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 Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire.*

The Province of Gloucestershire.

By Bro. M. LLEWELLYN EVANS, Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary.

THAT our ancient brethren the Operative Masons actively practised their Craft in what is now the Province of Gloucestershire is a fact of which there is abundant proof in the monuments of their skill which they have left behind them at Gloucester, Tewkesbury, and elsewhere in



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DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

that county. Gradually the Craft declined, with less and less practice, and consequently the Operative Masons became more and more scarce. Whether there grew up, as they declined, a Society of Speculative Masons which was grafted on to the older Guild and adopted its laws and customs, or whether the Operatives from one cause or another gradually ceased to be operative, and while retaining their ancient landmarks and regulations became by degrees more and more merely speculative, is a question now somewhat difficult of decision; but certain it is that about the end of the seventeenth century, Speculative Masons had attained a considerable degree of importance, and were spreading their organisation over the length and breadth of the land. As may naturally be supposed, lodges in those early days lacked a great deal of the strength and cohesion that belong to Freemasons' lodges at the present day, and consequently their life was often comparatively short. Hence it may be surmised that in a district where the traditions of Freemasonry must have been long established, the new Speculative Masonry would be likely to find favour, and it may well be that lodges existed for a time before the date at which we find the earliest record of a lodge of Speculative Masons being founded in Gloucestershire.

However this may be the first record we have of a lodge existing in Gloucestershire is, that on the 28th of March, 1738, one was founded at Gloucester which met at the Wheat-sheaf Tavern. Its distinctive number on the Grand Lodge roll was 171. Two years afterwards it appears to have

migrated to the "Swan," and its number had then been changed to 157. It subsequently became No. 95. This constant change of number seems to point to the fact that lodges arose and disappeared again rather speedily, and a revision of numbers was consequently often necessary. This lodge was finally erased by Grand Lodge in 1768 and had probably been inactive for some time previous to that date.

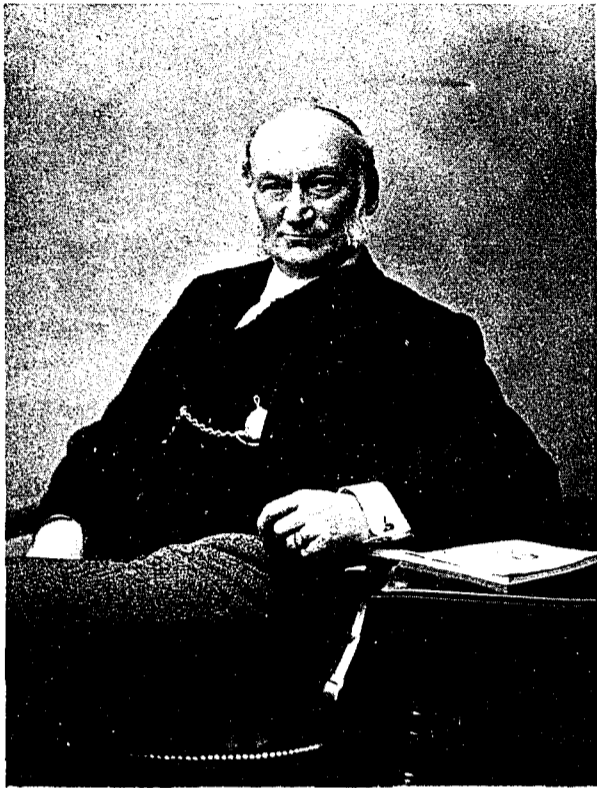
That Freemasonry was probably growing and increasing in the County of Gloucester during the thirty years that this lodge existed may, we think, be assumed from the fact that in 1753 it was with Essex, Dorset, and Somerset, constituted into one large province, presided over by Sir Robert de Cornwall as Provincial Grand Master. On his death some years later that famous Mason of the last century, Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, was appointed to succeed him. Under his rule Masonry made great advances in Gloucestershire. In 1773 the Lodge of Jehosaphat, No. 291, was founded at Wotton-under-Edge, and on the 17th of February, 1785, the Royal Gloucester Lodge was founded and met at first at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester. This lodge was much patronised by the Provincial Grand Master, who showed his high appreciation of its excellence by requesting a loan of it of £25 in less than eight months of its birth, towards a fund then being raised for the purpose of rebuilding Freemasons' Hall in London. This evidence of goodwill and affection by their Provincial Grand Master appears to have been a trifle embarrassing to the brethren of the newly-formed lodge, which



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PROV. GRAND TREASURER.

at that early stage of existence was, as may be imagined, not very flush of cash. However, the brethren, as Gloucester Masons have always done on similar occasions, put their shoulders to the wheel, and the money was eventually forthcoming. In return the lodge was presented with a silver

medal by Grand Lodge in grateful recognition of its assistance. History does not relate whether the loan was ever repaid. It probably was converted by force of circumstances into a donation.



W. BRO. JAMES B. WINTERBOTHAM, P.G.D. ENGLAND,
PROV. GRAND SECRETARY.

The month of October in the following year, 1786, marks the birth of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire. In that month Bro. Dunckerley wrote to the Royal Gloucester Lodge, informing the members that the Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, had issued to him a new patent, in which the County of Gloucester and the City and County of Bristol were made separate independent provinces. He accordingly appointed all the Provincial Grand Officers and Stewards for the new Province of Gloucestershire from the Royal Gloucester Lodge, thereby again showing his partiality for that lodge, and in a manner more agreeable to the brethren than on the occasion previously alluded to. The Lodge of Jehosaphat seems to have been entirely ignored. The officers he appointed were Prov. S.G.W., Bro. Thomas Woore; Prov. J.G.W., Bro. Thomas Pruen; Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Charles Evans; and Prov. G. Treas., Bro. Charles Elmes; with twelve Provincial Grand Stewards. These were all the officers the Prov. Grand Master thought it necessary to appoint in those days. It will be observed that no mention is made of a Deputy Provincial Grand Master among the officers named. This officer was nominated and recommended by the Royal Gloucester Lodge to the Provincial Grand Master, who specially requested the brethren to do this. It is recorded that Bro. Skipp was the first Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province. Contrary to our modern experience the Deputy Provincial Grand Master does not seem to have given satisfaction to his chief, for a few years later we find the latter complaining that his Deputy did not write to him. Perhaps this was not altogether the fault of Bro. Skipp, for our Provincial Grand Master was no ordinary letter writer himself, and, being of a careful mind, had been known to economise to such an extent that, on one occasion, his official communication to the province was written on a strip cut off the bottom of one of the Grand Lodge communications. It may well have been that some such missive

never reached his deputy's hands, in those dark ages of the Post Office, which would account for his not receiving the reply he evidently expected.

In 1789 the number of lodges over which Bro. Dunckerley presided as Prov. Grand Master of Gloucestershire was increased to three by the advent of the Royal York Lodge, established in that year at Minchinhampton with the number 455. This lodge subsequently migrated to Stroud, where it met at the "Green Dragon," but it does not seem to have been happy there, and so returned to its old quarters at the Salutation Inn at Minchinhampton, where it appears to have died of inanition shortly afterwards.

In the year 1798 the office of Provincial Grand Master fell vacant from some cause or other, probably by the death of Bro. Dunckerley. It is somewhat of a surprise to our modern ideas to learn that the nomination of a new Prov. Grand Master was undertaken by the Royal Gloucester Lodge. Their choice fell upon the then Marquess of Worcester, afterwards sixth Duke of Beaufort. Not being quite sure whether he was a Mason or not they wrote to his father to enquire if he was, and if so whether he would accept the appointment. The answer to each question being in the affirmative, the nomination was referred to Grand Lodge and duly confirmed. Before the Marquess's installation, however, it was discovered that he was only an E.A. He had consequently to be made an M.M., which was done on the same day that he was installed, but previous to the installation. The only lodge represented on the occasion was the Royal Gloucester Lodge. It is recorded that Bro. Robert Morris was the Deputy Provincial Grand Master at that time.

Freemasonry can scarcely be said to have flourished in the Province of Gloucestershire during the early years of the reign of the sixth Duke of Beaufort as Provincial Grand Master, and friction arose from time to time between the lodges of the "Moderns," over which he ruled, and the Royal Lebanon Lodge, which belonged to the opposite camp

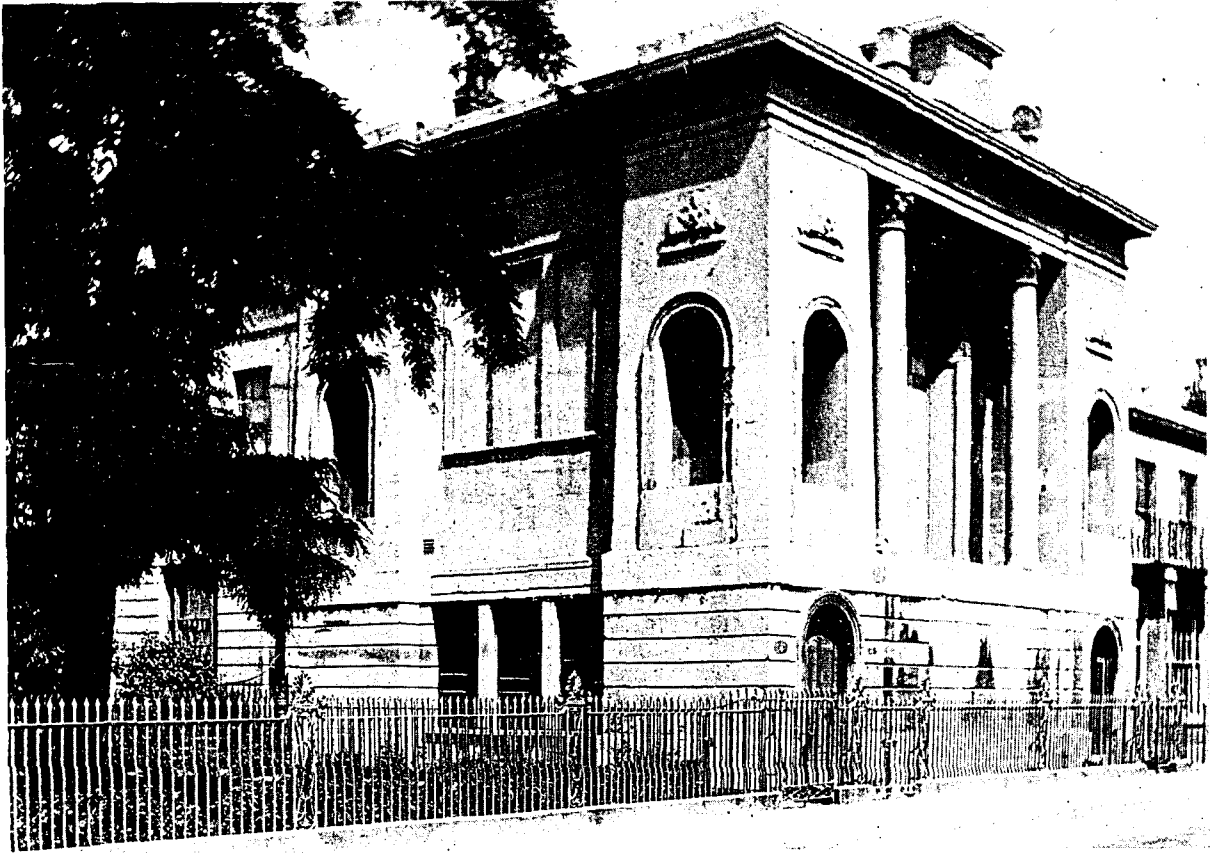


W. BRO. M. L. EVANS, PROV. ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.
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of the Athol Grand Lodge and had been founded on the 13th January, 1799, to meet at the Booth Hall, Gloucester. This lodge did not, of course, acknowledge or recognise any jurisdiction in the Duke of Beaufort. In the year 1802,

however, the ranks of the lodges under his rule gained an important recruit. In that year, by the consent of the Grand Master, the Country Stewards' Lodge, No. 449, which had been founded on the 25th July, 1789, and met in London at

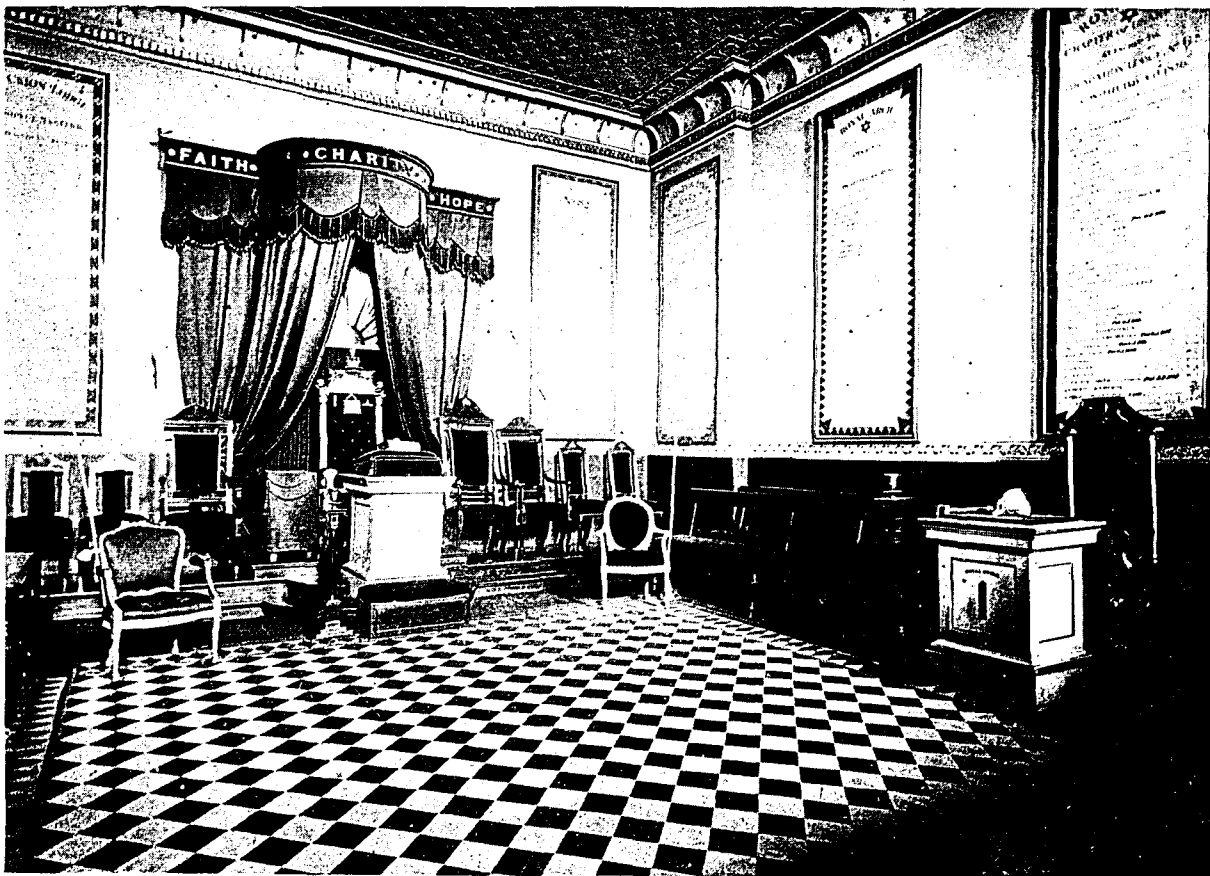
Henry Jenner was the first Master there, Bro. Dr. Edward Jenner, the discoverer of vaccination, who was a native of Berkeley and practised there, being one of the first three subscribing members.



THE MASONIC HALL, CHELTENHAM.

Freemasons' Tavern, was removed to Berkeley, to be there held under the title of the Lodge of Faith and Friendship. It would appear that the reason for its removal was that it was no longer attended, and the warrant was therefore

The memory of the brethren who laboured to bring about the Union in 1813 ought ever to be kept green by Freemasons, for there is no doubt that it is largely due to their efforts that the Craft has become a healthy and vigorous



THE MASONIC HALL, CHELTENHAM (THE LODGE ROOM).

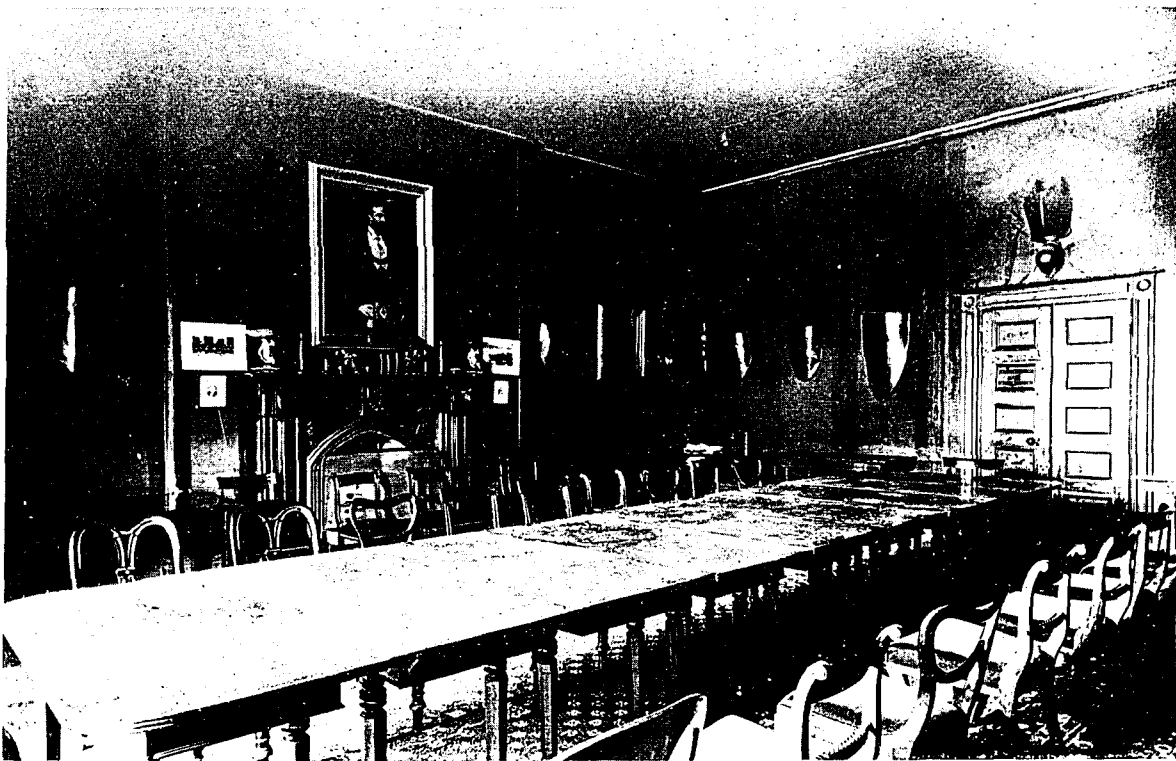
handed over to the Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, Bro. Henry Jenner, who removed it into his own province. It was thence removed, with the approbation of the Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, to Berkeley, and Bro.

society, full of life and energy, instead of being a house divided against itself, weak and ruinous. The improvement wrought by this wise combination of the two hitherto rival Grand Lodges was at once apparent in Gloucestershire. Not

only was the number of lodges acknowledging allegiance to the Duke of Beaufort as Provincial Grand Master increased by the adhesion of the Royal Lebanon Lodge, which took its rank in the United Grand Lodge as No. 401, and of the Royal Union Lodge which was founded at Cirencester just before the Union in 1813, under the Athol rite, and took its rank in the United Grand Lodge as No. 461, but four years later there returned to Gloucestershire that lodge, which is older than all the present existing lodges or any that are recorded to have existed, except the first one of all, founded in 1738. We refer to the Foundation Lodge, which was founded in 1753, at Cheltenham, as No. 226, being contemporaneous therefore with the original Provincial Grand Lodge, out of which the present province was carved. It was, however, removed the same year to Burton's Coffee House, in Crane Court, Doctor's Commons, in London, whence it again removed to Abingdon in 1805. On its return to Cheltenham, in 1817, it first met at Sheldon's Hotel on the 7th of August of that year, Bro. Lindsay, of Abingdon, who had been largely instrumental in procuring the transfer of the lodge to Cheltenham

arose the peculiar question with reference to the Master's hat, which used to be put to strangers who applied for admission to the lodge to prove them, and which many of our older readers will no doubt remember, though the reason for it may have been lost sight of even by them. Then again, each lodge had its seal which it was bound to produce for inspection to the Prov. Grand Master or his Deputy, together with its warrant and by-laws, whenever called upon. It would be interesting to know how many of the old lodges which existed at the Union still have their seals. Probably few modern Masons, too, have heard read the Ancient Charges which used to be read at the opening and closing of every lodge on the ground that "a recapitulation of our duty cannot be disagreeable to those who are acquainted with it and to those who know it not, should any such be, it must be highly proper to recommend it."

The members of the Foundation Lodge very early became dissatisfied with their quarters, and being of an ambitious nature decided to put up with tavern accommodation no longer, but to build a Masonic Hall for themselves. Designs and estimates



THE MASONIC HALL, CHELTENHAM (THE BANQUET ROOM).

to meet the wish of the brethren, being in the chair. He at once proceeded to instal his successor. It had been the practice in this lodge, while at Abingdon at any rate, to have two Masters a year, who were respectively elected on the lodge nights preceding the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and this meeting in August was probably the first opportunity the brethren had had of assembling since St. John the Baptist's Day, owing to the removal of the lodge. Only twelve brethren were present on that occasion, but the number rapidly increased, and lodges of emergency were frequent. On December 27th, 1817, St. John's Day, the next installation took place. After this date, however, installations became annual, instead of half yearly festivals, and the Master in future held office for a year. There were many old customs still surviving in the lodges of that time which would considerably puzzle and astonish the Mason of the present day. For instance, in the Royal Gloucester Lodge the Master wore a special hat while the Tylers had their peculiar cap. This custom in the previous century had been very general, as may be seen from old prints, and was not peculiar to this particular lodge. It is possible that from this custom

were prepared and approved, and in 1823, on November 5th, the lodge met for the first time in the Masonic Hall, in Portland Street, Cheltenham, where it has met ever since. There also the Royal Union Lodge, which had removed from Cirencester to Cheltenham in 1822, was some time after taken in by the Foundation Lodge, and permitted to hold its meetings to the mutual benefit of both lodges, which are now joint owners of the hall with the Royal Arch Chapter attached to Foundation Lodge. It is remarkable that the good example set by the Foundation Lodge has not been more extensively followed by the other lodges of the province, which (with the exception of the Prince of Wales' Lodge at Stow-on-the-Wold, and St. John's Lodge at Dursley, both of which lodges have provided themselves with Masonic Halls) still continue to meet in taverns or on premises not their own. The Masonic Hall of the Prince of Wales' Lodge is itself an ancient memorial of other days, being the old Grammar School of Stow-on-the-Wold, founded in 1594 by one Richard Shepham a citizen of London. The school having greatly declined, the Charity Commissioners put the buildings up for sale in 1801, and a few of the local brethren, to preserve so ancient a building

from being demolished or irretrievably spoilt by alteration for trade purposes, purchased it and restored it for subsequent use as a Masonic Hall.



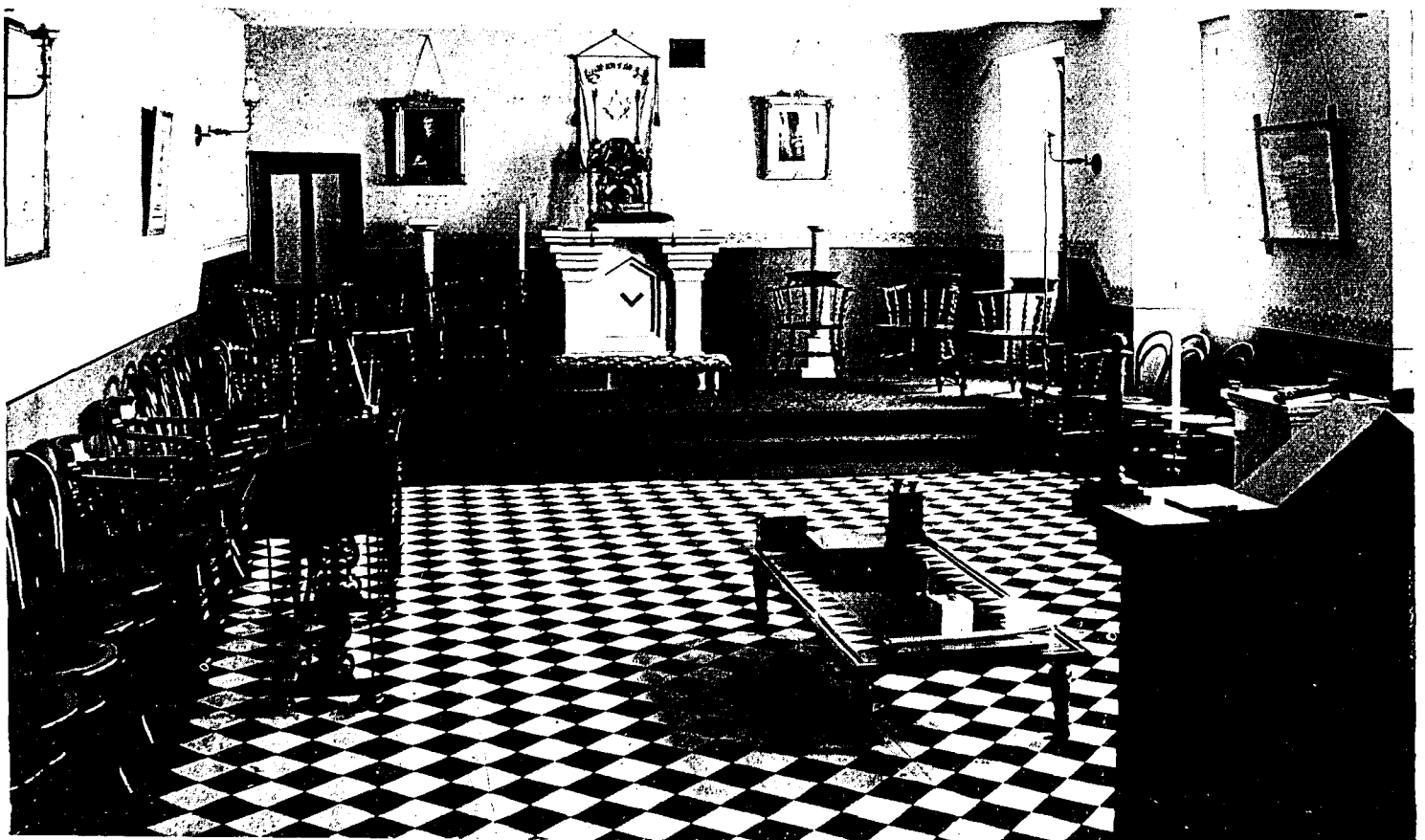
THE MASONIC HALL, STOW-ON-THE-WOLD (THE LODGE ROOM).

In 1818 the Duke of Beaufort finding himself without a Deputy in his Province, appointed Bro. Thomas Quarington, of the City of Gloucester, to be Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and Bro. Quarington was duly invested and proclaimed at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at the National School Room in Gloucester on the 24th August in the same year. Bro. Quarington seems to have been an active and energetic Deputy, for, rather more than a month later, we find him holding another Provincial Grand Lodge for the purpose of passing new by-laws, which were to be communicated by the Provincial Grand Secretary to the various lodges in the province, and their full compliance with the by-laws regulating the fees and quarterages required. They may, of course, have expressed acquiescence, but they certainly did not show it in their practice, for the bitter cry of the Provincial Grand Treasurer arises year after year that he cannot get the quarterages paid. Many of the lodges got

several years in arrear, but although Provincial Grand Lodge threatened much, it accomplished little, and the post of Provincial Grand Treasurer remained a very thankless one and a great contrast to the light and pleasant duties of the Treasurer of the present day, whose position is a bed of roses to that of Bro. Morgan, Provincial Grand Treasurer in 1829, who was unable to produce his accounts to the Audit Committee owing to the fact that, having no money and receiving no money, he had been unable to pay anything, and consequently had no accounts to produce. No wonder that it is recorded that Bro. Morgan was seriously indisposed.

The next step of Bro. Quarington after his appointment was to hold a sort of visitation of all the lodges in the province, going round to each one in turn, requiring them to produce their seals, warrants, and by-laws for his inspection and approval, or to account for their absence. They all seem to have passed their examination fairly satisfactorily, although some of them had difficulty in finding a copy of their by-laws or producing their seals, while one—the Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge—had lost its warrant altogether, the same having been appropriated and mislaid by Grand Lodge. The Deputy recommended them to communicate at once with Grand Lodge and insist on the return of the old warrant or to be furnished with a new one. This had the desired effect, and the old warrant was found and returned. The Deputy likewise took exception to the working of this lodge, and recommended them to conform to the practice directed by the Grand Lodge in order that the working might be uniform throughout the province.

In 1820 occurred the death of King George III., and the accession of King George IV., who thereupon resigned his position as Grand Master of the Craft. The Provincial Grand Lodge presented, through the Provincial Grand Master, an address of condolence to the King on the death of his father, and of congratulation on his own accession, which was expressed in language highly befitting the occasion. The address was subsequently published in the *Gloucester Journal*. In the same year we find the Prov. G. Treasurer in considerable perplexity, as his expenses by no means tallied with his receipts, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master appears



THE MASONIC HALL, DERSLEY (THE LODGE ROOM).

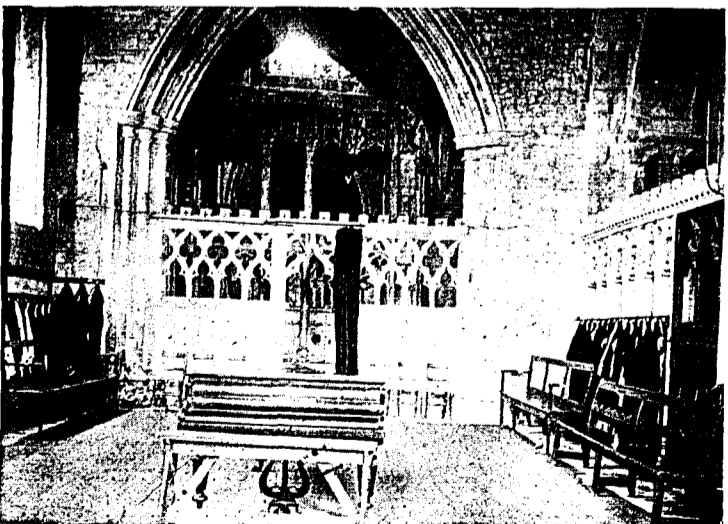
to have come to the rescue and himself paid the bill for the jewels of Provincial Grand Lodge, which had been then recently purchased. These, no doubt, are the handsome set of jewels now in use by Provincial Grand Lodge, which were



THE CHAPTER HOUSE, TEWKESBURY ABBEY.
RESTORED BY THE FREEMASONS IN 1879.

for many years mislaid, and only found in 1869 after the death of Bro. John William Wilton, P.M. of the Royal Gloucester Lodge. Bro. Wilton was Prov. Grand Treasurer at the time when Provincial Grand Lodge, for some unexplained cause, ceased to meet in 1833, and when it was resuscitated nearly a quarter of a century later no doubt the existence of the jewels had been forgotten. But they were never the property of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, as has been sometimes supposed, and it was only the fact that the Provincial Grand Treasurer was a P.M. of that lodge that caused them to be in his charge in his capacity of Provincial Grand Treasurer. The jewels of the Royal Gloucester Lodge were presented by Bro. John Burrup, a former member of that lodge, after it had been erased to the new Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, and are still in use by the latter lodge.

On the 19th August, 1823, Provincial Grand Lodge met at the Tolsay at Gloucester and went in procession to the Cathedral to attend a memorial service to the late Bro. Dr. Jenner. At this service a collection was made towards a



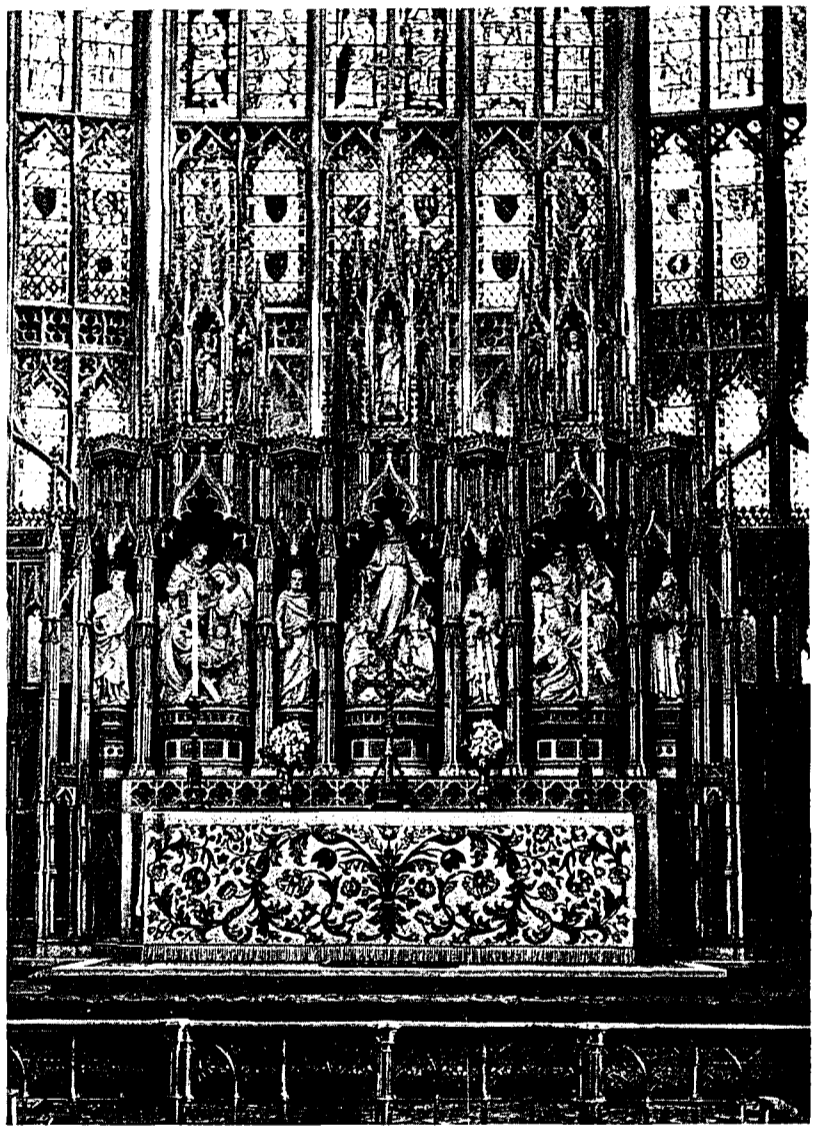
THE CHAPTER HOUSE (ANOTHER VIEW),
RESTORED BY THE FREEMASONS IN 1879.

fund for erecting a monument to him, and on the 8th of the following month we find the lodge assembled at Tewkesbury, where the Deputy Provincial Grand Master laid the first stone of the new Mythe Bridge over the Severn with due

Masonic honours, having previously attended service in the Abbey. The lodge was held in the Town Hall, and the ceremony appears to have gone off very well and to have given general satisfaction.

The death of the Duke of York in 1827 necessitated the holding of a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Upper George Coffee House in Gloucester (a favourite place of meeting), to pass a vote of condolence with the Grand Master, the Duke of Sussex, which accordingly was done in very proper terms, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master "proceeded to Kensington, where he was received with every mark of attention and presented the said address."

From the year 1833 to the year 1856 no meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge are recorded to have taken place. The reason for this long silence is obscure. It is known that the Provincial Grand Master, the sixth Duke of Beaufort, died in 1835, and is supposed to have been succeeded by Henry



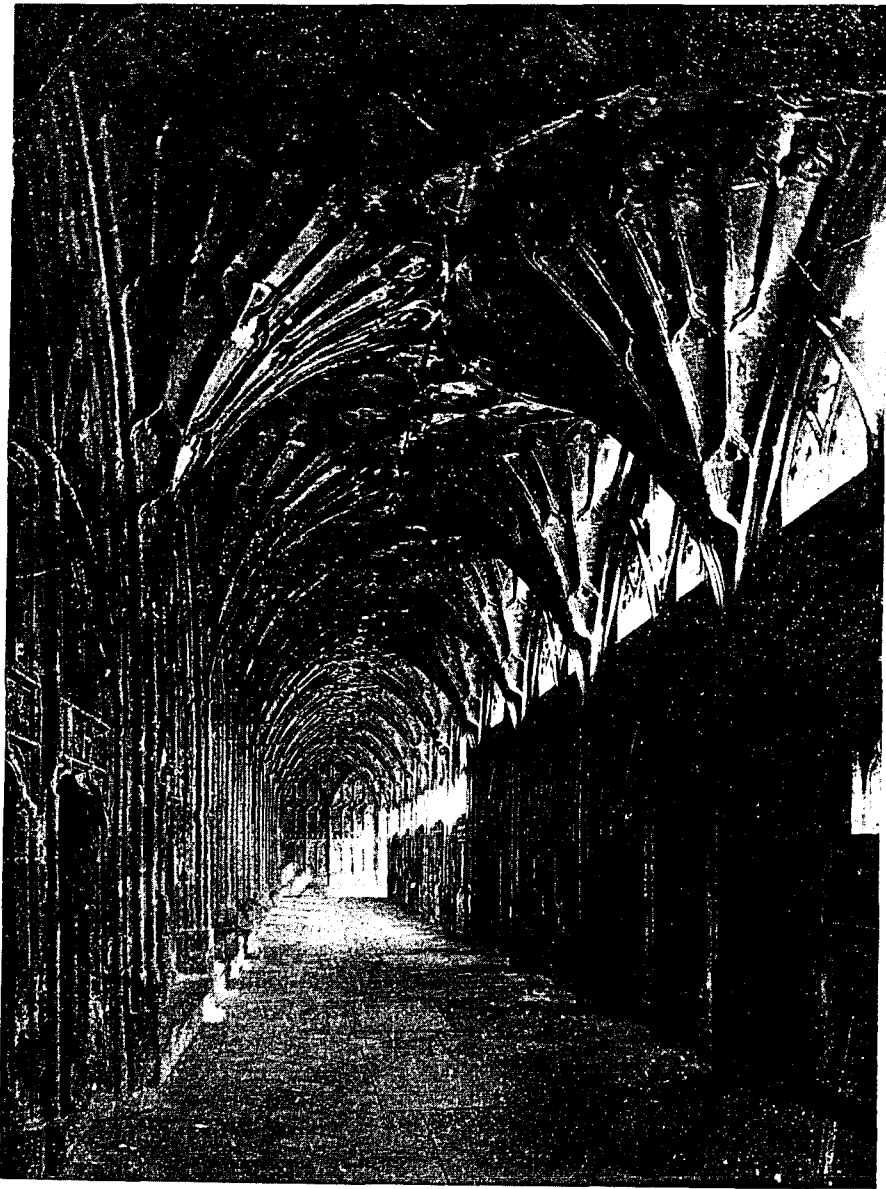
THE REREDOS OF GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL,
RESTORED BY THE FREEMASONS OF THE PROVINCE.

the seventh Duke, who died in 1853. On the 14th October, 1856, Lord Zetland, the then Grand Master, issued a patent to Bro. the Hon. James Dutton (afterwards Lord Sherborne) appointing him Provincial Grand Master, and he was duly installed at Cheltenham on the 22nd October, 1856, and appointed Bro. George Frederick Newmarch, P.M. of Foundation Lodge, No. 97, as his Deputy. In the interval that had elapsed since 1833, the roll of the lodges of the province had considerably altered. In 1833 the roll was as follows:—Foundation Lodge, Cheltenham, No. 121; Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucester, No. 401; Royal Union Lodge, Cheltenham, No. 461; Royal Gloucester Lodge, Gloucester, No. 473; Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, Berkeley, No. 509; and Lodge of Sympathy, Wotton-under-Edge, No. 725. Of these Nos. 401 and 725 were erased in 1838, and No. 473 in

1851. But in 1844 a new lodge, under the old name of the Royal Lebanon, was founded in Gloucester, and in 1851 the Cotteswold Lodge was founded at Cirencester, so that at the restoration in 1856 the number on the roll was only one less than it was in 1833.

Under the rule of Lord Sherborne and his Deputy, Bro. Newmarch, Masonry flourished and lodges multiplied throughout the province, so that when the former resigned his office, after a reign of 25 years all but a few months, the number of lodges had increased to fourteen. This growth was very largely due to the personal interest which the Prov. Grand Master took in his province. Previous Prov. Grand Masters had hardly ever thought it necessary to attend and preside at Provincial Grand Lodge. Lord Sherborne, on the

monies of the Craft, self-contained and never has occasion now to call in assistance from outside. But what may be justly designated the distinguishing feature of the respective reigns of Lord Sherborne and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, is the manner in which they have impressed on the brethren of the province the duty of maintaining those national monuments erected by our ancient brethren, the Operative Masons, and from time to time contributing to their restoration. In this way in 1873 the restoration of the reredos of Gloucester Cathedral was undertaken by the Freemasons of the province, who further ornamented and adorned it in accordance with the original design in 1889. In 1879 the Chapter House of Tewkesbury Abbey was restored by them, and in 1896 the brethren were again busy restoring the north walk of the



THE CLOISTERS OF GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL (THE NORTH WALK), RESTORED BY THE FREEMASONS IN 1896.

other hand, hardly ever missed a meeting. Nor has there been any decline of interest shown by his successor, the Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., the present Prov. Grand Master. On the contrary, not only has he presided regularly at the meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, but has kept himself informed of the well-being and good working of the lodges under his care by periodical visits of inspection. Under his wise direction Masonry in Gloucestershire has continued to flourish, and where it has been proved to his satisfaction that new lodges could be established, with a reasonable prospect of a regular and even progress, there he has sanctioned and approved the founding of new lodges, and has himself performed the ceremony of constitution in each case. For it is the proud boast of the province, that it is, in all matters connected with the cere-

cloisters of Gloucester Cathedral, while they are at present engaged in rescuing from destruction, by the weather and decay, the cloister wall at Tewkesbury Abbey. These are among some of the works of Operative Masonry undertaken by the brethren to maintain and beautify our ancient national monuments. But in all this work they have not lost sight of their duty to the great Masonic Charities, and since 1875, when the Charity Committee was established, under the fostering care of the late Bro. Col. Basevi, the present Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar Smith, and the present Charity Secretary, Bro. R. P. Sumner, the voting strength of the province has steadily increased until it stands at its present high figure of 7.5 votes per member throughout the province.

Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

ON Wednesday afternoon, July 17th, the forty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada was convened in the Court Room, Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario. There were present 843 delegates, representing a total vote of 1,444, and the Committee on Credentials reported 362 warranted lodges on the roll.

The annual address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hungerford, proved of keen interest. It opened with a touching reference to the death of Queen Victoria and to the installation of the successor to His Majesty King Edward as Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. He then read the following message, which had been cabled at midnight:—

“The Grand Lodge of Canada, in session assembled, on behalf of thirty thousand Freemasons and British subjects, congratulates the mother Grand Lodge of the world on the installation of a worthy successor to the great Craft ruler who has passed from your Grand East to the Throne of a united Empire.”

Later the Grand Master also read a reply, which had been received from the Grand Secretary of England, as follows:—

“His Royal Highness and Grand Lodge received congratulations of Grand Lodge of Canada with greatest satisfaction, and most heartily reciprocate good wishes.”

The incident evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

The Masonic situation in the Province of Quebec was referred to and the hope expressed that the three lodges in the City of Montreal, which until recently had all held allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, would see their way to affiliate with the Grand Lodge of that province. One—the St. Lawrence—had already done so.

The Grand Master recommended the withdrawal of the warrant of the Royal Solomon Lodge, No. 293, Jerusalem, Palestine, which had been warranted in 1873 by M.W. Bro. Mercer Wilson, the then Grand Master. There was a strong feeling amongst the membership that it was impossible to

properly supervise the work of a lodge at such a distance. Accordingly the Board of General Purposes rescinded the charter.

The Grand Master thought it was necessary to have a new division of the districts of the jurisdictions, and concluded by recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Porto Rico, and the postponement of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rico until the receipt of further information.

The reports of the various committees of the Board showed a prosperous condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction; 137 applicants for relief had received grants amounting in the aggregate to £2,500, and warrants were granted to several new lodges.

The receipts of the year amounted to \$23,499, and with balance in the bank and investments, the total assets amount to \$98,348.

The honorary rank of Past Grand Registrar was conferred upon R.W. Bro. Alexander Patterson, who, for thirty years, had acted as Secretary of the Toronto Board of Relief, and M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson expressed his appreciation of the honour done him in electing him, during his absence from the last annual communication, the Historian of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master congratulated M.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, the Grand Secretary, on his recovery from the severe illness with which he was afflicted when last Grand Lodge met.

The election of officers then took place, resulting as follows:—M.W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, Grand Master (re-elected); R.W. Bro. J. E. Harding, Deputy Grand Master (re-elected); R.W. Bro. McAllister, of Hamilton, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Bro. A. Dymont, M.D., of Thessalon, Junior Grand Warden; M.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary (re-elected); M.W. Bro. Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer (re-elected); and the Rev. Bro. Von Pirch, of Berlin, Grand Chaplain.

Grand Lodge meets next year at Windsor, which is opposite Detroit, Mich.

Installation Meeting of the Amity Lodge, No. 171.

The installation meeting of this ancient lodge took place at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, on the 28th June, when Bro. Daniel D. Dennis, who had been elected W.M. at the previous meeting, was duly inducted into the chair of King Solomon. This ceremony completed, Bro. Dennis, after appointing and investing the officers for the year, proceeded to initiate a candidate in such a manner as to give promise of unusual excellence in the working of the lodge

during his Mastership. After the lodge was closed the usual banquet took place. The speeches were short but appropriate, Bro. William Kipps, A.G. Purst., replying to the toast of “The Grand Officers, Present and Past.” A full and varied programme of music was gone through, and the whole proceedings passed off in a manner satisfactory and agreeable to the brethren of the lodge and the numerous visitors present.



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THE present issue completes the first year of our existence. Twelve months have elapsed since our "Preface" was written, and no doubt we may be permitted to indulge in a few words of retrospect.

"THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" was inaugurated in the belief that what was then a novelty—an illustrated Masonic paper—would succeed. In this belief we have not been mistaken. In our first number we pledged ourselves to the use of the best of type, paper, and blocks, and added that, "in our letter-press we shall hope to steer a middle course between dullness and flippancy, to be readable as well as reliable, so that all may be interested and no one offended." We have adhered to those pledges, and it would be but false modesty which could tempt us to forego a view of facts which we believe to be substantiated in the twelve issues before us.

On the other hand, whilst it is very remote from our intention to indulge in self-praise, it is our duty and the happiest of privileges to be permitted to thank those who have supported us, and, at the same time, we may perhaps venture to hope that the cordiality of this support has been a not wholly one-sided advantage.

We have failed in our duty if it be not the fact that the present volume comprises a complete history of the greater Masonic events which "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" has been privileged to record, in which events, as in all human affairs, joy and sorrow have been intermingled.

The year, which, as regards our first volume, ends with September, has been momentous in the history of our country, and not less so in the tend of events of Freemasonry. The truth of this will be immediately understood when it is realised that the events of the year include the death of our beloved QUEEN VICTORIA, the accession of H.M. EDWARD VII. to the Throne, and the installation of H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT as the new Grand Master of the Craft.

The Masonic obituary of the year includes names so well known as those of Bros. the late THOMAS FENN, Past Grand Warden; Lord WANTAGE, V.C., Provincial Grand Master for Bucks; GEORGE W. SPETH, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge; Sir ALFRED BEVAN, Past Grand Treasurer; and the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, Past Grand Chaplain; followed by that of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, Provincial Grand Master for Hants.

The death of QUEEN VICTORIA overshadows the sad obituary of the year, and in her we mourned one who, as we wrote at the time, had exemplified in all her actions those principles of "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," which stand for ever as the watchwords of our Order.

The retirement of HIS MAJESTY THE KING from the office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England was necessitated by his accession to the Throne at a time when he had nearly completed the twenty-seventh year of office, during which period the prosperity of the English Fraternity has increased by leaps and bounds, our lodges having nearly doubled in number.

It was on the 17th of July that H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT was duly installed as M.W. Grand Master, and the nature and number of the great gathering which assembled on that occasion sufficed to indicate, if any such indication had been needed, how great is the popularity of our newly-elected Grand Master. It would be difficult to attempt to determine as to what in the nature of paper and ink could be regarded as an adequate memorial of such an event, but both in the letter-press and illustrations to be found in our last number, every effort was made to produce an issue which should serve as a fitting memento of that historic occasion.

In presenting to our readers this final number of the first volume, we would merely add that, however gratified we may be with the support and encouragement which has been the reward of our endeavours, we can promise that this gratification shall not be allowed to degenerate into mere stagnant self-satisfaction, but that, on the contrary, it will but stimulate us to renewed efforts.

There is inevitably some touch of the pathetic in any review of the year that is past. It is indeed the close of one more chapter in the history of the nation and of the individual. Twelve more months have departed from the brief span of time allowed to each of us for our life's handiwork, and if in a review of that brief period of time any of us should have occasion to feel that some entry has been made on the credit side of our intellectual and moral account, there are few of us who do not become conscious that much more might have been done, and that our best endeavours have fallen a long way below the ideal which animated us in the effort. Yet this is no excuse for discouragement. It has been well said that he is a benefactor who makes two blades of grass to grow where only one grew before. It is but the sorriest pessimist who can bring himself to declare that the step in the right direction can be worth nothing. For our own part, if any word we have written has assisted or interested any member of the Fraternity we have in that ample cause to be grateful for the opportunity accorded us.



The sad and sudden death of the late R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., a memoir of whom appears on another page, will have excited the deepest feelings of sympathy and sorrow throughout the length and breadth of our Order. The life of the late Bro. Beach was bound up with Freemasonry, and his time and services were ever at the disposal of the Craft. No great gathering was complete without him, and his familiar presence will be sadly missed from the paths of Masonry.

It is interesting to note that the mantle of the Father of the House of Commons has now descended on R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Gloucestershire—whose photo appears on our first page—who has had a longer continuous Parliamentary existence than any present member of the House. Our distinguished brother is a cousin of the late lamented R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach.

It is a matter of gratification to us that although His Royal Highness the Duke of York is not a member of our Order, the Grand Lodges of the different districts through which His Royal Highness has passed during the momentous tour which has just been concluded did not omit to give expression to their well-known feelings of loyalty. We notice that the address of welcome presented by the Grand Lodge of New Zealand included amongst the signatures that of Bro. R. J. Seddon, the distinguished Premier, who is a Past Grand Master of that Grand Lodge.

A fear has been expressed in some quarters that the "Queen Victoria Memorial Fund" has been allowed to drift, and that for this reason the quarter of a million pounds required has not already been subscribed. It is interesting to learn that the amount at the time of writing has reached over £125,000, 500 guineas of which, it will be remembered, have been contributed by Grand Lodge.

The recent opening of the Victoria Park at Tipton is of interest by reason of the Freemasons of Staffordshire having taken the opportunity of presenting R.W. Bro. Lord Dartmouth, their Provincial Grand Master, who performed the ceremony of opening the grounds, with a gold key to unlock the gates in commemoration of the event. The park is laid out on the site of numerous disused coal-pit mounds, and is thirty-four acres in extent. The cost of transforming the unsightly mounds into beautiful recreation grounds amounted to nearly £10,000.

We are pleased to announce that the office of Grand Superintendent for Gibraltar has been filled by the appointment of Bro. Captain Thomas Francis Taylor, R.A., who is the Deputy Grand Master for the District, and therefore well acquainted with the needs of the companions over whom he has been called upon to rule. It is a matter for congratulation that so excellent an appointment has been made to an office which has been vacant for some little time.

The office of Grand Superintendent for Suffolk, held for so long by the late lamented Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, has been filled by the appointment of Comp. the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, M.A., who is the Rector of Framlington, and is a Past Provincial Grand Sojourner for Sussex. We have little doubt that the chapters in the province will prosper and increase in number under such favourable auspices.

Bro. Ivan Haarbarger, W.M. of the Rising Star Lodge, No. 1022, Bloomfontein, enjoys the distinction of having been elected to that office for three consecutive years, from the 24th June, 1898, to the 24th June, 1901. During a very trying period, in which the principles of Masonry have been put to the severest test, Bro. Haarbarger has piloted his lodge safely, and has handed over its warrant to his successor, not only unsullied, but with added lustre. What his brethren of Lodge Rising Star think of him may be gathered from the following extract from an address presented to him on his retirement from the chair :

"The period during which you have directed the destinies of the Rising Star Lodge, and we may even go so far as to say of Masonry in this important division of the Eastern District of South Africa, has been a most eventful one. The first year of your office everyone felt himself overshadowed by the dark clouds which hung over the land in consequence of the dread of a rupture between the Republics of South Africa and the Paramount Power in this part of the world, which, unfortunately, a few short months after your election to the chair of King Solomon for the second time, culminated in a most bloody and desolating war which, unhappily, is not yet at an end.



BRO. IVAN HAARBARGER.

"During the whole of this anxious period, Worshipful Master, you were permitted by the G.A.O.T.U. to carry on the work of the lodge as if peace reigned supreme in this country. You not only acted the part of good Samaritan by tending and ministering to the sick and wounded men who fought under the British and Republican flags, but you did your utmost to make the visiting brethren, who had by the exigencies of war been thrown in our midst, feel that they would not only receive a hearty welcome within the four walls of our lodge, but that they could realise that they had found a home there, while your kindness and ever-thoughtfulness have enabled you never to forget those great and solemn obligations which are imposed upon every Brother when he first sees the light of Masonry, and which every true and faithful Mason must always realise as a sacred duty, that of succouring poor and distressed Masons who may be cast upon his Charity."

The sympathy of the wide circle of his acquaintances among members of the Craft will be with Bro. Sir Robert Harvey, ex-High Sheriff of Devon and Cornwall, in the loss he has recently sustained by the death of Lady Harvey.

It appears that the methods adopted by candidates for a seat on the Board of General Purposes in the Grand Lodge of England are not unknown to Colonial Freemasons, as the following extract from the *Australasian Keystone* will show:—
 “The evidence of electioneering tactics in the election of the Board was very pronounced; canvassing was actively engaged in, both in the lobbies and in Grand Lodge. The sight of large groups of brethren congregating together, adjusting their votes, and the exodus of nearly half of those present immediately the poll was declared closed, did not exhibit commendable taste or Masonic spirit.”

Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., who is a Past Grand Deacon of Ireland, and not an infrequent visitor to our Grand Lodge, is one of the quiet men of the House of Commons who are not often heard but yet do plenty of work. Nowhere (states “T. P.”) does one see more than in that House that strange readiness to do work without pay and without distinction, which is so characteristic of the British race. If a member does Committee work, as does Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, nobody ever hears of it outside of the Committee rooms themselves. Committees meet in the day-time before Parliament opens, sometimes as early as eleven o'clock in the morning.

His Majesty King Oscar II. of Sweden and Norway is the Grand Master of Swedish Freemasonry, and is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. An interesting article, having for its subject the private and public life of the King, appears in a contemporary, from which we may draw the conclusion that the “Poet King,” as he is called, is a most amiable monarch, and is extremely popular with his people. Many anecdotes of his courtesy are related, one of which we give.

“A year or two ago he was passing through Gothenburg on his way to inaugurate a new railway. At the station he was accosted by a Jewish journalist, who had been sent to the inauguration as a reporter to some big Danish paper. The journalist wanted a copy of the speech to telegraph to his paper, because he had no time to wait for its delivery, if the speech was to appear in his paper the next morning. So he asked the King to give him a copy of the speech which he intended to deliver. ‘That is impossible,’ said the King. ‘I have not written it out yet.’ The journalist was not, however, to be baffled. He explained that it was of vital importance that a copy of the speech should appear in his paper; that he, personally, would be in despair if he did not get it, and so worked on the King’s feelings that he cried out: ‘Oh, well, come into my carriage, and I will tell you what I am going to say.’ The newspaper man needed no second bidding. The King, without the use of any notes, dictated to him the whole of the long speech which it was his intention to deliver.”

All the daughters of Lord and Lady Amherst, states a contemporary, have been brought up to cultivate some hobby, and while the Hon. Mrs. Evelyn Cecil has taken up gardening for her study, two of her sisters (Florence and Sybil) rear poultry and make a speciality of Emden ducks, which they have shown at many exhibitions. The Hon. Mrs. Cecil, the same contemporary states, was the last English lady to see President Kruger before the war was declared, having been present at her husband’s interview with him after the last despatch had been received from England.

Masonic halls multiply apace, the latest projected building being the new Masonic Temple at Marlborough, Wilts, the laying of the foundation-stone of which was the first Masonic act of the new Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Radnor, on the 3rd July, after his installation. The new hall will be a spacious building of brick with stone dressings. It stands on the edge of the Avon, in grounds of its own, and contains waiting and lodge rooms, a banqueting hall, and the usual offices.

Bro. Passmore Edwards’s munificent gifts to the public appear to have no limit or signs of ending. Recently the foundation-stone of a Sailor’s Palace in the Commercial Road was laid by the Duke of Fife. The building will cost £12,000 and the endowment another £12,000, mainly the contributions of our philanthropic brother. The ceremony was attended by the Lord and Lady Mayoress and a large number of Members of Parliament and other distinguished personages. “Jack’s Palace” will be a great boon to the seafaring population of London, and we can imagine with what gratified astonishment some of Jack’s friends of former generations would behold the transformation scene from the sordid surroundings of those days to the bright and cheerful homes that in recent years have been provided for him.

It is interesting to note that R.W. Bro. the Right Hon the Earl of Warwick, our Deputy Grand Master, whose entertainment to the Essex brethren is referred to in another column, has been recently appointed to the office of Lieutenant and Custos-rostulorum for the County of Essex in the place of Baron Rayleigh, who has resigned.

The following is a facsimile of an interesting document sent us from the Woodstock Lodge, South Africa. It is probably the first official recognition of the Tyler’s sword, as a weapon of offence, which might be used against His Majesty’s loyal subjects:

No. 280.
PEACE PRESERVATION ACT, 1878.

LICENCE to carry and have Arms in the Districts enumerated in Proclamation No. 11 of the 17th January, 1901.

I, the undersigned having been duly appointed in that behalf under Act No. 13 of 1878, intituled “The Peace Preservation Act, 1878” do hereby grant to
 (a) *James Dalrymple* of (b) *Woodstock* in the District of *Woodstock* a licence to have and carry the following arms and ammunition within the Districts of the Cape, Wynberg, and Simon’s Town.

Gun or Gun-Number and Description.	Rounds Ammunition.	Revolvers or Pistols.	Rounds Ammunition.	Other Arms or Weapons.
				<i>2 Broadsword</i>
Date: <i>1901</i> (a) Name of Officer: <i>James Dalrymple</i> (b) Description and Place of Residence: <i>Woodstock</i> Licensing Officer: <i>James Dalrymple</i> A4124.				

It is not generally known that Bros. the Right Hon. Walter Long, Past Grand Warden, and Colonel Chaloner, Past Grand Deacon, are brothers, not only in the Craft, but in actual relationship. When Bro. Chaloner (states “T. P.”) represented North Wiltshire in Parliament he acted for some time as Secretary to his brother. Having no love for oratory, Colonel Chaloner didn’t care to listen to speeches, and having a room as Secretary of a Minister and some work to do, he stuck there steadily throughout the whole night, with this result, that while nobody could ever say that they saw him in the House of Commons itself, he figured disgustingly high in the list of divisions. He came in whenever a division was called, and went back to his room immediately afterwards, and so piled up divisions and avoided the House—an achievement which deserves recording. Bro. Col. Chaloner lost his seat at the last election, consequent, no doubt, on his being at the time at the seat of war in South Africa.

We are pleased to notice the names of Bros. Viscount Valentia, M.P., Past Grand Warden and Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Oxfordshire, and Lieut.-Col. T. C. Pleydell Calley, 1st Life Guards, Past Grand Deacon, in the list of those recently appointed to be members of the fourth class of the Royal Victorian Order.

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There died at Sheperdswell on June 29th, in his eighty-ninth year, a brother who was probably the last link between this railway and motor age and the old coaching days. Bro. Stephen Philpott came to Dover to live in the early "forties," and prior to the opening of the South-Eastern Railway he drove the coach between London and Dover. He had the honour of driving the first coach at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington from Walmer Castle to Deal Station, and well remembered meeting the Prince Consort on Crabble Hill when his Royal Highness was driving to London on landing at Dover. Upon the London-Dover coach route being stopped, Bro. Philpott became driver of the Dover and Herne Bay coach, and in later years he was proprietor of the George and Royal Oak Hotels, retiring from business in 1872. He was one of the oldest Freemasons of Kent, having been initiated in the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, Dover, in 1845. He was also an old Past Provincial Grand Officer of Kent, having been appointed in 1859.

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A month seldom passes away in which it is not our painful duty to have to record the death of some prominent member of our Order. On the 6th July there passed away Bro. Sir Cuthbert Edgar Peek, Bart., a Magistrate for Devon, Middlesex, and London, and one of His Majesty's Lieutenants for London. He was initiated while at Cambridge in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, subsequently joining the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, Cambridge, where he filled the office of Master. He was also a member of Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, London, and the Montagu Lodge, No. 665, Lyme Regis. In 1898 he became a founder of the Captain Coram Lodge, No. 2737, connected with the Foundling Hospital. In the Royal Arch Degree he was exalted at Cambridge in the Euclid Chapter, No. 859, Cambridge, and afterwards joined the St. Barnabas Chapter, No. 948, Linslade. His loss will be felt not only by a wide circle of the Craft, but by the many philanthropic and learned institutions with which he was connected.

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The ranks of the Grand Officers of the year have already been diminished by the death of Bro. Colonel Malony, C.B., Grand Sword Bearer, which took place recently at his residence. Bro. Colonel Malony was present at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in July, and although at his request Bro. Colonel Dixon, Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, performed the duties of the office at the commencement of the proceedings, the Grand Master, when he retired from the hall, was preceded by the senior officer, who, although evidently feeble and ill, preserved a soldierly bearing. Our deceased brother was much beloved and respected in all the circles in which he moved, whether social, military, or Masonic.

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The business on the agenda for the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, on the 7th of August, was of a purely formal character, but sympathetic reference was made by the acting First Principal (E. Comp. Canon Brownrigg), to the death of the Empress Frederick, and an expression of condolence with the King and Royal Family was conveyed, but, according to precedent, formal resolutions were left to Grand Lodge. But with respect to the late Comp. Beach, who was Third Principal in Grand Chapter, a resolution, moved by Comp. Canon Brownrigg, and seconded by Comp. Robert Grey, was unanimously carried and ordered to be transmitted to Mrs. Beach, recording the deep sorrow of Grand Chapter at the loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the sad and sudden death of Comp. Beach, who always had the best interests of the Order at heart, and which he always did his utmost to promote. The Grand

Chapter was draped, and at the end of the proceedings Comp. Walmsley Little (Grand Organist), played the "Dead March" in *Saul* on the organ, all the brethren standing.

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The following order for mourning has been issued by command of the M.E. First Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons:—"In consequence of the much lamented death of the Right Hon. William Wither Bramston Beach, Most Excellent Third Grand Principal, an event which has occasioned deep sorrow to every Member of the Order, by whom he was greatly respected and beloved, it is ordered that the Supreme Grand Chapter, Provincial Grand Chapters, and all Subordinate Royal Arch Chapters, be placed in Masonic Mourning for a space of three months from this date. The mourning to be worn by Companions individually to be as follows:—Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Principals, Past Principals and Officers of Private Chapters—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the apron and one at the point of the chain or collar, just above the jewel. Other Companions—Three Black Crape Rosettes on apron."

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The play entitled "*Are you a Mason?*" to be produced at a well-known London theatre, necessarily is the subject of some conjecture amongst the Craft. Freemasonry has of late years been the subject of a good many articles in the public press, but we imagine this to be the first time that our Order has furnished a theme for the playwright.

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Bro. David F. Norrington, the present Worshipful Master of St. Ambrose Lodge, No. 1891, was installed in the Master's chair almost on his ninth birthday as a member of the Craft. During these years he had served in all the offices, and had by regular attendance and efficient work fairly earned his promotion to the highest honour the lodge could confer.



BRO. DAVID F. NORRINGTON.

Bro. Norrington was a founder of the Alfred Newton Lodge, No. 2686, and first Junior Warden, and is at present Worshipful Master, a dispensation having been issued by the M.W. Grand Master to enable him to occupy the chair simultaneously with that of St. Ambrose Lodge. He is a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Institutions.

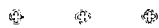
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The executors of the late Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan, Past Grand Organist, have authorised a life of the popular composer to be prepared by Bro. Arthur Lawrence, who is the author of a "Life Story" of Sir Arthur, which was published a few years ago.

The report of the proceedings at the Annual Communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Western Division, in March last, gives evidence of steady progress, notwithstanding the want of rest and general turmoil in the Colony caused by the war, which might well be expected to lessen the energy and activity of our brethren there, but the Board of General Purposes had to congratulate the assembly on the addition of two lodges to the roll and the increase in numbers of membership generally. The District Grand Master, in his annual address, referred, in eloquent and touching language, to the anxieties, troubles and sorrows which had pressed so heavily upon all during the past year, and which had been to many hundreds of our brethren in South Africa the cause of such misery and distress as they had never known before. The prolongation of the war, with its attendant horrors, the outbreak of plague, the disasters on land and sea of this most eventful year to the Colony, were spoken of, and the great national sorrow in the death of our late beloved and revered Queen were touched upon in most feeling terms.



The death of Sir Richard Southey, K.C.M.G., removes a most enthusiastic Freemason from the ranks of the South African Brotherhood. He was initiated in the Hope Lodge, which was wont to meet in the old Commercial Exchange, Adderley Street, Cape Town, in 1848. In 1863 he was created "Provincial Grand Master of South Africa and the Colonies adjacent thereto." Subsequently, when the District was divided, he was offered, but declined, the post of District Grand Master of the Western Division, and retired from active Masonic work with the rank of Past District Grand Master. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Southern Cross Chapter, while for many years he was President of the Masonic Education Fund for South Africa. He died at Southfield, Plumstead, S.A., on the 22nd July, in his 94th year.



We are glad to note that the Grand Lodge of Victoria has fallen into line with the Grand Lodge of England on the question of the installation ceremony, and the so-called Installed Masters "Degree." The *Australasian Keystone*, for June, contains the following note on the subject:—"The Grand Master promulgated his decision upon the question of the installation ceremony which will give entire satisfaction to a vast majority of the brethren in this jurisdiction and to the whole of the expert and experienced Craftsmen who have had this matter thrust upon their attention during the past two or three years. The whole of the frills sought to be imposed upon this ancient function are unmistakably lopped off. The careful avoidance of the word 'Degree,' and the exclusive use of the term 'ceremony,' should be a significant hint to those who have sought to convert the ceremony into a Degree. The emphatic manner in which the Grand Master has formulated his decision into a decree, clearly indicates that it is his intention to insist upon uniformity of practice in this matter under his jurisdiction. The loyalty of the brethren who have been captivated by this modern innovation leaves no doubt but that they will bow to the decision and cheerfully comply with the Grand Master's wishes."

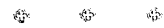


On the 13th August, in the course of a private visit to Edinburgh, the Lord Mayor of London, the Lady Mayoress, and Miss Green, visited the chapel of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning (St. John's Chapel), the oldest Masonic chapel in the world. They were accompanied by Bailies Gilsin and Waterston and were received by Bro. Bathgate, P.M., and Bro. Murray, Secretary. The poor box, the treasure chest of 1567, organ, and other antiquities were examined with much interest. His lordship is to be assumed an honorary member of the lodge at the first regular business meeting of the winter session. The lodge holds its St. John's Day in summer, the Craft incorporation from which it sprang having held its annual election on Beltane (1st May).

Bro. Matier, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, has just issued his annual report of the proceedings of this Body. It is a record of prosperity and progress, and gives unmistakable proof of the zeal and capacity of its rulers and the ability of its executive. The time and space at our disposal at this time will not admit of an analysis of the contents of this interesting and instructive issue, but we hope to return to the subject in our next number.



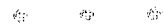
A charter has recently been granted for a lodge to be held at the Polytechnic, Regent Street, London, to be called the Polytechnic Lodge. It will be composed mainly of those who are associated with that well-known institution. Bro. A. G. Lee will be first Master and Bros. Leonard H. Harris and C. E. Roberts will be Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The consecration will take place some time in September.



A writer in a contemporary remarks good humouredly on what will be news to many: "To the grey-haired 'junior' who sees the grand climacteric looming near with little prospect of discarding his gown of stuff for one of silk, there is a certain grim humour in the thought that some men have achieved within the compass of a few pleasant hours what a life-time of struggle has not enabled him to accomplish. To enter into the precincts of the Temple as ignorant of law as a baby, and to emerge two or three hours later in all the dignity of a full-blown barrister and Bencher, is a feat of which Royalty has a monopoly. The Prince of Wales and his ill-fated son, Prince Albert Victor, performed the feat at the Middle Temple; the Duke of Connaught did it at Gray's Inn; and Prince Christian at the Inner Temple; and the price they paid for such rapid promotion was a good dinner and an interchange of compliments. Ah, well! to us others *Dis aliter visum*; but there is no tincture of envy in the pride we have in our Royal fellow barristers."



A very interesting ceremony took place at the Masonic Hall, Vepery, Madras, recently, when, at the regular meeting of Lodge Universal Charity, an address was presented to Bro. J. T. Greatorex, District Grand Secretary, and Past Grand Sword Bearer England, by the members of the lodge, on the occasion of his Masonic Jubilee. There was a very full attendance, and the meeting was a representative one. The address, which was beautifully illuminated, stated that Bro. Greatorex was initiated in this same lodge just fifty years ago, and the opportunity was taken of giving expression to the feeling of esteem for the probity of his civil, Masonic, and public life which actuated the brethren. Not only had Bro. Greatorex been a Mason for fifty years, but he had continued an active member during the whole of that period, a record which, we think, is rarely equalled. His appointment as District Grand Secretary dates from 1868, an office which he held up to a few months ago, when failing health demanded his resignation. Bro. Greatorex very feelingly acknowledged the presentation. In addition to the illuminated address, the brethren have decided to found a scholarship, to be called the "Greatorex Jubilee Scholarship," in connection with the Civil Orphan Asylums, with which Bro. Greatorex had been connected for a very long time.

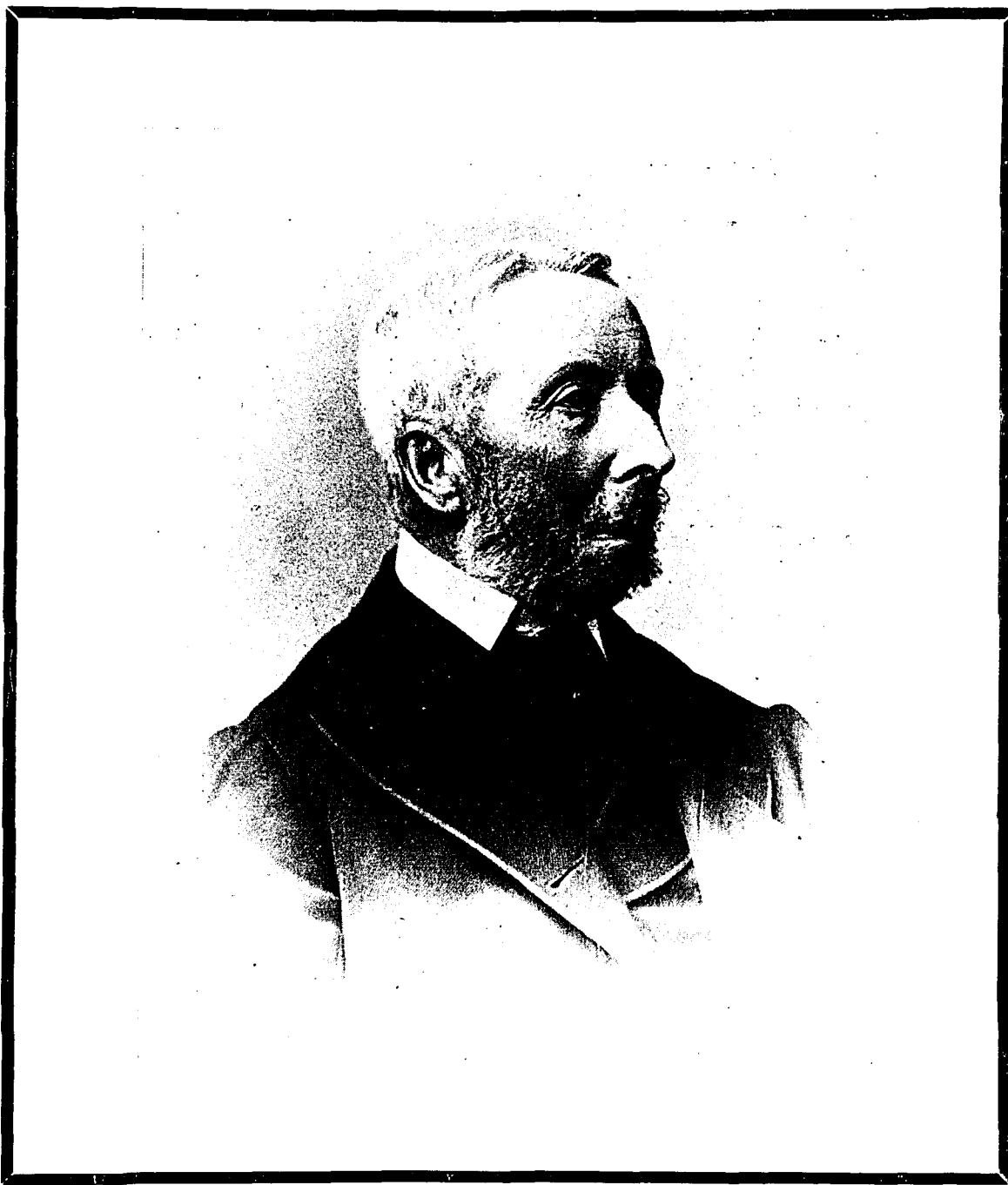


The New Palace Steamers, Limited, announce that, pending the repairs to the P.S. "Koh-i-noor," they have made arrangements for the "Royal Sovereign" to continue running her usual trip to Margate and Ramsgate daily, as hitherto, from Old Swan Pier at 9.20 a.m., but there will not be any sailing on Fridays at present, and "La Marguerite's" Saturday sailing to Margate and back will be altered from the existing times to 9.45 a.m. from Tilbury, with the special train from Fenchurch Street at 8.38 a.m., this being an hour earlier than before, though it is exactly same time as last year, when so many people patronised this boat in order to have the long time ashore at Margate.

The Right Hon. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.

THE news of the death, on the 3rd August, of Bro. the Right Hon. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the respected Provincial Grand Master for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, has been received everywhere throughout the country with a feeling of most sincere regret. Few provincial brethren have been more widely known outside their immediate sphere of duty, and none have been more successful in securing the esteem and respect of all with whom they have been brought in contact, whether in their own or in more remote provinces. Nor were his services confined to provincial duties. Probably no brother living has so often

Nothing was more characteristic of Bro. Beach than his readiness to undertake Masonic duty in any part of the country, often at great personal inconvenience and sacrifice of time. It had only to be represented to him that his services were urgently required to secure his ready assent. His wonderful memory and intimate knowledge of the ritual and ceremonies, not only of Craft Masonry, but of the Royal Arch and other Degrees, rendered his help in many instances of supreme value, when unlooked for circumstances had prevented the attendance of those responsible for the work. In his own province he was continually moving about



THE LATE BRO. W. W. B. BEACH.

filled the Grand Master's chair in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and his devotion to the Craft has been one of the most prominent features of his long and honourable public career. During the thirty-two years of his presidency over the brethren of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight the number of lodges under his rule has doubled, and it is not only in increasing numbers that Bro. Beach's influence has been felt, he has watched over his province with an almost paternal care, his chief ambition having always been to strengthen and extend the influence of Freemasonry and to zealously promote its interests.

amongst the lodges and chapters, and always entered into every movement calculated to promote the well-being of his province and the interests of Masonry generally. So recently as July he presided at the 103rd Festival of the Boys' School, when he had the good fortune to announce the largest amount ever subscribed at an ordinary Festival.

Bro. Beach was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1848, and filled the chair of W.M. in 1852 and 1854. He afterwards joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, and the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, Banbury. Later he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No.

10, London, and in 1863 was installed as Master. During his connection with the lodge, at this period, he largely assisted in restoring it to that position and influence which it had occupied in former days. In Hampshire, prior to his appointment as Provincial Grand Master, he had joined and filled the chair of many private lodges, viz. :—the Economy Lodge, No. 76, Winchester ; the Oakley Lodge, No. 694, Basingstoke ; the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, and others. In 1858 he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the then separate Province of Hampshire previous to its being amalgamated with the Isle of Wight.

In 1869, during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Zetland, Bro. Beach was appointed Provincial Grand Master, a position he continued to occupy until his death.

In Royal Arch Masonry Bro. Beach was also an active and zealous worker. He was exalted in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, in which chapter he became First Principal, and afterwards assisted in founding the Westminster and Keystone Chapter, No. 10, of which he was the first M.E.Z. At different periods subsequently he was again elected as First Principal, and thus rendered excellent service in maintaining the efficiency of the chapter as he had previously done in the lodge. Indeed, Royal Arch Masonry was always a favoured Degree with Bro. Beach. He was never happier than when presiding at its meetings, whether in Supreme Grand Chapter, Provincial Grand Chapter, or a private chapter. In the first-named his services were often in requisition, and his kindly and genial presence will perhaps be missed more there than at any other function. Since the retirement of Lord Leigh in 1892 as Third Grand Principal of Supreme Grand Chapter, Bro. Beach has worthily filled that high position.

In Mark Masonry he has occupied a prominent position since the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1856, having been appointed Senior Grand Warden in 1857, and in the same year Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Hants, a position he continued to fill until the formation of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in 1873, and on the death of Canon Portal, its first Grand Master, in 1889 Bro. Beach was appointed as his successor, a position he held until his death.

Knight Templary and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite also came within Bro. Beach's sphere of influence, he having been Prov. Prior of Hampshire for nearly thirty years and M.W.S. of the Royal Naval Chapter, No. 9, at Portsmouth.

It was not only as a ruler in the Craft that our deceased brother achieved a deservedly high position. His devotion to the Charities was no less marked, and few have rendered more helpful service to our Institutions. He has presided at

no less than five of the Festivals, and has been largely instrumental in fostering that charitable spirit which is so marked a feature of Hampshire Freemasonry.

Bro. Beach has been a member of the House of Commons continuously for forty-four years, and by virtue of this unbroken tenure he held the position of "Father of the House," an honour to which he succeeded on the death of Sir John Mowbray about two years ago. Bro. Beach never took a very prominent part in the debates of the House of Commons, but on account of his long experience, his opinions, when they were forthcoming on some point of Parliamentary procedure, always carried great weight. He sat under fourteen ministers, and had seen the rise and fall of more leaders of the House than he could well remember off-hand. He was full of interesting memories of the Parliamentary history of his time, but, as he never kept a diary, his reminiscences are not likely to be handed down to posterity.

The funeral took place on the 9th of August, at Deane Cemetery, which is on the deceased's Oakley Estate, in Hampshire. The church was filled with mourners and friends, and many were unable to gain admission. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Winchester, the Rector of Deane and Oakley, and the Rev. J. Scott Ramsay. The mourners included Mrs. Beach, Bro. Beach (son), Mr. Wm. Nicholson, M.P., and Mrs. Nicholson, and Mr. Wm. Portal (nephew). Sir Charles Scotter, Col. Campbell (and other directors of the South Western Railway), Lord Northbrook, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Lord Bolton, and Bro. Edward Letchworth (Grand Secretary), representing the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, were amongst those who went by special train from Waterloo.

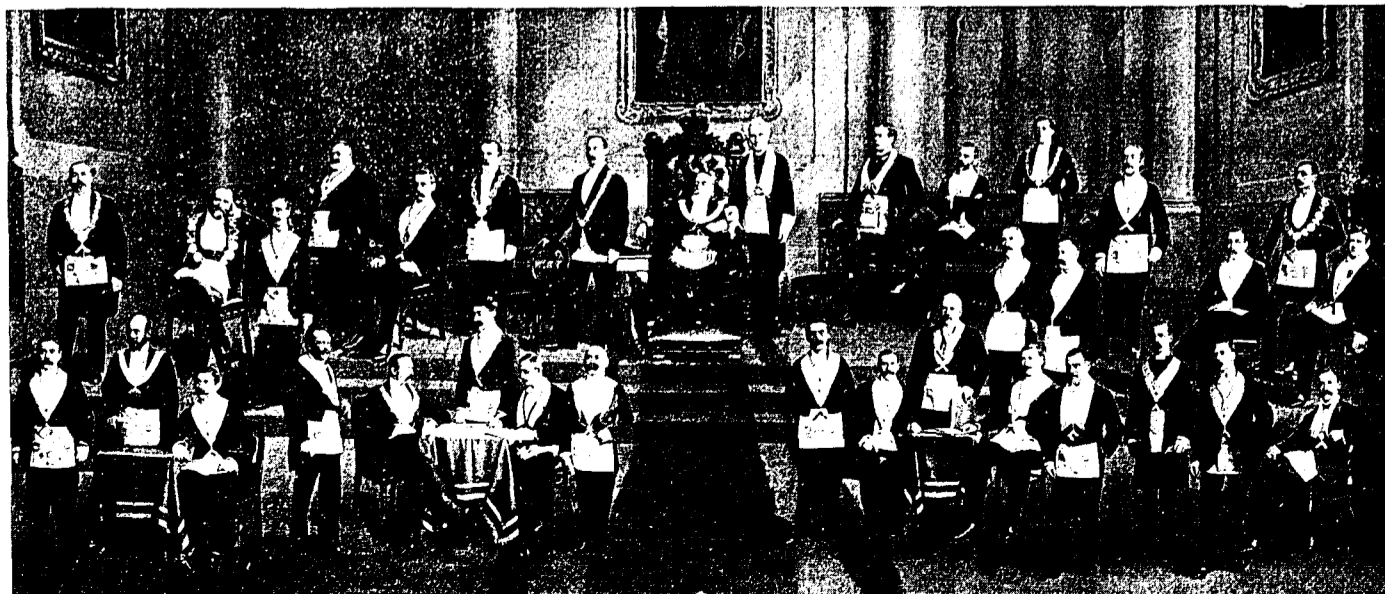
A full length cross covered the polished oak coffin, which bore the inscription :—"William Wither Bramston Beach. Born December 25, 1826. Died August 3, 1901."

The floral tributes were magnificent and numerous, and as the Masonic representatives present filed past the grave, around which was an escort of Hants Carabineers and County Police, they dropped on the coffin the customary emblem of acacia leaves.

A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the same day, and was attended by many Members of Parliament, and a large number of ladies. The Speaker of the House of Commons was represented by Mr. Edward Gully.

After the Benediction, pronounced by Archdeacon Wilberforce, the organist played Chopin's "Funeral March," the whole congregation standing.

The Masters of Dublin Lodges for 1900.



Essex Freemasons at Warwick Castle.

IN response to a cordial invitation by the Earl and Countess of Warwick upwards of 400 brethren and their ladies, from the Province of Essex, foregathered at the historic castle on the 3rd of August. A special train of first class carriages had been engaged, and after a splendid run from Paddington the party arrived at Warwick at 2.30. The weather, which had been wet and stormy during the

hospitality of their hosts. The Earl and Countess of Warwick received their guests in the courtyard inside the ancient gateway, and luncheon was served in the Shire Hall, near the castle, the Earl of Warwick presiding, having on his immediate left the Countess of Warwick and the Countess of Rosslyn, and on his right Bro. R. Clowes and Lady Marjorie Greville.



THE GUESTS OF THE EARL AND COUNTESS.

morning, cleared, and the visitors enjoyed brilliant sunshine during the afternoon. By many who had a few days to spare the visit was turned to account in visiting scenes of



THE GRAND SECRETARY.

such historic interest as the ruins of Kenilworth and the birthplace of Shakespeare, others were content with the attractions of the castle and grounds, and the generous

The speeches after luncheon were commendably brief, for, as the Earl remarked, the visitors would naturally desire to spend all the time at their disposal inspecting the castle and the grounds—"his old historic home of which he was so proud." He added: "We Masons are no politicians, but we are loyal, and we all know what a source of strength to our Order His Majesty was during the time he ruled over us. It is needless for me to assure the ladies here that we are loyal subjects, for they all know we are—and they are, too—and, therefore, I will ask them with all humility to join us in drinking 'The Health of the King.'"

The toast was drunk upstanding with loyal enthusiasm; and then Bro. R. Clowes said: "When I look round this room, if I did not know we were receiving the kind hospitality of the Earl of Warwick, I should have imagined that we were in Essex, because the flower of the county is present. I do not know whether, when the Earl kindly asked us here to-day, he thought so many would possibly come; but I am perfectly sure that he is very delighted to find that the call of duty has been responded to in such numbers. There is no doubt that Essex has a great privilege in having as its P.G.M. our distinguished host. It was also very kind of his Countess to allow the Masons of Essex to come to Warwick, but her ladyship has the interests of Masonry at heart."

Bro. the Earl of Warwick, in responding to the toast, which was enthusiastically drunk with musical honours, said: "It has been a long-looked-for pleasure on the part of the Countess of Warwick and on mine to receive the Essex brethren with their wives and lady friends here. We have in Warwick some interesting old places, just as we have in



BRO. RALLING ENJOYS A QUIET SMOKE.

Essex; and it has always been our great desire to receive the brethren of Essex, with whom I have been for many years so intimately and pleasantly connected, in our old historic home here." The Earl then briefly indicated what the visitors ought to see during their stay at Warwick, and, in conclusion, said they owed the deepest debt of gratitude to their old friend, Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. Grand Secretary, for his excellent arrangements, a sentiment which was loudly applauded.

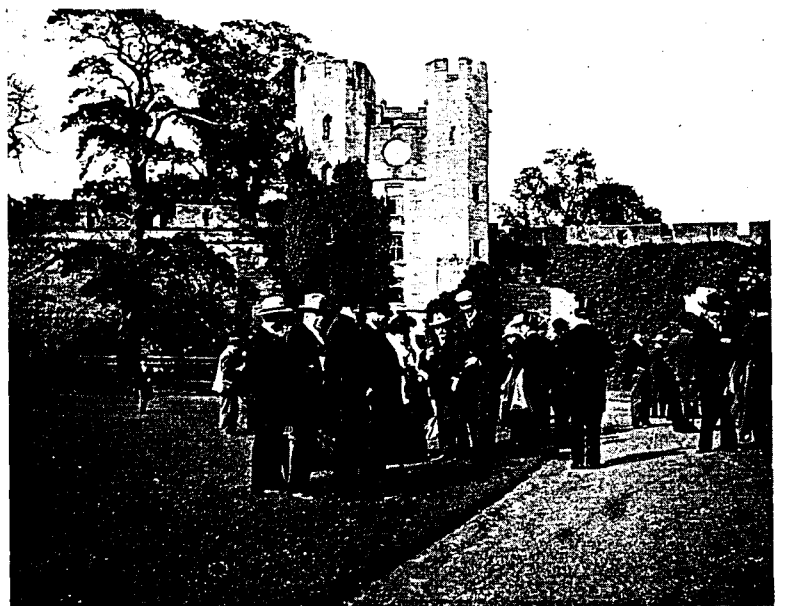
The remainder of the afternoon was spent within the precincts of Warwick Castle. But first of all a visit was paid to the Beauchamp Chapel at St. Mary's Church, where the Earls of Warwick are buried. It is a magnificent pile. The pillars, arches, and roof are beautifully sculptured, and the arms and crest of the house of Warwick, cunningly carved in stone, meet the eye at every turning. In the east is a "storied window, richly dight, casting a dim religious light" on the marble tombs of the Beauchamps, surmounted by the mail-clad recumbent figures of ancestors of the present Earl.



ESSEX FREEMASONS STORMING WARWICK CASTLE.

Here reposes the great Richard Beauchamp, who built the chapel over 400 years ago, and here also lies the dust of the famous Robert Dudley, Earl of Leycester.

It would, of course, be impossible to describe Warwick Castle and its treasures within the compass of a single article. The castle itself, towering 150 feet above the River Avon, which laves its walls, has been rendered as familiar to the public by sketches and photographs as the Tower of London. Still, nobody who visited Warwick could fail to be delighted with the ancient stronghold which dominates the town, some of whose masters have made English history. A portion of the castle is modern, and has been furnished with consummate taste. The great hall, containing splendid specimens of sixteenth century armour, and weapons of different periods, excited admiration, as also did the red drawing-room, the dining-room, the library, the armoury, and other apartments, adorned with priceless pictures and ornaments. But what impresses one most about Warwick Castle is the old-world charm of the place. There are the grey towers and lofty battlements surrounding the spacious courtyard, looking the same as they did in the days of "the King Maker," save for what change summer suns and winter frosts have wrought during centuries on the massive walls. There,



IN THE CASTLE GROUNDS.

also, is the ancient gateway under which you enter, with its portcullis, which is lowered nightly as in feudal days. And if after climbing patiently up the winding stair to the battlements on Guy's Tower, or descending into the dungeons beneath Caesar's Tower, you could forget that you have been whirled from London in an express train, it would not be difficult to fancy yourself back in the sixteenth century—for such an illusion is possible beneath the shadow of these old walls, which marked the rise of feudalism, witnessed its pomp of pageantry and pride of power, and have survived its decline and fall.

By six o'clock most of the brethren and their lady friends had taken their departure from the castle. A special train conveyed a number back to Paddington on Saturday evening, but many stayed on at Leamington. On Sunday these were driven to Kenilworth to see the castle ruins, returning by way of Stoneleigh Abbey and Guy's Cliffe. On Monday, after breakfast, a pilgrimage was made to Stratford-on-Avon to visit Shakespeare's house and other objects of interest in the vicinity. Later in the day a special train brought the excursionists to London, and thus concluded one of the pleasantest holidays that those who took part in it were ever privileged to enjoy.

Before the brethren left Stratford-on-Avon, Bro. H. A. Baxter, W.M. of the Waltham Abbey Lodge, thanked the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling, for the labour and thought he had expended on the arrangements for the trip;

and, on behalf of the brethren, he presented Mrs. Ralling with a gold bracelet and Bro. Ralling with a silver salver and a purse of gold. Bro. Ralling feelingly acknowledged the gifts.



WARWICK CASTLE.

Freemasonry in the Transvaal.

At the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at Edinburgh, on August 1st, Bro. John H. Parker, Dep. Grand Sec. of the Transvaal (S.C.), gave some interesting experiences of Freemasonry in the Republic throughout the varying phases of the war. "I need hardly tell you," he remarked, "that at the present moment in the Transvaal Freemasonry was practically asleep. Their lodges were all suspended, and most of the brethren in the field. It was a singular thing with regard to Scottish Freemasonry that they had brethren of the same lodge doing their duty, as they thought, on different sides. Some of them were born in the country, and were fighting against men from England belonging to the same lodge. It had been his duty during the war to do what he could as District Secretary, and during that time he had had several pleasing illustrations where these brethren had met in the field. They had met as opponents, and when the battle was over they had come

down and performed the last sad rites to brother Masons whom they had known, and had aided wounded Freemasons. They had, in several cases that he knew, been able to assist the wounded who had been fighting on the opposite side. This would show that Masons had tried to act as Masons in the Transvaal, and to work together whether they were at war or not, and he could assure Grand Lodge that this good feeling would assist very materially, when the time came that peace was proclaimed, in restoring that harmony in that unhappy country which was so much needed. During the war one of the lodges had kept its light burning—the youngest lodge in the Transvaal—a little lodge called Zion Lodge. In Johannesburg there was 20,000 of a population, many of them being refugees, and this little lodge had done excellent work in the way of charity. He was certain that Scottish Masonry would be proud of what their youngest daughter had done in responding to the calls made upon her."

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The late Bro. Samuel Pope, H.C., Past Grand Deacon.

SO much has been written about the late Bro. Samuel Pope, K.C., that it is but idle repetition to relate with any degree of fulness the story of his life. It is, however, as a Mason that he must be peculiarly interesting to our readers, and to us it is not the least gratifying part of the late Bro. Pope's distinguished career that he found time to take a full share in Masonic work, and to help forward the cause of Masonic Charity.

He was born at Manchester in 1826, and in early life was engaged in business there, but was soon called to the Bar, coming to London in 1858.



THE LATE BRO. SAMUEL POPE.

As ultimate leader of the Parliamentary Bar, and one of the most distinguished advocates of our time, it was but fitting that Bro. Pope should have been initiated in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, which bears on its roll of members such names as those of the late Lord Herschel, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and Mr. Justice Kennedy.

He passed the chair of that lodge in 1880 and retained his membership until his death. His connection with London Masonry did not end there. In 1887 he joined the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, which has always been so successful in bringing together the leading professional men in the Metropolis. In Royal Arch Masonry he was a member of the Canterbury Chapter, No. 1383, London.

Bro. Pope was also a founder of the Mawddach Lodge, No. 1988, Barmouth, Merionethshire, of which county he was a magistrate. He became Master of the lodge in 1885, and it was in that year that he made them a present of a Masonic Hall in which to meet. Bro. Pope was a Past Senior Grand Warden of North Wales, a member of the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor, and of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1509, Portmadoc, and was a Vice-President, and had served as Steward in both the Boys' and Girls' Institutions.

His most famous appearance in parliamentary enquiries of later years was in the Jameson Raid Commission, and it was during that memorable trial that he found an imitator in no less a person than Bro. Cecil Rhodes. Bro. Pope was noticed to bring with him each day a diminutive looking sandwich box, from which in the manner of a conjuror, he produced a succession of those delicacies to an extent which seemed quite out of proportion to the size of the box. It was this sandwich box which excited Bro. Rhodes' emulation, but it is not certain that he was ever able to eclipse Bro. Pope's *multum in parvo*.

The late Bro. Samuel Pope was created a Senior Grand Deacon in 1886. His attendances at Grand Lodge were not frequent, which, in consideration of the enormous extent of his legal practice and the physical difficulties under which he laboured, is not perhaps a matter for surprise.

He died practically in harness, and during the last few years of his attendance at Parliamentary enquiries, it was necessary for him to be wheeled through the corridors in a chair. Beloved by his friends and respected by all who knew him, the late Bro. Pope was a representative Freemason, and an ornament to the Craft with which he was so long connected.

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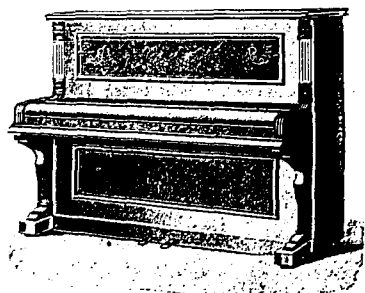
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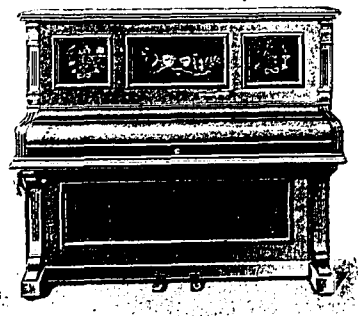


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