy Masters of the London Irish Rifles Lodge, of which the Duke of Connaught is W.M., and of the Prince of Wales's Lodge, in which His Royal Highness was initiated into Masonry, as has been mentioned incidentally, in 1874, by his illustrious brother, the King.

But in a very few moments to the accompaniment of a stirring fanfare by a quartette of trumpeters stationed in front of the grand organ, the pent-up feelings of the host of Masons within the hall were released as the well-known figure of the Duke of Connaught appeared in the West. A running fire was simultaneously taken up by 20,000 hands and was continued with great spirit right

up to the East. The demonstration was wonderful in its volume, and was fittingly likened by a military brother to a "hundred maxim guns," if the said brother ever witnessed as many in full operation. Anyhow, the simile was not at all extravagant. Then, as Bro. Walmsley Little, the Grand Organist, struck the first note of the National Anthem, the whole audience took up the patriotic strain, which added considerably to the heartiness of the demonstration. Eventually the M.W. Pro Grand Master proceeded with the simple yet impressive ceremony of installing His Royal Highness, when, after another "sound of trumpet," Bro. Richardson, acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, proclaimed His Royal Highness by his many titles in the quaint heraldic language of mediæval times, following which he called upon the brethren to salute their new Grand Master according to antient form. This was the climax to the *conf d'wil*, which of itself would have provided the material for a fine cinematographic display.

Next, the M.W. Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland were saluted, in response to which honour there were felicitations from the two exalted brethren, one of whom (Bro. Hozier) mentioned that Scottish Masonry had only two honorary Past Grand Masters, one His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and the other His Imperial Highness Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Earl Amherst, then rose to address the newly-installed Grand Master in the name of the Craft. His lordship said: Your Royal Highness, it has been an immemorial custom on occasions like this, when any Master of the Craft has been placed in this chair, to remind him of the duties he then undertakes, and although it is unnecessary for me, in view of the experience your Royal Highness has had as Dist. Grand Master of India and Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, that I should say much on this head, it is right that our time-honoured custom should not wholly disappear; it will be my duty, therefore, to address a very few words to you on behalf of the Craft. Sir, I well remember that His Majesty, our late Grand Master, when installed in this Hall twenty-six years ago, spoke of the two watch-words of Masonry as Loyalty and Charity. As regards the last, it may interest you in this great assemblage to know that during the time His Majesty occupied that chair £1,750,000 was subscribed by the Craft in support of its three great Charities. During this year, although there has been no special incentive in the way of extra votes or the excitement of a Centenary to influence the brethren, over £75,000 has been cheerfully contributed to the same end. I think I may therefore claim, Sir, that the Craft has at least not neglected its benevolent usages. As regards Loyalty, Sir, we may congratulate ourselves that in this country, at least, Freemasonry has never had the misfortune to desert its proper functions and find itself allied with faction and intrigue. In other countries it has not always been so, and if any brother cares to inspect a relic of the Carlist wars which I have lately deposited in our Museum, they will see proof positive how Masonry in the Peninsula was at that time allied with faction and civil war. Here, on the contrary, we have been able to hold aloof from any suspicion of political motive, and though I do not claim that we are *more* loyal than our fellow subjects, yet I *do* claim that His Majesty, our Protector, has no more loyal or devoted subjects than the Ancient Confraternity. Hence it is that we have had the advantage of many Grand Masters of your Royal House, and we now greet your presence as successor to your brother the King in the chair that has been occupied of old by your ancestors. Sir, it only remains for me now to respectfully congratulate you on being unanimously chosen Head of this great Body, those representatives you see before you to-day, and to express a fervent wish, in which all the Craft both within and without this hall will cordially join, that T.G.A.O.T.U. may grant you many years of health and strength to prosperously fulfil the duties of the high office to which this day you have been formally inducted.

On the M.W. Grand Master rising to reply, the assemblage broke into cheering, and also rose, this new demonstration, however, being instantly checked by a gentle movement on the part of His Royal Highness, whose interesting address was distinctly heard from the most distant part of the auditorium. He said: Brethren, I have in the first place to express my grateful thanks to the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master for the exceedingly kind words he has just spoken, and to this great assembly for the hearty and fraternal reception accorded to those kind words. Believe me, brethren, I am proud to fill the high position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England to which you have been pleased to elect me. It is a position which for a long, though intermittent, succession of years has been filled by members of my family, who have always taken the warmest interest in the Order. The records of Grand Lodge show that since the year 1737, when my ancestor, H.R.H. Frederick Prince of Wales, became a member of the Craft, the Royal Family of England has closely identified itself with the Craft. In the year 1766, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of York and Gloucester were initiated. In the following year, H.R.H. Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, became a member of the Order of which, in 1781, he was elected Grand Master. In 1787, His Majesty George IV.—then Prince of Wales—and the Duke of Clarence, afterwards William IV., were initiated, and three years later, in 1790, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, the father of my beloved mother, was admitted to the Craft, and H.R.H. the then Prince of Wales was elected to the office I now have the honour to hold. Since that date, members of the Royal Family have from time to time joined the ranks of the Order, among them, Prince William of Gloucester and my great uncle, the Duke of Cumberland, who took the deepest interest and filled the office of Grand Master from 1813 until his death in 1843. During more recent years, the Craft has



VISITORS FROM THE ANTIPODE

numbered amongst its members my brother, the late Duke of Albany, who became Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and my nephew, the late lamented Duke of Clarence, who at the time of his lamented death filled the office of Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire. It is a subject of pride to the Order that among those upon whom the rank of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge has been conferred are his Majesty Oscar King of Sweden and Norway, H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Denmark, and H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia. But, brethren, without doubt the most eventful period in the history of Freemasonry, the one which has witnessed the most phenomenal progress is that which followed the installation as Grand Master of his present Majesty—then Prince of Wales—in the year 1875, and has continued until his Majesty's accession to the Throne. I feel sure that every member of the Craft hailed with satisfaction and delight his Majesty's gracious intimation that he would continue his intimate connection with the Order by assuming the position of Protector of the Order. During the twenty-five years his Majesty filled the office of Grand Master prosperity has attended our Order in a very marked degree. Not only have 1311 new lodges been added to the roll of English Freemasonry, but the Order has attracted to its ranks a very large number of brethren holding high positions in the Church and State, the Army and Navy, the Bench and Bar, leading members of both Houses of Parliament, and other distinguished men throughout the country. As evidence of the manner in which practical effect has been given to one of the cardinal principles of the Order—I mean Charity—I may mention that, irrespective of the large sums given by the Craft to local Charitable Institutions, a sum little short of £2,000,000 has during the past twenty-five years been subscribed by English Freemasons to the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge and the three Central Masonic Charities, namely, the Girls' and Boys' Schools and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows. In addition to this amount, £20,000 has during that period been voted from the funds of Grand Lodge for the relief of distress outside the Masonic Body. Brethren, but few months have passed since my election to the honourable position I now occupy, but I have for many years been associated with the Craft in England and India, and have watched with satisfaction and

pride the good work which quietly it has carried on. I recognise in it a power for the greatest good. It is a Body composed of God-fearing men, whose watchwords are Religion, Loyalty, and Charity, and to be unanimously chosen Head of that Body is to occupy a position in which any man might well feel proud.



OUR ARTIST FEELS THE HEAT.

Bro. the Hon. James Hozier, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland: I beg leave on behalf of 100,000 Masons holding under the Scottish Constitution at home, in India, the Colonies, and foreign parts, to convey our heartiest and most respectful congratulations on the magnificent enthusiasm of this installation. The highest honour that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has in its power to bestow is Honorary Membership. It is an honour that we confer very sparingly. At the present moment there are only two Honorary Grand Members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. One is H.R.H.



THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON PRESENTED TO THE DUKE.

the Duke of Connaught, Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, and the other is his brother-in-law, H.R.H. Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, Protector of the Grand Lodge of Germany.

Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, Grand Master of Ireland, said: Your Royal Highness and brethren, I thank you most sincerely for the cordial manner in which you have just now received my name as Grand Master of Ireland in connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and I beg your Royal Highness to accept our respectful and fraternal greetings on the present occasion, which has placed you as Grand Master of England. I only have to say that we, as Irish Freemasons, deeply feel the honour which has been conferred upon us to-day by being invited to attend this grand ceremonial. It is our one fervent prayer that your Royal Highness may for many years continue to occupy that position which has been conferred upon you to-day as Grand Master of England.

An interesting part of the afternoon's proceedings was the promotion to superior Grand Lodge rank of several eminent brethren, and also to Past Grand rank of a long list of other brethren at home and abroad. Amongst the former was General Lord Kitchener, who was confirmed in the office of Past District Grand Master of Egypt and the Soudan, on account of the exigencies of military service having prevented his lordship completing the qualifying period of three years. The Lord Mayor's promotion to Past Junior Grand Warden was very popular. A singular incident happened, when the name of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir F. G. Milner, M.P., was announced as Past Junior Grand Warden. The majority of the brethren present only catching the surname, associated the honour with Lord Milner, and, in the emotion of the moment, broke into a torrent of applause. On the other hand, some few, knowing how popular Sir Frederick Milner is in Yorkshire, took the demonstration as coming from the brethren of his own county. The incident was a striking illustration of the Poet Campbell's "Magic of a Name."

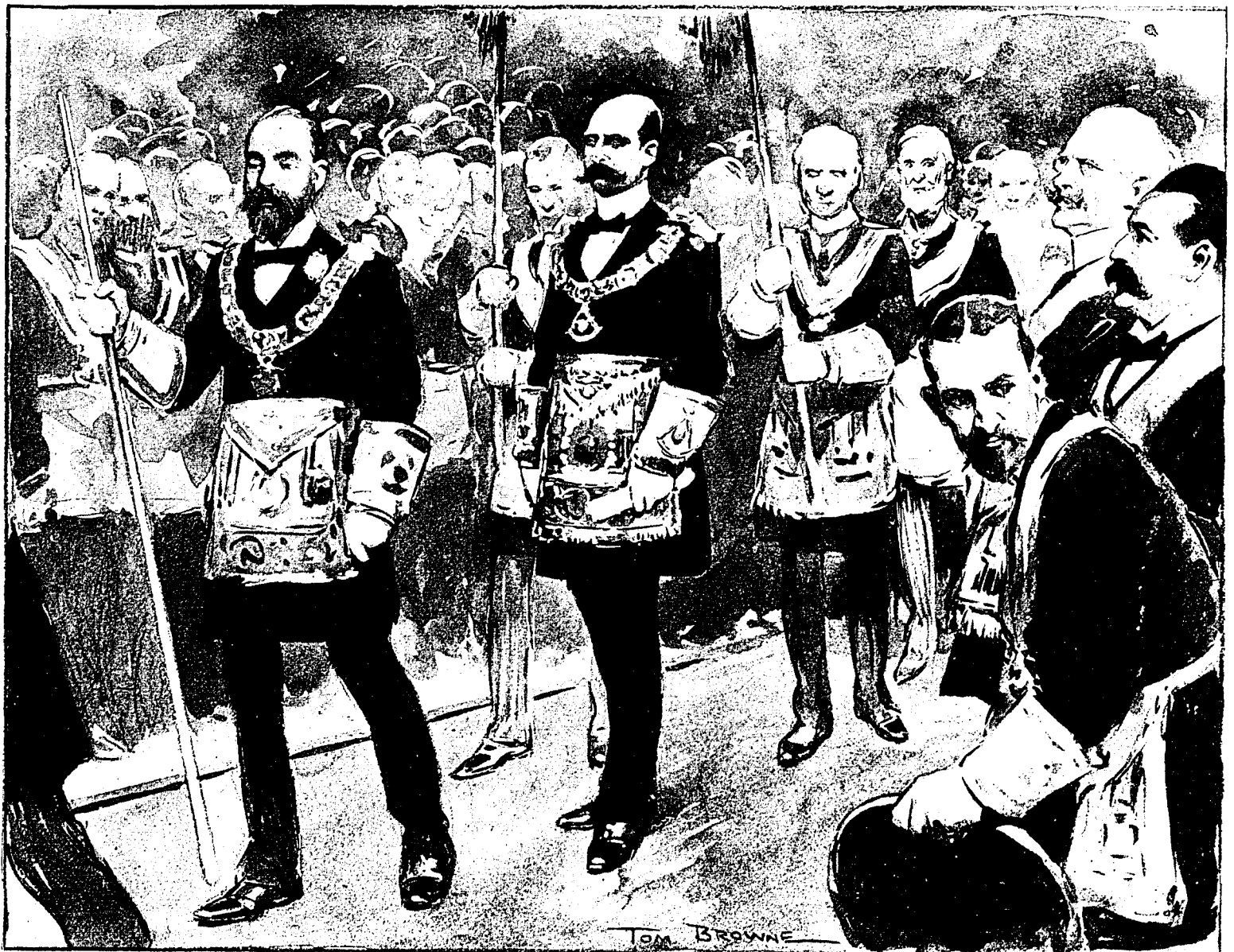
The following is the full list of appointments:—

PROMOTIONS.

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| Bro. Lord Kitchener of Khartoum | ... | P.D.G.M. |
| " Right Hon. Walter H. Long, M.P. | ... | P.J.G.W. |
| " Frank Green, Lord Mayor... | ... | P.J.G.W. |
| " Col. A. Mordaunt Egerton, C.B. | ... | P.J.G.W. |
| " Frank Richardson | ... | P.D.G. Reg. |
| " Dr. Arthur W. Orwin | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Insp.-Gen. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N. | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Alfred C. Spaul | ... | P.D.G.D.C. |
| " Robert C. Sudlow | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " Charles J. R. Tijou | ... | P.G. St. Br. |

PAST GRAND RANK.

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| Bro. The Rt. Hon. Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., M.P. | ... | P.J.G.W. |
| " Most Rev. Dr. Welldon, Primate of India | ... | P.G. Chaplain. |
| " E. M. Underdown, K.C. | ... | P.D.G. Reg. |
| " Lord Ernest Seymour | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P. | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Sir E. O. Gibbes, Bart. (New Zealand) | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P. | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Rear Admiral E. N. Rolfe, C.B. | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Col. T. C. P. Calley, R.A.M.C. (Malta) | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Hon. John Tate (Bombay) | ... | P.S.G.D. |
| " Col. H. Grier, R.A.M.C. (Malta) | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Henry J. Sparkes | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " G. Pemberton Leach | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Percy Harris | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Capt. F. Stanhope Hanson | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " W. Dawes | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " John Slyman | ... | P.J.G.D. |
| " Walter Gripper, M.A. | ... | P.D.G.D.C. |
| " George Simonds | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " Alfred J. Thomas | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |



THE GRAND MASTER LEAVING THE HALL.

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| Bro. J. W. Elvin | ... | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " I. H. Haarburger (South Africa) | ... | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " D. J. Haarhoff (South Africa) | ... | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " H. Courtney Luck (Queensland) | ... | ... | P.A.G.D.C. |
| " Major Herbert Green | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " Capt. Williams Freeman | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " Capt. Arthur Lee Mitchell | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " Capt. Thos. F. Cooper, R.A. (Gibraltar) | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " J. P. Joaquim (Eastern Archipelago) | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " W. J. Spratling | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " William Hollis | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " W. Bull (Punjaub) | ... | ... | P.G. Swd. Br. |
| " John Williams | ... | ... | P.D.G. Swd. Br. |
| " Joseph Russell | ... | ... | P.G. St. Br. |
| " A. Clegg | ... | ... | P.G. St. Br. |
| " James Speller | ... | ... | P.G. St. Br. |
| " John Leach Parrett | ... | ... | P.G. St. Br. |
| " Henry J. Lardner | ... | ... | P.G. St. Br. |
| " Fountain Meen | ... | ... | P.G. Organist. |

The Grand Secretary read a number of congratulatory cablegrams, amongst others from the Grand Lodge of Canada, which Grand Lodge was also represented by a brother, who had made the long journey from Toronto for this special purpose; the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the

Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, the only English lodge now working in the State of New South Wales. The Grand Lodge of Victoria was represented by R.W. Bro. W. C. Vahland, Past Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was finally closed in ample form, and the National Anthem was again sung by the assemblage.

The great gathering ended as successfully as it had began, there being at the departure of the brethren scarcely the semblance of a crush. Including the Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee celebrations, with the Centenary Festivals of the Boys' and Girls' Schools, the Royal Albert Hall has now been the scene of no fewer than half-a-dozen important assemblages in connection with English Freemasonry. The capacity of the vast structure, therefore, intimately associated as it is with the Royal Family, seeing that His Majesty the King was practically its founder, has been amply tried to its fullest extent, so far as the bringing together of large representative gatherings of the Craft is concerned. From every aspect the building is singularly well adapted, and the experience gained by its now frequent use, may well entitle it to the name of England's Masonic Temple.

In the evening V.V. Bro. R. Keating, Grand Treasurer of Ireland, celebrated the day by a dinner at Claridge's Restaurant. Amongst the company present was the M.W. Grand Master of Ireland, his Grace the Duke of Abercorn.

Brethren upon whom Past Grand Rank has been conferred.

PAST GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Frederick G. Milner, Bart., M.P., was initiated in the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, and afterwards joined the Eboracum, No. 1611, York, and the Vernon, No. 1802, East Retford, in both of which he filled the chair of Master. He is a Past Provincial Senior Grand



BRO. THE RIGHT HON. SIR F. G. MILNER, BART.

Warden of North and East Yorkshire, and is at present Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Nottinghamshire. In Royal Arch Masonry, Sir Frederick Milner was exalted in the Eboracum Chapter, No. 1611, York, and was elected to the First Principal's chair in 1890.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. Emanuel Macquire Underdown, K.C., became a member of the Craft in 1874, in the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, and in 1896 joined the Universal Lodge, No. 181, of which he was installed Master in 1897. Last year he took part in founding the Devonian Lodge, No. 2834, of



BRO. E. M. UNDERDOWN, K.C.

which the Lord Chancellor was the first Master. Bro. Underdown holds a prominent position at the Chancery Bar, and his appointment is a distinct gain to the already strong legal element in Grand Lodge.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Lord Ernest Seymour was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 301, Oxford, in 1885, and became W.M. in 1895. He was founder and first Master of the



BRO. LORD ERNEST SEYMOUR.

Seymour Lodge, No. 2804. In 1887 he was appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Warwickshire.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Sir John Brunner, Bart., M.P., commenced his Masonic career in 1886, in which year he was initiated in Sincerity Lodge, No. 428, and twelve years after became Master. In 1900 he was a founder and first Master of the



BRO. SIR JOHN BRUNNER, BART.

Brunner Lodge, No. 2799, which was successfully established in Overwinsford, Cheshire. Bro. Sir John Brunner has not been unmindful of the Charities, but his contributions have all been made in the name of the lodge.

PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Rear-Admiral E. M. Rolfe, C.B., was initiated in the Southern Cross Lodge, working under the Scottish Constitution, at the Cape of Good Hope in 1876, and became affiliated



BRO. REAR ADMIRAL E. N. ROLFE.

to the English Constitution in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257 (Portsmouth), in 1878, subsequently joining the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, the St. Vincent Lodge, No. 1404 (Bristol), and the Navy Lodge, No. 2612, of which the late M.W. Grand Master was Master until his accession to the Throne. During the last year of His Majesty's Mastership, Admiral Rolfe acted as Worshipful Deputy Master. He was exalted in the United Service Royal Arch Chapter in 1879.

PAST SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Thomas C. Pleydell Calley, like so many of our public school men, owes his introduction to Masonry



BRO. COL. T. C. P. CALLEY.

to the Apollo University Lodge, No. 301, Oxford, in which lodge he was initiated in 1874, joining successively the Royal

Sussex Lodge of Emulation, No. 355; the Household Brigade Lodge, No. 2614; and the Lodge of Assistance, No. 2773; of which two latter he was a founder. He became W.M. of the Household Brigade Lodge in 1899. Col. Calley is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Marlborough Chapter, No. 1399, Woodstock. In 1883 he was appointed Prov. G. Sword Bearer of Wiltshire.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Gerald Walter Erskine Loder, M.P., is the popular member for Brighton, and his introduction to Masonry was through the Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, which meets at the Royal Pavilion in that town. He became Worshipful Master in 1896, and is a Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of Sussex. Bro. Loder is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Colonel H. Grier hails from the Irish Constitution, but subsequently joined lodges under the Grand Lodge in Malta and Halifax, N.S., and in 1882, he took part in founding the Aldershot Army and Navy Lodge, No. 1971, of which lodge he is also a P.M. He was appointed Prov. G. Deacon of Hants and the Isle of Wight in 1884, and afterwards took office under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. In Royal Arch Masonry, he was a founder of the Connaught Chapter, No. 1971, of which chapter he is a past First Principal. Bro. Grier holds the Albert Medal of the first class for saving life, a distinction won under peculiar circumstances of personal courage and devotion.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Harry James Sparks' Masonic career, in common with many of those now appointed to Past Grand rank, has been a long one, dating back as far as 1858, in which year he was initiated in the Star of the East Lodge, and afterwards joined the St. George's Lodge, No. 370 (Chertsey), the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552, the Bayard, No. 1615, the



BRO. HENRY J. SPARKES.

Sondes, No. 996, and during the present year he has taken part in successfully founding the Norfolk Lodge, which, like the Cornish, the Devonian and others, have been established

as county lodges in London. Of the above, Bro. Sparks has filled the chair of W.M. in the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552 (Lucknow). In the district of Bengal he successively filled the offices of District Grand Registrar and Deputy District Grand Master, and in the Province of Norfolk that of Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Sparks has taken special interest in Royal Arch Masonry. He was exalted in Fidelity Chapter, No. 3, in 1861, and was elected Z. of the Ramsay Chapter, No. 552 (Lucknow), in 1876, afterwards becoming Second Grand Principal of Bengal, and finally Grand Superintendent of the Province of Norfolk, to which office he was appointed on the retirement of Lord Suffield in 1900. Bro. Sparks is a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution and a Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Henry Percy Harris, L.C.C. was initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1889, and joined the Middlesex Lodge, No. 143, in the same year, as well as



BRO. PERCY HARRIS.

the Methuen Lodge, No. 631, in 1890. He also took part in founding the Chancery Bar Lodge in 1893, and the London County Council Lodge in 1896, becoming Worshipful Master of the Methuen Lodge in 1891, the Middlesex in 1896, and the Chancery Bar in the present year. In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Harris was exalted in the Friends in Council Chapter, No. 1383 and filled the First Principal's chair in 1893, as well as that of the Herschell Chapter in 1897-8. He is also a Past Provincial Grand Officer of Bucks, and is a Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities, having served four Stewardships, two for the Girls' School, one for the Boys' and one for the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Harris is the son of the General President of the Committee of Grand Chapter and is himself a leading member of the London County Council.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. Frederick Stanhope Hanson comes of a good Masonic stock, being the eldest son of Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Past Grand Warden. He was initiated in the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, in 1892, and represented that lodge as Grand Steward in 1898; in the succeeding year he was installed as W.M. He assisted in founding the Trained

Bands Lodge, No. 2524, in 1894, and was a founder and acted as first I.P.M. of the Lodge of Assistance, No. 2773. He was exalted in the St. James Chapter, attached to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, in 1892, and was installed as Z. in



BRO. CAPT. F. STANHOPE HANSON. (Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

1900. Bro. Hanson has served as a member of the Board of General Purposes, and has served four Stewardships for the Charities, being a Life Governor of each.

PAST GRAND DEACON.

Bro. William Dawes was initiated in Wellington Lodge (Rye), in 1864, and afterwards joined the St. Leonard's Lodge, No. 1842, and the Weald of Kent Lodge, No. 1854, in each of which lodges he has filled the chair of W.M. In the



BRO. W. DAWES. (Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

Province of Sussex he has been appointed successively Provincial Grand Steward, Provincial Grand Registrar, and Provincial Senior Grand Warden, in which latter office he

was continued by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on his becoming Provincial Grand Master of Sussex in 1886. Bro. Dawes is also a Past Senior Grand Warden of Kent. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Emulation Chapter, No. 40, and became First Principal in 1885. He is now Z. of the Invicta Chapter, No. 709. He filled the offices of Prov. G.S.N. in 1887, Prov. G.J. in 1888, and Prov. G.H. in 1900. Bro. Dawes has served six Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Life Governor of each. It should also be mentioned that he performed the duties of Secretary of Lodge 341 for seventeen successive years, and has been its Treasurer since 1897.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.

Bro. John Slyman was initiated in the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, and became Worshipful Master in 1887. He joined the Lathom Lodge, No. 2229 in 1889. He is a Past Senior Grand Deacon of West Lancashire, to which office he was appointed in 1888. He has also served on the Charity Committee of the Province. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Urmston Chapter, No. 1730, and became First Principal in 1890. In the same year he was appointed



BRO. JOHN SLYMAN.

Prov. G. Scribe N. of West Lancashire. Bro. Slyman has served thirteen Stewardships for the Charities, and is a Patron of all three, as well as the Hamer Benevolent Institution and the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Walter Gripper, M.A., M.B., hails from a University Lodge, having been initiated in the Isaac Newton, No. 859, at Cambridge, in 1879. He joined the Parthenon Lodge, No. 1826 in 1889; the Oxford and Cambridge Lodge, No. 1118, in 1895; the Rahere Lodge, No. 2546, of which he was a founder, in the same year; and the Wallington Lodge, No. 1892, during the present year. In the Province of Surrey he received the appointment of Senior Grand Deacon. Bro. Gripper was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the Sterndale Bennett Chapter in 1891, and afterwards joined the Grove Chapter, No. 410, and the Earl of Mornington Chapter, No. 2000. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution.

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"Our Newly-Installed Grand Master."

17th July MCMI.

THE traditions of Freemasons have ever been familiar with great assemblies of the brethren, brought together from long distances to further the common interests of the Craft. Our forefathers were prone to trace the latter-day Grand Lodge back to a mythical Grand Assembly held by PRINCE EDWIN, at York, long before the Norman Conquest. All the splendour and prestige, so fondly imagined by them to dwell in PRINCE EDWIN and his Masons were more than realised in the magnificent assemblage of Freemasons, that welcomed the succession of H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT to the symbolic throne, which has just been vacated by His Most Gracious Majesty KING EDWARD VII., on his accession to the actual Throne of the most powerful Empire the world has ever seen.

The great gathering, viewed solely as a concourse of human beings, presented a magnificent spectacle, which even the most unobservant onlooker could not pass without notice, by reason of its mere magnitude and cohesiveness. Nor could curiosity fail to be aroused as to the motives that could collect such numbers, and the methods that could ensure such orderly arrangements.

The interest of the intelligent onlooker would not be lessened, when he came to consider the component units that made up the gathering. The very newspapers of the day, unconnected with the Craft and uninformed as to its inner ceremonies, took note of the sturdy, stalwart, and thorough-going demeanour of the thousands of obvious strangers who thronged the roads to the Royal Albert Hall on that sultry July afternoon. Whether these wayfarers came from the North or the South, from the East or the West, there ran through them that indefinable air of kinship that distinguishes men associated in responsibility, who owe their position to the exercise of those sterling qualities which even our enemies allow to Englishmen.

We Freemasons grow so used to the quiet routine of our lodges, matured by the reverent practice of generations, that we take as natural sequences many customs and events that appear to the uninitiated surprising efforts. So they would be, if they were to be considered as isolated acts of omission or of commission. For herein

lies the strength of our Brotherhood. Every man whom the Fraternity of Freemasons accepts as a brother becomes a spoke in a mighty wheel. Whether he likes it or not, he is carried round in a circle that has neither break nor gap in its inculcation of loyalty, its incitement to sympathy, and its practice of benevolence. Whatever was his inducement to proffer himself as a candidate for Freemasonry, he finds himself inevitably brought into more kindly touch with his fellow-men. He cannot ignore the lessons enforced at every turn, and even the most inactive member contributes to the momentum of the mighty moving mass.

The Especial Communication of Grand Lodge convened for the Installation presented features of its own that call for remark, quite apart from the general considerations we have sketched above. The very possibility of holding a Grand Lodge under such conditions might well give pause to the Rulers of the Craft. For every individual admitted to that vast building must be a Freemason, known and vouched, and the aggregate to be thus sifted amounted to ten thousand. No more stringent test of the Grand Tyler's department could be devised, and its successful application involved the unwearied co-operation of a host of willing workers, an army in themselves.

But it was not for mere numbers alone that the Especial Communication challenged attention. This was not an assemblage of the rank and file of the Craft. Every brother present had made his mark in our organisation, and had been adjudged by his fellows to merit advancement. All these picked representatives of the Craft were moved by one feeling and actuated by one motive, to do homage to the Royal brother whom they had elected to rule over them. Truly, it is worth while to be the chosen chief of such a Body.

The Communication was of those that mark an epoch. It stands as a landmark whereby to gauge our progress under the sway of the most popular and the most influential Grand Master that ever ruled the Craft. During the twenty-six years that followed the election of H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES to the Grand Mastership in March, 1875, the number of lodges on our register has been doubled, and the sums subscribed to the various Charities have amounted to the enormous total of £1,750,000. What need of saying more?

Such unexampled affluence brings some risks in its train. But our main danger is not over-prosperity, but over-popularity. We can trust the men whom we saw at the Royal Albert Hall with the administration of our millions. But we must harden our hearts against the admission of candidates who in any way fall short of the moral and social qualifications that have made our organisation what it is. Above all, we must guard against the introduction into our Brotherhood of political or sectarian bias. This is the danger that was pointed at by the R.W. Pro Grand Master in the eloquent address with which he installed the Grand Master in his high office. With the courage born of administrative experience, the Pro Grand Master thought it his duty to utter a word of warning against the so-called Freemasonry of the Continent that degrades the Lodge-room into a conspirators' den. There is no use in shirking the matter; many experienced brethren are convinced that the boast of the universality of Freemasonry is too dearly bought by the retention within the fold of certain Grand Lodges of Southern Europe.

The installation of H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT was the most imposing ceremony that a Freemason can hope to see during a life-time. But no brother present in that vast gathering would wish to be present again at a ceremony precisely similar in every respect—for that would imply the installation of a new Grand Master. We do no more than put into words the earnest desire of every Freemason throughout the British Empire, that such length of days may be granted to our Newly-installed Grand Master that no fresh selection may take place during the present generation.

So mote it be!



In deference to the wish of many of our Subscribers, "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" will in future be posted in envelopes instead of being rolled as hitherto.

The brilliant and imposing ceremony on the 17th July was an auspicious inauguration of a new era in the annals of Freemasonry, and a lasting impression will have been left on the minds of those who were privileged to witness the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master. The great gathering which assembled on the occasion is sufficient proof, if any were needed, of the great popularity in which our new Grand Master is held, and it will be the earnest wish of every member of our Order that a rule which has commenced so well will be attended with length of years and with continued prosperity to Freemasonry.

The fact that the great meeting fell on a Wednesday proved very propitious for Members of Parliament, as, on that day, the House always rises before 6 o'clock. We noticed the Father of the House of Commons, Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, who exchanged greetings with the Hon. James Hozier, Grand Master for Scotland, whilst there were present Bros. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire; J. Wimburn Laurie, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for South Wales, W.D.; Right Hon. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Herts; Colonel A. M. Lockwood, M.P., and many more Members of both Houses.

It was not a difficult matter to distinguish Provincial Craftsmen from their Metropolitan brethren on Wednesday, chiefly by reason of their tanned faces, and in some cases travel-worn appearance. Lodges as far south as Jersey, and as far north as Newcastle were represented. The hot sun which poured down with terrific force all that day seemed to have no terrors for some of the brethren. Many had arrived early, and had chosen the top step of the Albert Memorial as a resting place, where they waited patiently for the time when the doors of the great building should open.

It will have been noticed with great satisfaction by the Craft that many brethren on whom special honours were conferred on the 17th July are prominent members of the Order in the Province of Sussex and in the District of Bombay, over which the Most Worshipful Grand Master had presided previously to his installation. Many of the brethren who were included in the appointments hail from South Africa, where they have had such a difficulty in sustaining the various lodge meetings, whilst many who have fallen in the field have been an almost irreparable loss to Masonry in that country.

The appointments to Past Grand rank, which was the Most Worshipful Grand Master's first official act after his installation, were on the whole satisfactory, and fairly maintained the best traditions of such appointments. If any have been admitted into the "charmed circle" whose claims do not appear to be of the highest, others there are who have for many years done yeoman service to the Craft, and thus the average is more than maintained. The promotions, we think, will be highly popular. Each of the brethren who have been "called up higher," is specially distinguished amongst his fellows for Masonic work or some service to the State, and has been fittingly rewarded.

A number of brethren were on the evening of the 17th entertained by the Provincial Grand Masters of some of the more distant counties, and these informal gatherings, no less than the fraternal courtesy displayed, were much appreciated by members who had travelled long distances to be present at the great meeting.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, who is specially connected by property and family connections with the County of Antrim, Ireland, was recently installed as Grand Master of that province, an office which his distinguished grandfather held for nearly thirty years. The Earl of Shaftesbury owns about 21,800 acres in the county. His lordship was born in 1869,



BRO. THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY.

and is a son of the eighth Earl and Harriet, only daughter of the third Marquis of Donegal. He succeeded his father in 1886, and married, two years ago, the eldest daughter of the late Earl Grosvenor. He was for several years an officer in the 10th Hussars, resigning his captaincy in 1899. His lordship's residences are Belfast Castle, Belfast, and St. Giles's House, Cranborne, Dorset.

The installation of the Earl of Radnor as Provincial Grand Master of Wiltshire, in succession to his father, took place at Salisbury on the 6th July. Like other Masonic events of the last few weeks, it has been somewhat dwarfed by the great function which has just taken place at the Albert Hall, but it is of no less importance on that account. The late Lord Radnor, whose appointment took place in 1890, was universally popular, and no more fitting successor could have been found than the present Earl, who inherits much of his father's bonhomie and love of Masonry.

Provincial Grand Lodges are at this season being held almost weekly in different parts of the country, all of which are of supreme importance to the particular province in which they take place, and many of them of general interest. Much as we should like to record them in our pages, the limits of space forbid, and we have reluctantly to leave them to the faithful chronicler in the pages of the official reports.

W. Bro. Capt. C. de M. Franklyn, of the Royal Engineers, whose photograph we reproduce, was married to Miss Katie Edwardes, niece of Mr. George Edwardes, of theatrical fame, on Tuesday, the 25th June, at St. James's Church. The reception was held at the Savoy Hotel. Bro. Capt. Franklyn, has served as Adjutant to the Sussex R.E. Volunteers, and subsequently served as R.E. Division Officer at Shorncliffe Camp, up to the week before his marriage. Capt. Franklyn proceeds to Malta at the end of July for Royal Engineer duties. This worthy brother will be missed by the Sussex brethren, particularly among the Eastbourne lodges, but what will be the loss to Sussex, will be a gain to the brethren of Malta.

Bro. Capt. Franklyn was initiated in Friendship Lodge No. 278, Gibraltar, in 1894, elected J.W. of the Calpe Lodge (Irish Constitution) in 1894, and took the Mark and R.A. Degrees in 1894, and Knights Templar in 1895. Was appointed District Grand Standard Bearer of Gibraltar in 1894 in the Craft and A.D.G.D. of C. in the Royal Arch at Eastbourne in 1895. Bro. Franklyn joined the Anderida and Hartington Lodges, the Hartington Chapter, the Sussex Preceptory, and was first joining member of the Eastbourne Mark Lodge. He founded the United Service

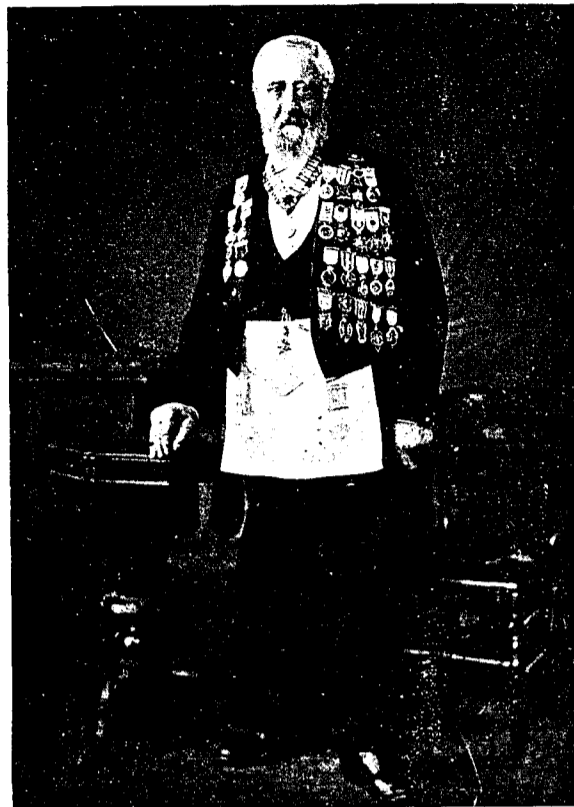


W. BRO. CAPT. C. DE M. FRANKLYN.

Mark Lodge in London. He was appointed Senior Warden of the Portsmouth Mark Lodge, No. 17, in October, and took the Royal Ark Mariners Degree. He was appointed Prov. Grand Inner Guard of Hants and Isle of Wight in 1896, founded the Military Lodge in London, and was appointed first S.W., also the chapter attached to lodge, and was appointed Scribe N. in 1897. Founded Royal Connaught Lodge at Eastbourne and was appointed first W.M.; was also W.M. of the Military Lodge, also W.M. of No 17 Mark Lodge, Portsmouth, W. Commander N. of the Ark No. 17, Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Hants and Isle of Wight, E. Preceptor of the Sussex Preceptory, and Prov. Grand Marshall of Sussex in the Knights Templar. Joined the Victory Chapter of Rose Croix in London and also the Royal Order of Scotland, and was also appointed J. in the Military Chapter. In 1898 he was appointed Grand Steward in the Mark and Prov. Senior Grand Deacon of Sussex in the Craft.

We give a portrait of Bro. William Webber, a member of an old London Lodge, the Percy, No. 198. He was born at Plymouth on the 5th May, 1822, and has been a

member of the Craft for upwards of fifty-six years. He was initiated on the 2nd October, 1844, in the Lodge Brunswick, then meeting at Devonport. In 1863 he occupied the



BRO. WILLIAM WEBBER.

distinguished position of Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and has served the office of Steward at some twenty-four different Festivals. He has been, and still continues to be a most generous supporter of the Charities. We trust our brother will yet be spared by the Great Architect of the Universe for many years to continue his good work.

An interesting event took place at a special meeting of the All Souls' Chapter, Weymouth, on the 24th June. The First Principal of the chapter, M.E. Comp. W. Barlow



COMP. W. BARLOW MONGER.

Monger, P.Z., P.P.G.J., and P.G.S.E. of Dorset, who at the last convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter was appointed Grand Standard Bearer, was presented with the clothing

and jewel of that office subscribed for by the whole of the chapters in the Province of Dorset. The presentation was made on behalf of the companions by the Second Provincial Grand Principal, Col. W. E. Brymer, M.P. There was a large number of companions present, including many Present and Past Grand Officers of the province. In making the presentation, M.E. Comp. W. E. Brymer referred to the great interest Comp. Monger had taken in Masonry, and especially in the Royal Arch Degree, of which he had held the office of S.E. for many years. Comp. Monger has taken an active interest in all Degrees in Masonry, and he is held in high esteem in the province.

The 33rd Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, W.C., under the genial presidency of V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Clifford Probyn, P.G. Treasurer, supported by the R.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, the Baron de Ferrieres, Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., Col. Mark Lockwood, M.P., and a large number of Grand Officers and brethren, totalling 160 Stewards. About 40 Ladies graced the banquet with their presence. The toast of the "King and Mark Masonry" was heartily received.



BRO. LIEUT.-COL. CLIFFORD PROBYN.

Bro. Col. Mark Lockwood, M.P., proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston; the Past Grand Masters; the Deputy Grand Master, the Hon. Allan de Tatton Egerton, M.P.; and the Grand Officers Present and Past." The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, on rising, thanked Col. Probyn for stepping into the breech and taking the chair that night, and hoped all would be pleased with the result. He had pleasure in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," who was thoroughly well-known in the City, having filled many important public positions there, as he had offices in Masonry, and whether it be in their service or the service of his country as a volunteer he did it all well and faithfully.

In replying, Bro. Col. Probyn said he made a rule to do his best in whatever position he was placed. When he consented to take the chair he felt very despondent at doing so the year after the popular Pro Grand Master; but someone must do it, and he had. He was well aware that he was not likely to get anything like the record amount that Lord Euston had, nevertheless he hoped to get a fair total. The Chairman, in proposing "Prosperity to the Mark Benevolent Fund," which is divided into three branches—the Educational, the Benevolent, and the Annuity—con-

gratulated them upon the notorious fact that for many years not a single application, if a worthy case, had been refused, and from the fact of a brother being in our honourable Order, we knew that they must have been in circumstances above want. He urged the brethren to let their hearts and minds be filled with this Charity, as "he who giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and to quote the late Rev. Rowland Hill, "If you believe in the security, down with the dust." He knew there were many demands upon their charity, but still he appealed to their liberality.

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, as President of the General Board, responded to the toast and remarked that it was part of the duties of that Board to look after the Charity Fund. He hoped that Bro. Matier, who was a very dark horse, and had given them no inkling, would be able to announce a good list. Bro. C. F. Matier, who was received with applause, then read the lists, which made the highly creditable total of £2,050.

In proposing the toast of "The Ladies," Bro. Dr. Clement Godson said no toast gave him greater pleasure in proposing than this one, as the tendency was not for ladies to look favourably upon Masonry, which robbed them of their brothers, sweethearts, and husbands, but he had found that they made sacrifices and accepted the position with resignation. The brethren would agree with him that the ladies were the brightest part of their lives. They gave them the heartiest welcome and hope to see them on many future occasions. Bro. Sir Thomas Roe, M.P., responded.

The toast of "The Board of Stewards" was proposed by the Chairman, who, in the name of the brethren, thanked them for their services, which was responded to by Bro. Major Carrell, President of the Board of Stewards. The ladies and brethren then retired to an ably rendered concert in the Crown Room, under the management of Bro. Edward Branscombe.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has written a letter to the Mayor of Paddington (Bro. Sir John Aird, M.P.), which will be of interest to members of the Craft, regarding the proposed memorial tablet to be placed on the house—18, Howley Place, Maida Vale—where Bro. Henry Russell, the composer of "Cheer Boys, Cheer," lived and died. He says: "I was a warm and intimate friend of the veteran composer, and can testify to his worthiness to receive the posthumous tribute of regard on the part of his fellow inhabitants of Paddington. As you know, his famous song, "Cheer Boys, Cheer," and others did more to feed and keep alive the flame of patriotism in the dark days of the Crimean war than anything else, and I think you will admit that in our country, as in France and Germany, the songs of the people in times of stress and anxiety have had much to do in popularising a great cause."

We notice that one of the most fashionable brands of champagne this year is that of Ruinart Père & Fils "Carte Anglaise." This brand is being served, we find, at a great number of the leading entertainments, and we hear of it being bought for many important banquets yet to take place, including the well-known Cutler's Feast, which, as everyone knows, is the great entertainment of the year in the wealthy and enterprising city of Sheffield. Fashion with regard to brands of wine is generally credited with being fickle, but in the case of Ruinart champagne this cannot be said, as the brand was established as far back as 1729. In fact, the house of Ruinart Père & Fils is the oldest firm engaged in the trade. The Viscount André Ruinart de Brimont is the present head of this ancient house, and he says with pride that his ancestors have been concerned with the vineyards of champagne for nearly 200 years. The agents in this country for the house of Ruinart Père & Fils, are the well-known firm of wine shippers, Messrs. Macminn, Richardson & Co., of 11, Hart Street, Mark Lane, E.C.



BRO. WALTER GRIPPER.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. George Simonds was initiated in the Globe Lodge, No. 23, in 1877, and was installed as W.M. in 1889. He was a founder and first W.M. of the Arts Lodge, No. 2751, which was formed in 1899, and is composed principally of painters



BRO. GEORGE SIMONDS.

and sculptors, of which latter profession he is a well known member. Bro. Simonds represented the Globe Lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1888, and has served three Stewardships for the Charities.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Few men are better known in London Masonic circles than Bro. A. J. Thomas, and his activities embrace every phase of Masonic interest. It will be a matter of surprise

to many of his friends to learn that he was initiated so long ago as 1871 in the Ionic Lodge, No. 227. Since then he has successively joined the Cornhill Lodge, No. 1803; the Thames Valley, No. 1460; St. Alban's, No. 29; Drury Lane, No. 2127; Eccentric, No. 2488; Jubilee Masters, No. 2712; Cutlers, No. 2730; Richard Eve, No. 2772; Grand Masters, No. 1, and the Regularity, No. 91, of which latter he is, this year, the W.M., and representative on the Board of Grand Stewards. He has also filled the Master's chair in the Ionic Lodge, both in 1875 and 1885, and that of the Cornhill Lodge in 1879. He was exalted in the Royal York Chapter of



BRO. ALFRED J. THOMAS.

Perseverance, No. 7, of which he is a past Z., and afterwards joined Grand Masters Chapter, No. 1, the Bedford, No. 157. In other Degrees Bro. Thomas has been no less active, and it would be somewhat difficult to name a Masonic Degree or Order of which he is not a member. In all this Bro. Thomas has not lost sight of the greatest of all Masonic virtues, that of Charity, as his seventeen Stewardships at the Festivals of the Institutions so fully attest. He was a Life Governor of the Boys' School so long ago as 1874, and is now a Patron of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and the Benevolent Institution. We should also add that Bro. Thomas has rendered good service to the Boys' School as a member of the Board of Management.

PAST ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. William Elvin has had a Masonic experience of nearly a quarter of a century, and during that time has done excellent work, especially in connection with the Charities. His introduction to Freemasonry was through the portals of La Tolerance Lodge, No. 538, early in 1878, of which lodge he became W.M. in 1885, afterwards joining the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191; the Avondale, No. 2395; and the Graystone, No. 1915, of all of which he subsequently became Worshipful Master. In 1900 he was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Warden of Kent. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Vane Chapter, No. 538, and became First Principal in 1889. Bro. Elvin is a Patron of all three Charities, and has served no less than twenty-one Stewardships—nine for the Girls' School, five for the Boys' School, and seven for the Benevolent Institution.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Captain T. F. Cooper, who already holds the high office of Deputy District Grand Master of Gibraltar, has done a vast amount of good work in Masonry, both at home



BRO. J. W. ELVIN.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Capt. George Williams Freeman was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 867, in 1878, afterwards joining St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349, Malta; Bulwer Lodge of Cairo, No. 1068; the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127; the Hesketh Lodge, No. 950; and the Salopian Lodge, No. 262. Of the Bulwer Lodge of Cairo he was Worshipful Master in the years 1886 and 1887. He was exalted in Royal Arch Masonry in the William Kingston Chapter, No. 407, Malta,



BRO. CAPT. WILLIAMS FREEMAN.

in 1880, and is at present First Principal in the Salopian Chapter, No. 262. Bro. Freeman has for some years acted as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt at the Grand Lodge of England.



BRO. CAPT. THOS. F. COOPER.

and abroad, and we heartily congratulate him on his appointment, which cannot fail to be appreciated in Gibraltar.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Captain Arthur W. Lee Mitchell was initiated in the Adelphi Lodge, No. 1670, and joined the Earl of Mornington



BRO. CAPT. ARTHUR LEE MITCHELL.

Lodge in 1899. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. William Hollis was initiated in the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, in 1876, and was elected Treasurer in 1881, an office he has held uninterruptedly for twenty years, except when occupying the chair of W.M. in 1889. He is a Past Prov. Senior Grand Deacon of Kent, and Charity



BRO. WILLIAM HOLLIS.

Representative for his lodge. He was exalted in the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, in 1890. Bro. Hollis has done excellent service in connection with the Charities, having served fifteen Stewardships. He is a Vice-Patron of all three Institutions.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Joaquim Parsick Joaquim holds the responsible position of Deputy District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, and is at present in charge of the District. He



BRO. J. P. JOAQUIM.

was initiated in the Zetland-in-the-East Lodge, No. 508, Singapore, in 1879, and was installed as Worshipful Master in 1881. He is also a member of St. George Lodge, No. 1152. Bro. Joaquim was exalted in the Dalhousie Chapter, No. 508, in 1880, and has filled the chair of First Principal.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. Major Herbert Green will always be best known as the capable and painstaking Provincial Grand Secretary of the admirably-managed Province of West Yorkshire. He was initiated in Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, in 1877, and became Worshipful Master in 1884. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 154, in 1878, afterwards joining Sincerity Chapter, No. 1019, in 1879. Since the retirement of Bro. Henry Smith, in 1885, he has filled the important office of Provincial Grand Secretary as well as that of Provincial Grand Scribe E. It will thus be seen that Bro. Green has not spread his Masonic energies over a wide area, but in all the work that has come



BRO. MAJOR HERBERT GREEN.

to his hand he has conscientiously performed his allotted task, and the prosperous condition of the Province of West Yorkshire is a standing tribute to the business-like methods of both Bro. Green and his immediate predecessor in the office. His contributions to the three Charities present an almost unique record of uniform interest in each, he having served as Steward on eleven occasions for both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and ten for the Benevolent Institution, qualifying as a Vice-Patron of all three.

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. William J. Spratling, B.Sc., was initiated in 1878 in the Burdett Lodge, No. 1293, and in 1884 took part in founding the University of London Lodge, No. 2033. He also joined the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, and the Columbia Lodge, No. 2397, afterwards becoming W.M. of the Burdett Lodge and later the Wickham Lodge, and Secretary of the Columbia Lodge in 1891. During his occupancy of the chair of the Burdett Lodge he was elected Provincial Grand Treasurer of Middlesex. Bro. Spratling was exalted in the Ravensbourne Chapter, No. 1601, and afterwards assisted in founding the Columbia Chapter, No. 2397. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' and Girls' Schools and has served two Stewardships.



BRO. W. J. SPRATLING.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. John Williams's connection with the Craft dates from 1858, in which year he was initiated in the Buckingham Lodge, Aylesbury—then numbered 861, but since the revision in 1864, No. 591—filling the Worshipful Master's chair in 1861 and 1871. Lodges 2420, 2435, and 2492, have also paid him the compliment of electing him an honorary member. He was first appointed to Provincial Grand Office in 1862 as Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies, which was followed in 1871 by his appointment as Senior Grand Warden, and in 1894 he was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer



BRO. JOHN WILLIAMS.

of Bucks. Bro. Williams has been connected with Royal Arch Masonry for more than thirty years, having been exalted in the Alfred Chapter, Oxford, in 1868, afterwards joining

the chapter attached to his mother lodge, No. 591, and becoming First Principal in the years 1872, 1874, 1875, 1880, and 1897. He was Provincial Grand Treasurer in the late Province of Berks and Bucks from 1877 to 1880, and Provincial Grand Scribe from 1880 to 1891, in which year the province was divided, and Bro. Williams continued in office as Prov. Grand Scribe E. of Bucks to 1897, when he was appointed Third Principal, and in the following year Prov. Grand H. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. Joseph Russell's career as a Mason has been wholly encircled by the British Lodge, No. 8, in which ancient lodge he was initiated in 1878, and became Worshipful Master in 1888, and is now its Secretary; he also represented the lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1887. But perhaps he is best known as the courteous and genial Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, to which office he was elected some years since, on the retirement of



BRO. JOSEPH RUSSELL.

Bro. Kentish. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Old King's Arms Chapter, No. 28, of which he is now Second Principal. Bro. Russell is a Life Governor of each of the Institutions.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. James Speller, who attains Grand rank on coming of age in the Craft, was initiated in the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677, in 1880, of which lodge he subsequently became W.M. He is also a P.M. and founder of the Warner Lodge, No. 2256; the Shurmer Lodge, No. 2374; and the Waltham Abbey Lodge, No. 2750; besides being the first W.M. of the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742, and W.M. designate of the Forest Hill Lodge, No. 2846. He has received the appointment of Provincial Grand Deacon of Surrey. Bro Speller's zeal in Royal Arch Masonry has been no less marked than in that of the Craft. He is at present M.E.Z. of the Hornsey Chapter, No. 890, and P.Z. of six others, viz.: Nos. 1677, 1685, 1766, 218, 2256, and 2374. As a Preceptor, he has also done excellent work for many years in the Evening Star Lodge of Instruction. In the Mark Degree,

Bro. Speller is a P.M. of the Old Kent Mark Lodge, of which he is also Secretary, the Royal Naval Lodge, and the George Gravelly Lodge, besides being P.M.W. Sovereign of the



BRO. JAMES SPELLER.

Mount Calvary Rose Croix Chapter. Numerous Stewardships for the Charities stand to the credit of Bro. Speller, and he is a Patron of all three Institutions.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. John Leach Barrett's Masonic career began in 1868, in which year he was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence, No. 331 Truro, afterwards joining the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369, of which he was a founder, in 1890; the



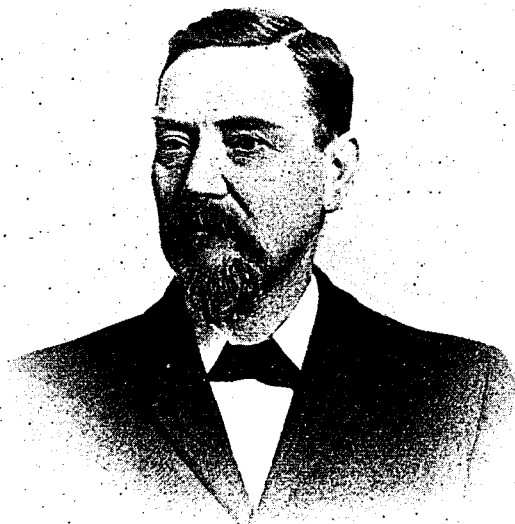
BRO. JOHN LEACH BARRETT.

Eclectic Lodge, No. 1201; the British Lodge, No. 8; and the Pegasus Lodge, No. 2205, of which latter he is the Secretary. In 1889 he was elected to the chair of the

Eclectic Lodge, and in 1895 to that of the Cornish Lodge, in each case previously filling various offices with much zeal and ability. Bro. Barrett was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Eclectic Chapter in 1886, and afterwards filled the chair of First Principal. He was appointed to Past rank in Supreme Grand Chapter in 1897, having been made Past Grand Sword Bearer on the occasion of Her late Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. He has served seven Stewardships for the three Institutions, and is a Vice-President of both the Boys' School and the Benevolent Institution, and a Life Subscriber to the Girls' School. Bro. Barrett is also a member of the Mark Degree, and at present occupies the chair of the Eclectic Lodge, besides being P.P.G. Warden of Surrey. He is M.W.S. of the Rose and Lily Rose Croix Chapter, as well as E.P. Elect of the Camden Preceptory of Knights Templars.

PAST GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

Bro. Henry Joseph Lardner was initiated in the West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623, in 1877, and at once entered on that active Masonic career which has made him a familiar figure in City Masonic circles. He assisted in founding



BRO. HENRY J. LARDNER.

successively the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, in 1878, and the Mozart Lodge, No. 1929, in 1881, in both of which he is still an active worker; he joined Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, in 1886, and the Grand Stewards Lodge in 1895, and in the latter year represented Peace and Harmony Lodge on the Board of Grand Stewards. Bro. Lardner has occupied the Master's chair in each of the lodges of which he is a member, and his Mastership has been marked by that energy and ability which characterises all his work. As a member of the Mozart Lodge, which meets at Croydon, he has received the rank of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Province of Surrey. Bro. Lardner became a Royal Arch Mason in 1879, having been exalted in the Royal Albert Chapter, No. 907, afterwards joining the West Smithfield, No. 1623; Farringdon Without, No. 1745; Mozart, No. 1929; Kensington, No. 1381; and Fidelity, No. 3, in all of which he has filled the chair of Z. In 1899 he was appointed to the rank of Past Grand Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He has served a round dozen of stewardships for the three Institutions, and is a

Vice-President of both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution. Few records present anything more consistent and steady than that of Bro. Lardner, and his appointment to Grand rank is a well-earned distinction.

PAST GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. Fountain Meen is a well-known member of the musical profession, and, like many of his craft, is also a member of the "Craft universal," his connection with the latter dating from 1875, in which year he was initiated in the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185. He afterwards joined the Eleanor



BRO. FOUNTAIN MEEN.

Lodge, No. 1707, and the Eurydice Lodge, No. 1920, becoming W.M. of the two latter in 1883 and 1898 respectively. In Royal Arch Masonry he was exalted in the Lewis Chapter in 1877, and in 1900 assisted in founding the Guildhall School of Music Chapter.

Installation Meeting of the St. John's Thanet Lodge.

The Mayor of Margate is the latest addition of civic dignitaries to the roll of Worshipful Masters. Bro. W. H. Hughes, who occupies that position in our most popular English watering place, was duly installed on July 1st in the chair of St. John's Thanet Lodge, No. 2753. There was a numerous gathering at the ornate and beautifully arranged

Masonic Temple, including many Provincial Grand Officers. The installation ceremony was very impressively performed by Bro. J. L. Hume, who was warmly congratulated upon the capable and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties.



BRO. W. H. HUGHES.

Bro. Hughes, after being duly installed, appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year, as under:—Bros. J. Brighurst, P.M. 127, 2753, P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; F. Stanley, P.M. 127, P.P.G. Supt. Wks., S.W.; W. H. White, P.M. 2448, J.W.; Rev. W. H. Trelawny Ashton-Gwatkin, Chaplain; J. Moore, P.M. 127, Treasurer; J. L. Hume, P.M. 144, 127, Secretary; Albert Tannenbaum, S.D.; W. H. Bennett, J.D.; F. Boulanger, I.G.; J. Hosking, P.M. 1347, 127, P.P.G. Std. Surrey, D.C.; E. Robertson, A.D.C.; T. J. Carter and A. Bunting, Stwds.; G. Lawrence, Tyler. After the election of a representative to serve on the Charity Committee and an almoner for the ensuing year the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel.

Weather favoured the Annual Summer Entertainment of those resident at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, on the 10th of July, and a large number of visitors were present, the generous hospitality of the Board of Management rendering the meeting a thoroughly enjoyable one. The Matron and Assistant Matron (the Misses Norris) were, as of yore, indefatigable in their attentions to all, and the veteran Secretary, Bro. James Terry, together with Bro. John G. Stevens and other members of the staff, received the visitors on their arrival, and it goes without saying that a hearty reception was given to them.

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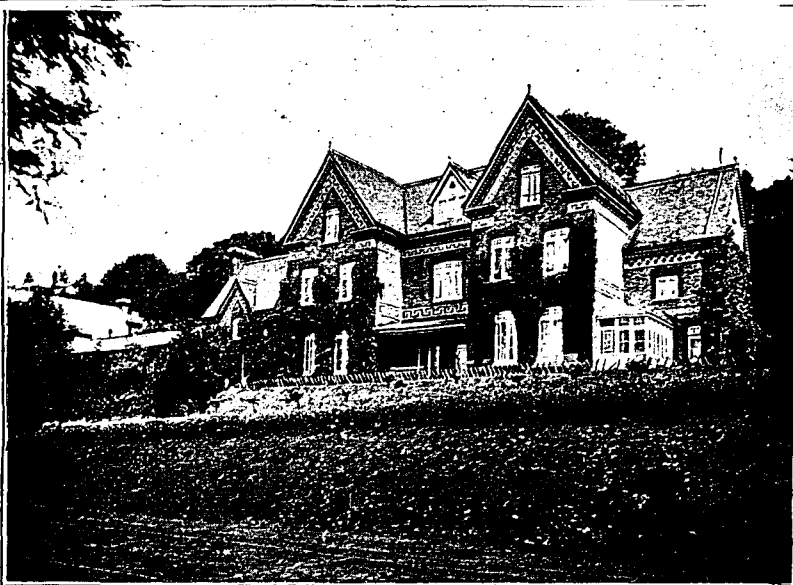
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Bygone Masonic Amenities.

(Continued.)

IN 1791 Bro. Daniel joined No. 57 of the "Moderns," then meeting near his residence at Wapping—now the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59—and evinced an active interest in the affairs of both Societies for several years. In conjunction with William Burwood he took a leading part in founding our Boys' School, in 1798, and in the following year, according to his own account, he severed his connection from the "Ancients," they, however, appeared to have ignored his resignation of membership, as at a Grand Lodge held on the 4th March, 1801, he was formally expelled from that Society on the ground of his having imitated their Grand Lodge certificate and seal for use in the Royal Naval Lodge. His expulsion was duly notified in the printed circular of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and dispatched to all their lodges throughout the world. This action on the part of his former friends and associates naturally created a strong feeling of bitterness against them, and prompted him to ventilate his grievances by means of printed circulars, which, if published in later days, would doubtless have furnished work for the lawyers (I am not sure that they did not then), and for the language of which he subsequently expressed regret when seeking restoration to his Masonic privileges from the United Grand Lodge. Some of these circulars bear his own name, others are anonymous, but there is a family likeness in all, sufficiently plain to indicate the authorship as in the case of the one now before us. For instance, in a very strongly worded folio sheet dated March 5th, 1803, headed *Incontrovertible Facts*, and signed "Benevolus," chiefly directed against Harper, he refers to him as a "Pedler of jewels, aprons, buckles," &c., and his friend the Grand Secretary he alludes to as "Mr. Scout." Shortly after his expulsion from the "Ancient" Society he

appears to have joined the famous old Lodge of Emulation, No. 12 (present No. 21), then as now a Red Apron Lodge, representing it as Treasurer of the Board of Grand Stewards for 1802-3.



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In 1808, Daniel, 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 the formal Union was effected, thus forming what is now known as the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

In February, 1810, he joined the Lodge of Felicity, present No. 58, and was elected Master on the following day. During his connection with the Royal Naval Lodge he 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, but a small proportion of whom were registered at the proper time in the books of the Grand Lodge. In consequence of this glaring irregularity, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution on the 28th of November, 1810, suspending Bro. Daniel from all his Masonic functions and privileges until the registering fees, due from the Royal Naval Lodge, be paid.

"An Address to the Duke of Athole on the subject of an Union," the pamphlet consisting chiefly of abuse of his former colleagues, the "Ancients" over whom the Duke presided as Grand Master.

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, a sketch of the principal one being here reproduced from his memoir. The following is a description of the exhibition from the newspapers:—

"A Curious Aqualic Exhibition—Daniel's Life Preserver."

"On Monday Afternoon an immense concourse of people assembled on London Bridge and the River to witness an exhibition of the Life Preserver, in case of Shipwreck, invented by Mr. Daniel, Surgeon, at Wapping.

"The Machine or Jacket is composed of water-proof leather, prepared to contain Air, and is inflated through a silver tube, by the wearer, in half a minute; it then supports the Head, Arms, and Body, completely on the surface of the water. We observed Dr. Daniel, in a large handsome Barge, with a board d covering, attended by several boats, fancifully fitted up, and filled with his Friends: several men jumped



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Sir F. C. Daniel has been honored with the Gold Medal from the Society of Arts, and the Honour of Knighthood from the Royal Humane Society for the Invention.

The fees above mentioned amounted to upwards of £300, which sum the Lodge of Felicity generously agreed to pay by instalments to the Grand Treasurer.

On the 7th December, 1814, in consequence of a report made by the Board of General Purposes, it was resolved in Grand Lodge that "Bro. F. C. Daniel be now restored to his Masonic functions, and he being in attendance was conducted into the Grand Lodge by two Stewards, and after receiving an admonition from the M.W. Grand Master, was re-invested with his Masonic clothing, and took his seat accordingly."

I have already adverted briefly to the position held by Bro. Daniel in the medical profession, I might safely go a step further and say he was the best advertised man of his time. His biographer informs us that he was "the first who constructed the medicine chest for sea on just principles," and that he "published a pamphlet of directions for the treatment of the most frequent diseases incident to seamen," which pamphlet always accompanied his medicine chest where no surgeon was on board. Modesty does not appear to have troubled him much, for in 1804, he published

from Dr. Daniel's Barge into the River, to the high amusement of the thronged Thames. The People were clad in nankeen dresses, with red leather helmet caps, and having on the aforementioned Jackets, they appeared to float freely, and to rest breast high in the water perfectly at their ease.

"The Procession passed up the River from Gun Dock, through London, Blackfriars, and Westminster Bridges; one of the men took an excursion to Putney: they seemed to enjoy themselves, for we saw one playing the Violin, others the Bugle and French Horn, some were smoking their Pipes and and taking their Wine, as they drifted up with the tide. We also observed two men carrying large white bags on their backs, which we understood to be biscuits, on which were marked 28lb, 14 days' provision: they represented a Porter carrying a load. But what was still very extraordinary, we saw a man float through the three Bridges, supporting two other people, and at the same time he loaded and fired a large horse Pistol several times, carrying ammunition in his cap; in fact, the whole of them seemed to perform with as much indifference as on Dry Land. They then proceeded down the River without the least accident, just below the entrance of the

London Docks, when they landed at Gun Dock, opposite Dr. Daniel's residence, and received three hearty cheers from the surrounding multitude."

Bro. Daniel's 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." The gold medal was awarded, but certain jealous individuals, according to the inventor's biographer, raised the question as to his being justly entitled to it, alleging that his life preserver was not a new invention.

This involved the doctor in a long and expensive law suit, which was eventually decided in his favour, and not only was the gold medal returned to him, but some few years later he received the honour of knighthood for his valuable invention, which had been the means of saving a great number of lives.

Judging from the remarks of his biographer, Sir Francis was as well known in sporting circles as in his profession. "His favourite breed of horses has been the cream-coloured Arabian with black legs, a pair of which he has driven for years in his chariot, generally accompanied by one or two beautiful spotted dogs." He was also the owner of the celebrated trotting mare, *Phenomena*, able to trot seventeen miles in fifty-three minutes.

"Soon after settling at Wapping, Sir Francis had an affair of honour with an army surgeon. The parties met, and one of them received a wound above the elbow, the ball passing by the side of the os humeri, and coming out in a slanting direction near the axilla. This circumstance Sir Francis always mentions with regret."

We must confess to being a little puzzled over this paragraph. The biographer leaves us to our choice as to which of the combatants came to grief, and to what extent over the encounter, and also as to what particular circum-

stance Sir Francis most regretted in that connection; whether it was the fact of "the ball passing by the side of the os humeri," &c., or whether he was sorry it didn't take a different and more satisfactory course.

Our fire-eating friends across the channel, who are so very fond of duelling, might do worse than take a lesson from the "Nation of shop-keepers" as they used to call our forefathers. *They* didn't waste best part of two days in trying to skewer one another and then make a lot of fuss over a scratched hand—*they* settled their affairs of honour in a few minutes in the early morning before business began, and went back to the shop to work—at least one of them generally did.

Business must have been rather slack with the doctors in those days, for we are told that Sir Francis had a similar affair on hand "with a surgeon of celebrity, in practice at the west end of the town." This "affair" seems to have been brought to an amicable conclusion by the exertions of the seconds on the ground who were the means of reconciling the parties without damage to the "axilla" or any other portion of the human anatomy.

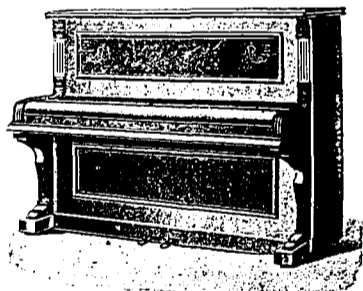
The portrait of a boy, to whom Sir Francis is pointing, in the picture, is that of Master David Humphreys, an orphan pupil in the school established in 1808, who seems to have been a boy of remarkable powers of oratory, and was presented by the Duke of Sussex with three medals at different anniversaries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

The large cup or tankard so convenient to the elbow of Sir Francis 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.

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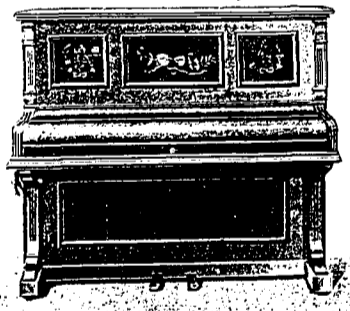


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