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Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire.*

The Province of Devonshire.

ALTHOUGH Devon has one of the oldest lodges in England on its roll, the county was not constituted into a province until 1775, being the junior of a score of Provincial Grand Lodges. Sir Charles W. Bampfylde, Bart., was the first Provincial Grand Master appointed for "Devon and Exeter," in response to a petition promoted by the members of the local lodges, and was duly installed by Bro. John Codrington, W.M. of the Union Lodge of Exeter, who was invested as the D. Prov. G.M.

Unfortunately, no minutes of the Prov. Grand Lodge during the early years of its existence have been preserved; possibly none were kept, as the Records of the "Union" Lodge contained particulars, but this volume is, alas! also missing. Apparently Bro. John Drake, described in the "Returns" as a gentleman, was the first Prov. Grand Sec.; these three brethren named being members of the celebrated "Union" Lodge, which was such a powerful Masonic organisation in the "Ever Faithful City" during the latter part of the 18th century. It was formed in 1766 and erased in 1789, the last of the members, Bro. Richard Collins, dying in 1847 at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Two Bishops were on its Register, viz., Dr. Henry Bathurst (*Norwich*) and Dr. Herbert Marsh (*Peterborough*), and quite a number of distinguished brethren of the clerical, legal, and medical professions.



BRO. MAJOR G. C. DAVIE, D.L., DEPUTY PROV. G.M.

The handsome medal worn by members of this lodge was struck by *Kirk*, A.D. 1766 (circa), and forms an artistic frontispiece to "Trewman's Principles" of 1777. It is No. CCCCLXIX., in Marvin's "Medals of the Masonic Fraternity" (1880), and is one of the finest decorations of the Craft of this or any other country. The design was by Bro. John Chubb, of Bridgewater.

Sir Charles Bampfylde, an ancestor of Bro. (the present) Lord Pollimore—a family long connected with the Fraternity—resigned in 1819, and was succeeded by the Right Hon. (the second) Earl Fortescue, K.G., P.M. 112, Exeter (when Lord Ebrington), by Patent dated 4th December, 1819, and was installed at Exeter in the following year. His lordship's

Deputy from 1830, the Rev. William Carwithen, D.D., P.M. No. 112 (who was Prov. Grand Chaplain for many years before), was presented with "Four handsome silver dishes and covers, weighing 218 ounces, at the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Plymouth in 1841, in appreciation of his eminent services."

At Exeter, in 1847, another presentation was made, this time the recipient being Lord Fortescue, the beloved Prov. Grand Master, the gift from the province being "A very handsome Masonic silver candelabrum, weighing over 228 ounces, as a testimonial of respect from the lodges and brethren of the province." On his lordship's decease in 1862, the Rev. John Huyshe, M.A. (*Past Grand Chaplain*), the D. Prov. G.M. from 1850 (a most zealous and competent Craftsman), ruled the province under the Grand Registrar, the acting Prov. G.M. until 1866, when he was installed as the third Prov. G.M. by the V.W. Bro. Æ. J. McIntyre, subsequently Past Grand Warden.

The province made rapid strides under his able control and ripe experience, the distinguished brother having been initiated so far back as 1822 in the "Apollo University" Lodge, Oxford, and served the Craft most capably as W.M. of No. 39, and in many other ways in the county and elsewhere. As the years rolled on, however, he found it impossible to continue as Prov. G.M. with comfort to himself, so felt compelled to resign, and on the installation of his successor, the R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington (P.M. 241, Barnstaple), at Exeter, on 6th March, 1879, by the R.W. Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hants and the Isle of Wight, the Rev. John Huyshe, in open Prov. Grand Lodge, declared:—"I am most anxious that the beautiful and costly chain, so affectionately presented to me on my installation as Prov. G.M. should become an heir-loom in the province." Needless to state, the gift was accepted most gladly by the brethren, the first to wear it being the grandson of the second Prov. G.M., and the son of the Right Hon. Lord Fortescue, P.Prov. S.G.W. of Devon.

Lord Ebrington made a most genial Ruler of the province for some seventeen years, and then, to the regret of the local brotherhood, resigned the high office of Prov. G.M.; His Royal Highness, as Grand Master, again making an excellent selection, in 1896, of the R.W. Bro. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., now the Right Hon. Lord Northcote, G.C.I.E., &c., being the fourth so appointed from 1775. His installation was at Exeter, Lord Ebrington ably presiding at the ceremony; the imposing function being remarkable for the number of Grand Officers present in honour of the occasion.

The Prov. G.M. selected for the important office of Dep. Prov. G.M., the well-known and esteemed Craftsman, Major G. C. Davie, P.G.D. of England, who had previously filled the office of Prov. Grand Secretary. It has been the custom at times to thus promote brethren who have ably discharged the secretarial duties; Bro. W. G. Rogers (P.G.D.), who was his immediate predecessor, and Bro. W. D. Moore previously, were similarly appointed to the great advantage of the province, both being P.M.'s of No. 112.

Major Davie, D.L., is now the acting Prov. Grand Master, in the absence of Lord Northcote, who is not only the Governor of Bombay, but his Excellency is also District Grand Master for that Presidency and Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India. The Prov. G.M. during his residence in India, is thus well represented by his Deputy, who has not only his lordship's full confidence, but has the respect of all the province in the discharge of his manifold duties as acting Prov. G.M. and also in like manner for Royal Arch Masonry.

Lord Northcote, M.A., was initiated in the famous "Apollo University Lodge," No. 357, Oxford, in 1867, and is on the roll of Past Masters in the "St. John the Baptist Lodge," No. 39, Exeter, as well as served as W.M. of the "Grafton Lodge," No. 2347, London. His portrait is by Scott & Sons, Exeter.



BRO. JOHN STOCKER, PROV. GRAND SECRETARY.

Major Davie entered the Craft so far back as 1861, in the "Adams' Lodge," No. 158, Sheerness; joined the "Dunedin," No. 931, New Zealand, in 1862, and in 1874 became a member of the "Loyal Lodge," No. 251, Barnstaple, serving as W.M. in 1883, the year of its centenary. As a Prov. Grand Warden of Devon in 1883, Prov. Grand Secretary from 1887, and Dep. Prov. G.M. from 1896, as well as appointed Asst. G.D. of C. in 1893, and Past G.D. of England in 1900, the acting Prov. G.M. has done good work for the Fraternity. To Messrs. Vickery Bros., of Barnstaple, we are indebted for his photograph.

The only connected history of Freemasonry in Devon and Cornwall was written by the veteran Craftsman, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.S.G.D. of England, in 1889, who has also compiled brief histories of many of the local lodges. A valuable history of the senior Lodge, No. 39, Exeter, has been written by Bro. Andrew Hope, P.M., P. Prov. G.D., published in 1894, with an introduction by Bro. Hughan. Its warrant or authority of constitution is dated 11th July, 1732, and is the oldest document of the kind preserved by any existing lodge in this country, the oldest lodges generally working by *Warrants of Confirmation*. The members assembled in the "New Inn" for very many years. This "trusting-place and place of meeting of the lodge" has a history. It is noted in a Lease of the year 1456. In 1554 the Cloth Mart was removed to it, and early in the 17th Century was used as a Cloth Exchange or Merchant's Hall. The hall was termed the "Apollo Room," the fellow of which, according to Bro. Andrew Brice (one of the ancient Craftsmen), "scarce any Inn in the Kingdom can truly boast." Bro. Hope states that the actual room used by our ancient brethren is now the showroom of a drapery establishment in High Street.

The by-laws of the lodge were considered to be so good in 1736 that they were "publicly read and applauded" by the Grand Lodge, and "a Letter of Thanks was ordered to be sent to the members for their handsome beneficence to the General Charity." The early records are lost, but the minutes of a "Masters' Lodge" exist of 1777-1803, and those of the ordinary meetings from 1777. Its three principal

chairs, happily preserved, "black with age, and the gilding on the mottoes and other parts dim from the same cause," have been much admired, and are very highly prized by the lodge, being, at least, about 150 years old. The fine old copper line engraving of 1764, is still used as the plate for the summonses, and has at the head a reproduction of Solomon's Temple, published in a work of 1724, and later, relating to that edifice, at the foot being a representation of the arms of Grand Lodge. The lodge has a special Centenary Jewel, as also has No. 112, Exeter, reproductions of which are from photos by Scott and Sons.

The next oldest lodge was formed at Devonport (when *Plymouth Dock*), in 1735, but only lasted some forty years; two also in the adjoining town of Plymouth were started in 1748, one of which, according to the late Bro. John Lane's invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1894," collapsed soon afterwards, but the other continued down to 1828, when, unfortunately, it was erased. Its removal from the roll is much to be regretted, as it is the only lodge in Devon that had the privilege for its Master, for the time being, of wearing the "Freemasons' Hall Medal," which Bro. Hughan, in his "Masonic Register" of 1878, notes as being obtained in 1783. Quoting also by the same authority from his "Royal Freemasons" (1885), we find that His Majesty William IV. was initiated in the lodge, when held at the "Prince George, Foxhole Key," its original place of meeting being the "Pope's Head," Pike Street. The reception is thus alluded to in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 7th April, 1787:—

"The Grand Lodge being acquainted that His Royal Highness Prince William Henry had been initiated into Masonry, at No. 86, the Prince George Lodge, Plymouth, it was thereupon resolved," &c.

The second lodge on the present roll is the "St. John's," No. 70 (formerly 83), Plymouth, and is the senior of those constituted in Devon by the "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons." It had the privilege of working the Royal Arch Degree by virtue of its warrant from 1759. It and the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 105 (formerly 122), have special Centenary Jewel Warrants and were both constituted in the year 1759.



BRO. JOHN B. GOVER, P.P.G. SECRETARY.

(Photos by E. T. Penrose, Southport). Other lodges with the Centenary Jewel privilege, but of ordinary design are "Sincerity," No. 189, East Stonehouse, "Friendship," No. 202, Devonport, "Charity," No. 223, Plymouth, "True Love and Unity," No. 248, Brixham, and "Loyal," No. 251, Barnstaple.

The following figures will exhibit the progress of the Fraternity in the county, as they refer to the numerical state of the lodges immediately before the installation of the last three Provincial Grand Masters :—

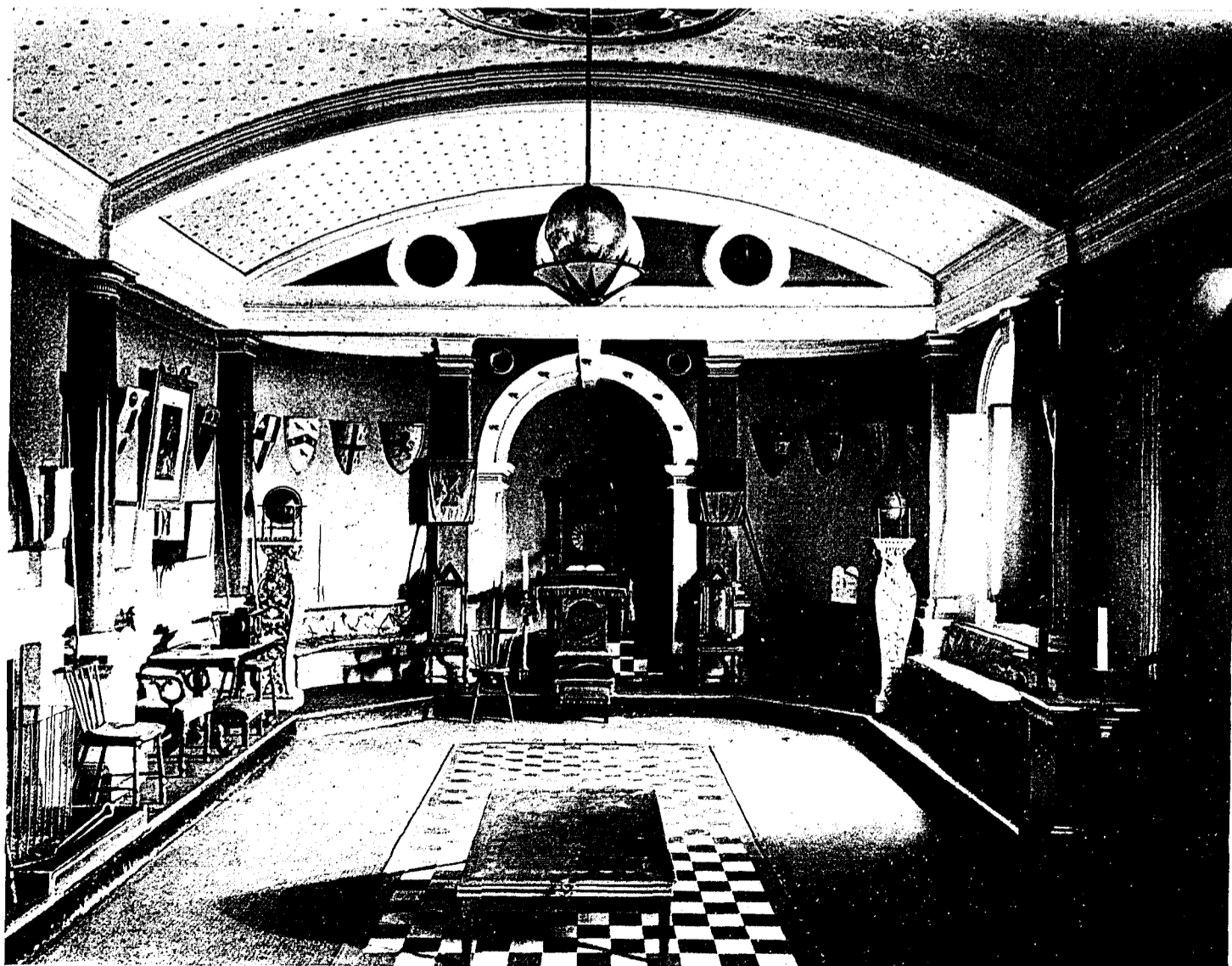
		Lodges.		Members.
1866	...	27	...	1,400
1879	...	47	...	2,350
1896	...	52	...	3,400

There are now (1901) sixty lodges at work in Devon, returning fully 4000 members, so that from the appointment of the late Rev. John Huyshe as Prov. G.M. in 1866 to now the lodges have nearly doubled, and the membership has increased threefold. It is the fifth largest Provincial Grand Lodge in England, so that to rightly manage the secretarial department of such an extensive organisation involves considerable labour and requires a great deal of time, energy, and patience to conduct the enormous correspondence and duly attend to all the returns, &c. These duties are being most efficiently discharged by Bro. John Stocker, J.P., P.M. 39 (*Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England*), whose membership of the Craft dates from 1872, and who served as W.M. of his mother lodge, No. 39, Exeter, for the year 1878. In the Prov. Grand Lodge he was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer in 1881 and appointed a Prov. Grand Warden in 1890, his investment of the important office of Prov. Grand Secretary dating from 1896. The brethren gratefully remember that he continues to serve the province as Prov. Grand Sec. and Scribe E. without any charge or remuneration whatever. His portrait (photo by Heath and Bradnee, Exeter) will be welcomed by many who, like the writer, much appreciate his services, as well as the kindly manner in which he always attends to the wants and requests of the brethren.

Advantage was taken of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge at Honiton (14th August) to indicate in some measure the esteem the brethren had for their Prov. Grand Secretary (who was appointed an Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies of England by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.G.M., in April last) by presenting him with the Grand Lodge regalia for that honourable office, a cheque, and an album containing the names of the numerous brethren and lodges who subscribed. The acting Provincial Grand Master made the presentation and voiced the general feeling of the province by rejoicing in being the medium of thus handing to Bro. Stocker such visible tokens of the brotherly love and respect cherished for him throughout the county.

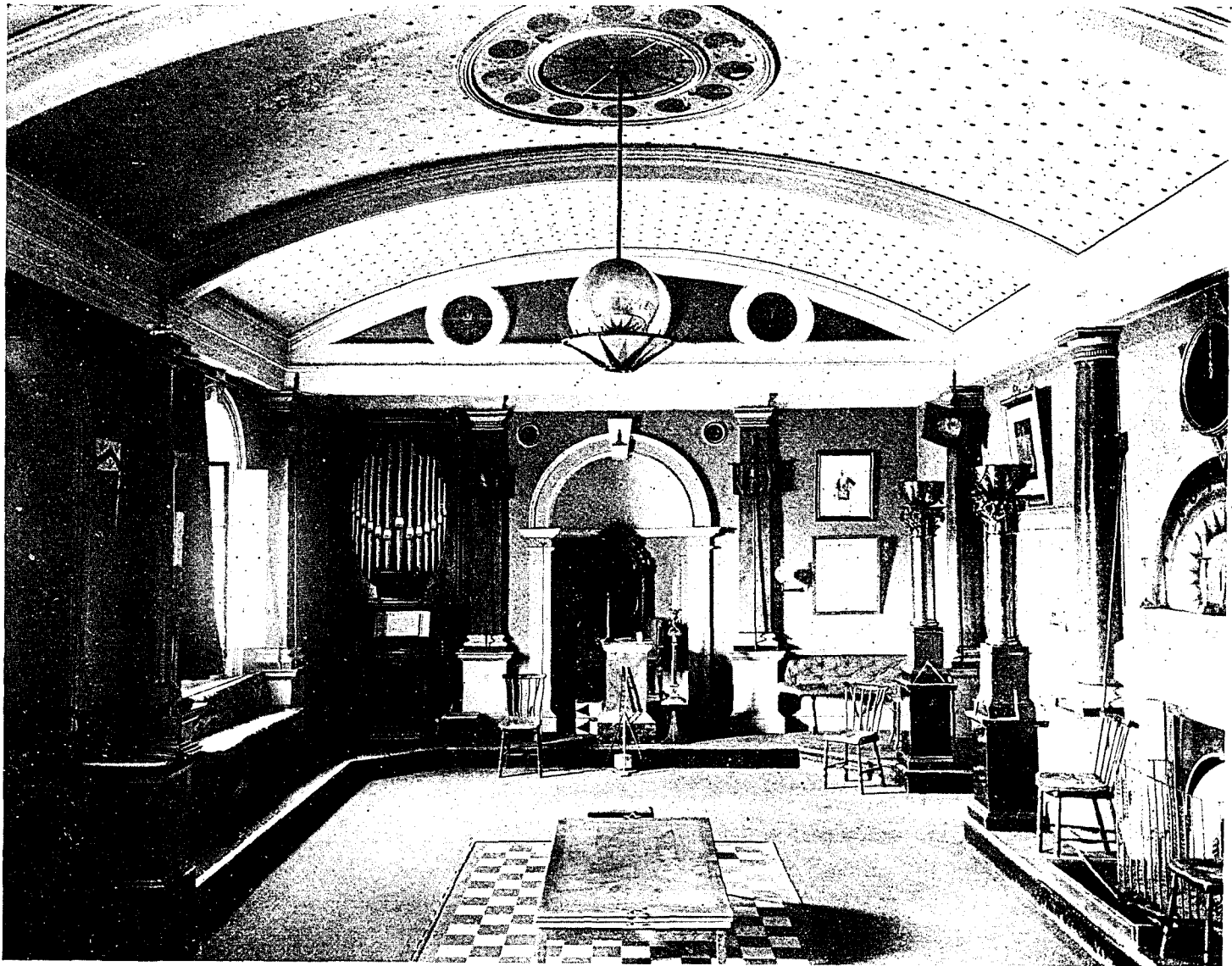
The Charitable Institutions of the province are well looked after, and are managed by several zealous brethren, all of whom give their time and labour quite freely (even the secretaries, who receive neither remuneration nor commission), so that, save the trifling expense of printing, the whole of the subscriptions and donations are devoted to the sacred object of Charity.

The *doyen* of the secretaries of these funds is Bro. John B. Gover, who was initiated in Lodge No. 70, Plymouth, in 1854, was its W.M. in 1858-9, and has been its Secretary, in succession to the revered Bro. John Brewer, from 1868. In fact, at one time, he was Secretary of three lodges, was Secretary of the Committee of Petitions in 1870, when first started, and still continues, and, moreover, has been the Secretary of the "Devon Educational Fund" from its origin in 1879. What these offices have involved, and particularly as secretary of the latter institution, few know, or can adequately realize, but at any rate it may be said that no brother is more honoured, trusted, and esteemed in the province for his unwearied and constant devotion to the



MASONIC HALL OF BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 489, BIDEFORD.

(LOOKING EAST).



MASONIC HALL OF BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 189, BIDEFORD.
(LOOKING WEST).

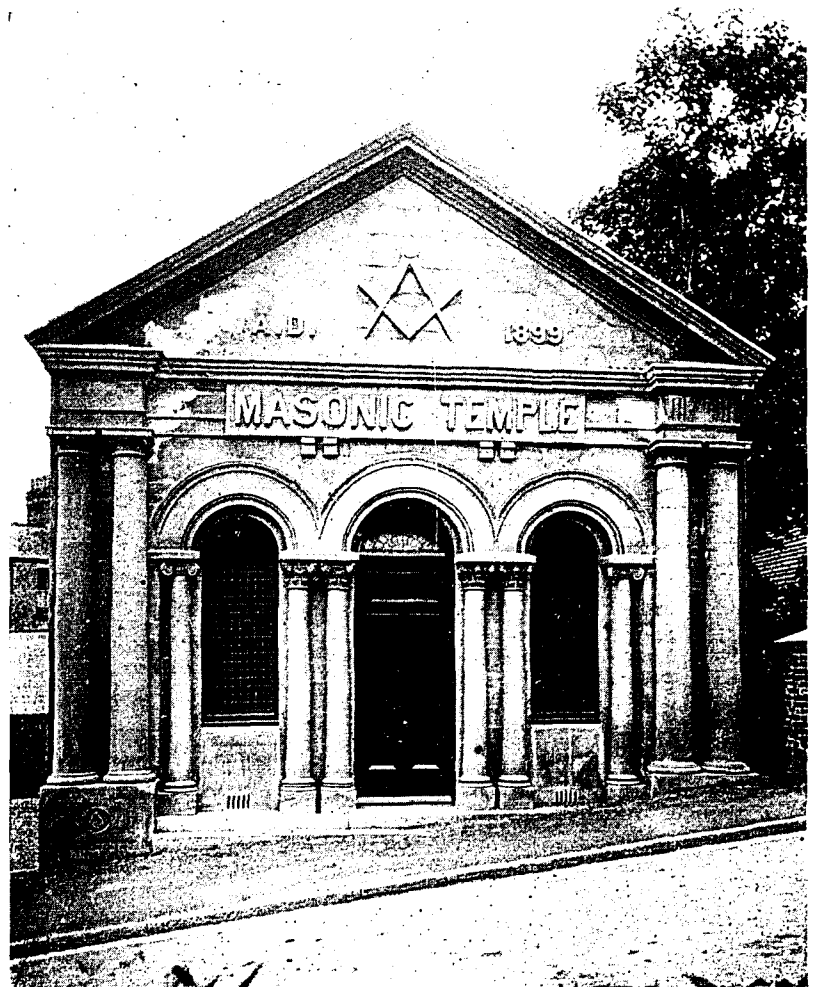
Craft. His selection by the Prov. G.M., in 1887, for the "Jubilee Honour" of Past Prov. Grand Secretary, a substantial promotion from a much less dignified office, was heartily welcomed by the local brotherhood.

The senior of the trio of local Charitable Funds, all the subscriptions to which are raised and spent in the same neighbourhood or county, is the "Fortescue Annuity Fund," which was established as a memorial of the second Earl Fortescue, who died 14th September, 1861, for which Bro. Cecil R. M. Clapp, P.M. 112, is the Secretary, and the junior society is the "Aged Widow's Annuity Fund," for which Bro. James Griffin, P.M. 70, is now the Secretary, which was only recently established, but, like the other two, is ably managed and meeting a long-felt want.

The "Committee of Petitions for Charity," reorganized in 1869, does most important work in and for Devon, and is thoroughly representative in character. The chairman is the Deputy Prov. G.M., the secretary is the indefatigable Bro. Gover, and the London representative from 1895 has been Bro. Francis B. Westlake, of Plymouth, who though not quite one of the seniors of the Craft (having been initiated in No. 70 in 1876), has been remarkably successful in the management of the votes for Devon, in the three Central Masonic Institutions of London. His career has been almost of a phenomenal character in the Craft, so rapid and numerous have distinctions been conferred upon him, though, be it noted, always because of the good work done so heartily and generously for the province he has served so faithfully.

As W.M. of No. 70 in 1883, P. Prov. G.D. of Devon in 1887, and Prov. S.G.W. later on, these honours paved the way for the still greater one of Past Deputy G.D.C. of England in 1899. He has acted as Steward over a score of times for the great Masonic Charities, and is a patron of each of the trio, besides largely contributing to the local institutions. His successful treatment of the votes, and his

substantial help generally of the institutions led to a testimonial being paid him of a unique character. Bro. Westlake



MASONIC HALL, ILFRACOMBE.



MASONIC HALL, ILFRACOMBE (LOOKING EAST).

declined any personal gift, but on being consulted, suggested that the Central Masonic Charities might be aided, if the brethren so earnestly desired to make him a presentation. Accordingly it was announced at the Prov. G.L. in 1900, that our zealous brother was thus the means of benefitting the three Institutions to the extent of 300 guineas. A handsome and richly illuminated testimonial was likewise presented to him, and in May of this year he, in the kindest manner, made his mother lodge, No. 70, Plymouth, the custodian of this valuable and artistic gift, in "the hope that it would be handed down to many generations as a testimony to the kindness and sympathy with him in the work he was doing." The portraits of the secretary and representative of the Committee of Petitions are by Mr. Yeo, of Plymouth.

The Treasurers of the three local societies are respectively Bros. E. H. Shorto, P. Prov. G.W. (Exeter); John R. Lord, P. Prov. G. Treas. and Prov. G.D.C. (Plymouth); and F. B.

Westlake, P.D.G.D.C. of England, &c. (Plymouth), who are always glad to receive subscriptions. Bro. Lord is also re-appointed annually as the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies by the Prov. G.M., a plan that is found to work well, because of his knowledge of the usages and customs of the Craft, both locally and generally.

Quite a number of County Lodges are being formed in the Metropolis, the "Devonian," No. 2834, being one of the latest. The Right Hon. the Earl Halsbury, Lord Chancellor, is the first W.M., and its success is assured.

Since writing the foregoing, a detailed account of the Prov. Grand Lodge held at Honiton on the 14th August has come to hand.

The meeting was more numerously attended than was expected, the town not being the centre of much Masonic activity, and all the reports were of a most encouraging nature.

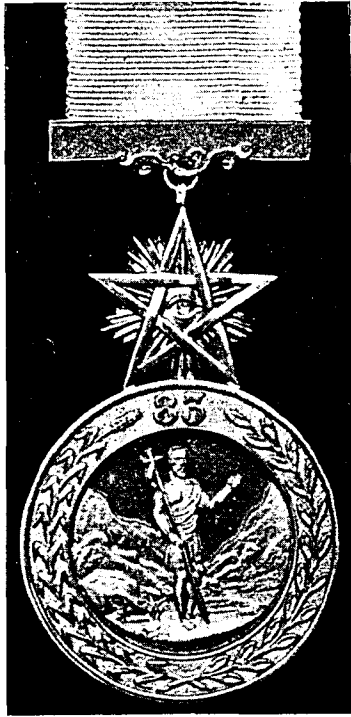


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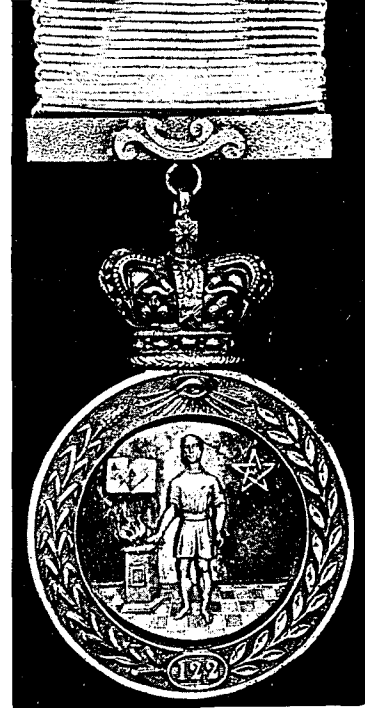
The "Fortescue Annuity Fund" has received a legacy from the estate of the late Bro. R. B. West (of the "Apollo," Oxford, and No. 39, Exeter), amounting to £500, which, being wholly unexpected and due to the action of the trustees, was a most gratifying announcement. The Secretary of "Committee of Petitions" was able to report that all the lodges had sent him their votes to use on behalf of the province, and doubtless he would have gladly reported the same of all the brethren, *if he could*. The total votes received exceeded

thirty-nine lodges who subscribed, and a cheque for one hundred guineas.

Bro. Stocker accepted the handsome gifts most gratefully, and expressed the wish to donate the cheque to the "Devon Masonic Educational Fund," to constitute a perpetual governorship, the votes to be used by the Prov. Grand Secretary for the time being. The members naturally very heartily endorsed the kind offer, and Bro. Lord, the Treasurer, there and then accepted the cheque.



CENTENARY JEWEL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PLYMOUTH.



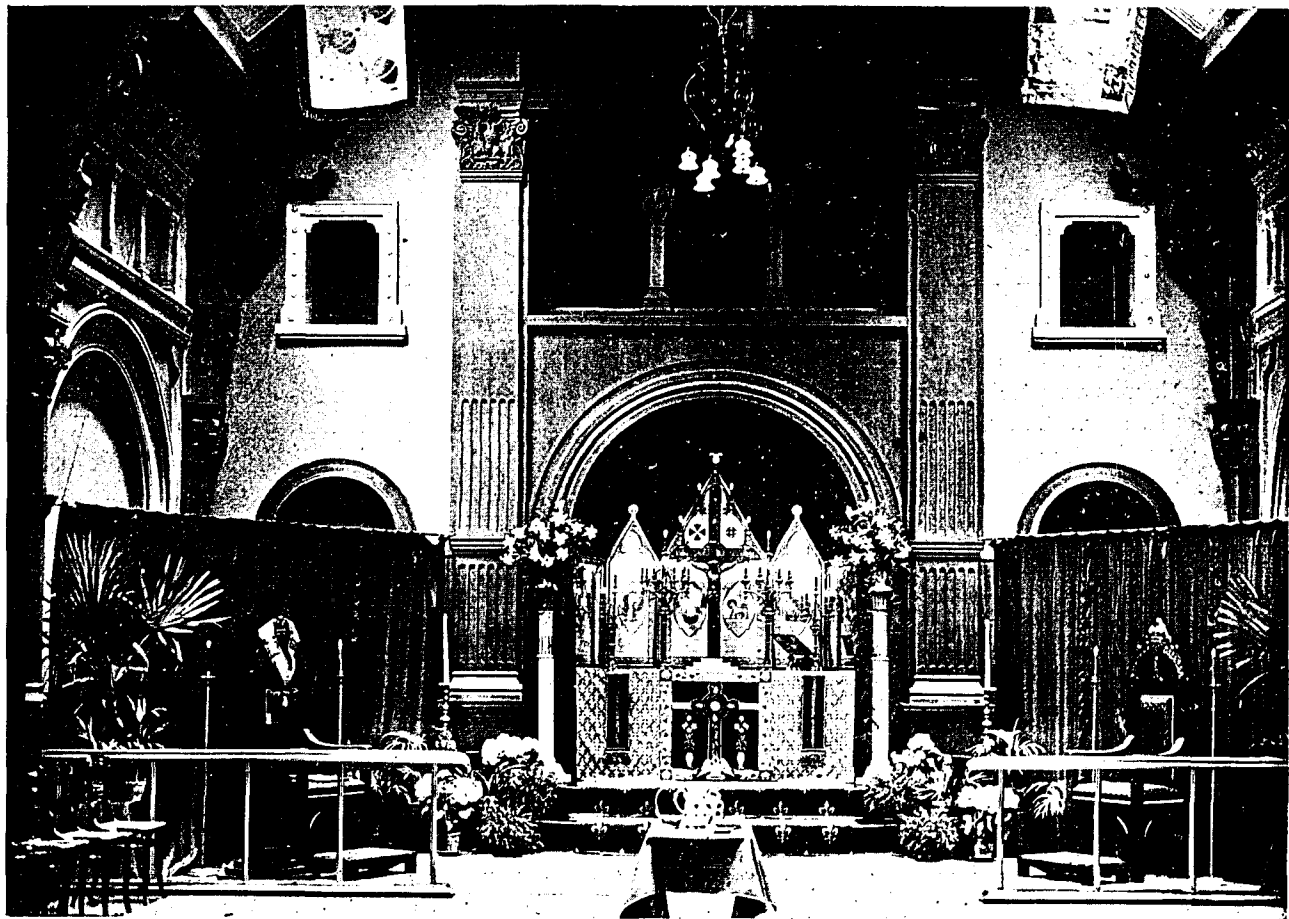
CENTENARY JEWEL OF FORTITUDE LODGE, PLYMOUTH.

5,000. The contributions to the Central Masonic Charities for the year exceeded £1,000, but this, apparently, though a large sum, does not equal the amount received in Devon by the various benefices, so that the "(Charity) Boot is on the other leg" still, we fear.

The acting Prov. G.M. was most happy in making the presentation to Bro. John Stocker, the Prov. Grand Sec., of the Grand Lodge Regalia ("Dress" and "Undress"), the address on vellum, with the names of 781 brethren and

The *John Stocker* presentation will thus be a living memorial in the province of one of the best Prov. Grand Secretaries that has ever been appointed. This treatment of the cheque, knowing that Bro. Stocker would not use it personally, was the suggestion of Major Davie, the esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Needless to state the brethren at Honiton were warmly thanked for their efficient arrangements for the comfort of the Prov. Grand Lodge.



THE TEMPLE AT EDINBURGH OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 33, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

United Grand Lodge.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on the 4th September at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was occupied by R.W. Bro. General Laurie, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for South Wales (Western Division), who was supported by R.W. Bro. Colonel Davis, A.D.C., Provincial Grand Master for Surrey, as Deputy Grand Master, while Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., and Robert Grey, P.G.W., filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Grand Warden respectively. W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P.D.G. Registrar, acted as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Grand Lodge having been opened, Bro. William Lake, Assistant Grand Secretary, read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of June 5th and of the Especial Grand Lodge at the Albert Hall on July 17th. These having been duly confirmed, Bro. Lieut.-General Laurie moved the first resolution, which had been placed on the business paper by the M.W. Pro Grand Master—

“That this United Grand Lodge of England (including the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch) desires to offer to His Royal Highness, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, its most fraternal and sincere condolence and sympathy on the great loss and affliction bereavement His Royal Highness, together with His Majesty the King (Protector of the Order) and the Royal Family, has sustained by the lamented death of Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick of Germany.”

The resolution, which was seconded by R.W. Bro. Col. Davis, Provincial Grand Master Surrey, was carried, the whole of the brethren spontaneously rising.

A second resolution was moved by the Grand Registrar, expressing the heartiest sympathy of Grand Lodge with His Majesty, who had been their Grand Master so long and who was also closely related to the august lady who had recently died and whom the nation mourned, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was respectfully requested to convey to His Majesty the sympathy of the Craft as expressed in the resolution.

This was seconded by V.W. Bro. R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Past Deputy Grand Registrar, and carried, the brethren again rising.

The next business on the agenda was to consider a message from the M.W.G. Master in reference to the action

of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in warranting a lodge in Danish territory contrary to the expressed will of the Masonic authorities of Denmark. It having been made clear that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had invaded the rights of the latter body, the Acting Grand Master moved the following resolution:—

“That a body calling itself ‘Lodge Christian Zum Palmbaum,’ or ‘Lodge Christian til Palmtrøet,’ and meeting in Copenhagen, having been declared illegal and irregular by the Grand Lodge of Denmark, all Masons under the United Grand Lodge of England are hereby warned that they cannot visit such irregular Body, nor can any lodge under this jurisdiction admit, as a visitor or joining member, any member of such irregular body, without respectively incurring the penalty attaching to a grave Masonic offence.”

Following this, the Acting Grand Master proceeded to move a resolution which received the cordial assent of all the brethren present:—

“That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby given, to R.W. Bro. Sir Albert Woods, K.C.B., K.C.M.G. (Garter), Past Grand Warden, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and to V.W. Bro. Frank Richardson, Past Deputy Grand Registrar, for the most able manner in which they conceived, and carried out the arrangements generally, on the occasion of the ceremony of installation of his Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master, at the Royal Albert Hall, on the 17th day of July, 1901.”

Bro. Frank Richardson returned thanks on behalf of Sir Albert Woods and himself, and at the same time paid a generous tribute to those who had rendered much valuable assistance in bringing to a successful issue the laborious work in connection with the great function at the Royal Albert Hall.

The formal erasure from the Registrar of Grand Lodge of the whole of the lodges forming the late District Grand Lodge of Western Australia, thirty-five in number, and also of certain English lodges which had ceased to work, completed the business of the evening, and Grand Lodge was closed in form.

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

THE Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 3rd September. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, presided, and Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, acted as Deputy Grand Master. Other offices were filled by Bro. Charles Belton, as Senior Grand Warden; Bro. Harry J. Sparks, as Junior Grand Warden; and Bro. John Strachan, K.C., as G.M.O.

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and the minutes of the Grand Lodge of the 4th of June having been read by the Grand Secretary, Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier, were duly confirmed.

The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, before proceeding with the business on the agenda, moved in sympathetic terms a vote of condolence with the M.W. Grand Master on the death of the Empress Frederick of Germany.

This was seconded by the Acting Deputy Grand Master, and unanimously agreed to—the brethren standing.

The Pro Grand Master then referred to the great loss the Order had sustained by the death of M.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Past Grand Master, whose career as a Mark Mason had extended over half a century, and who was one of the founders of the present Grand Lodge, filling the office of Senior Grand Warden in 1857, and becoming Grand Master in 1866, besides being Provincial Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight from 1889 to the time of his death. The Pro Grand Master concluded by moving a resolution of condolence with Mrs. Beach and the family. The resolution was seconded by Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., and carried with every expression of sympathy, the brethren standing.

The remainder of the business which was mostly of a routine character, was duly carried out, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

The Airlie Memorial.

THE movement to erect a memorial on the lands of Airlie to a noble son of the ancient and illustrious Ogelvy family, who gave his life on the battle fields of South Africa for his Queen and country, witnessed its culminating stage at the laying of the foundation-stone of the structure last month by the Masonic body of which the late Earl was a member. The gathering was representative of all parts of the county and all classes of the community, and rarely has a Masonic ceremony of so impressive a character been witnessed as that enacted at the laying of the foundation of the noble pile in course of construction to the memory of William David Stanley Ogelvy, the ninth Earl of Airlie.



THE LATE BRO. THE EARL OF AIRLIE.

At the base of the hill, the brethren arrayed in the regalia of the Craft, and numbering between 200 and 300, marshalled in processional order—the place of honour being conferred on Lodge Airlie, Kirriemuir. Preceded by a trio of stalwart pipers, the procession set out at a slow pace for the summit. Having reached within 200 yards or so of the building, the brethren halted, and opening to right and left, allowed the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge to pass up the centre. Again forming two deep, the brethren, now led by the Provincial Grand Lodge, slowly and solemnly approached the monument.

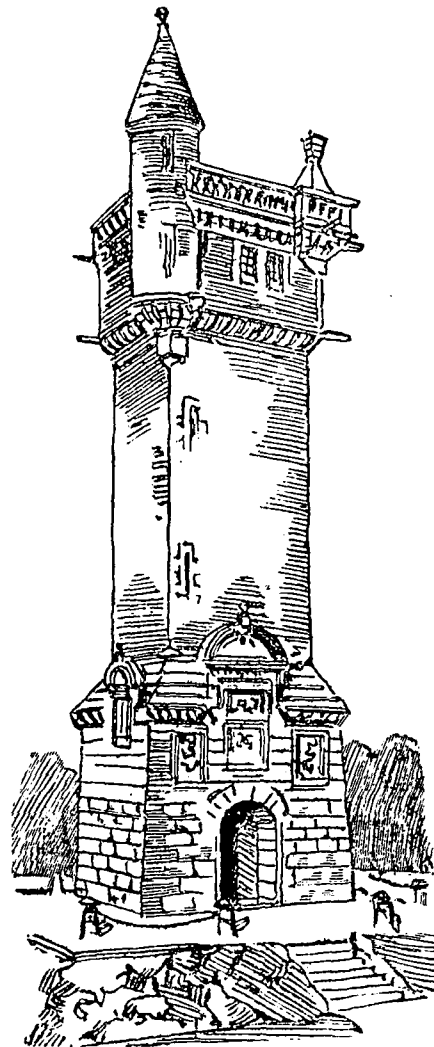
On reaching the platform at the memorial, the National Anthem was played by the band, after which the Hon. C. M. Ramsay, Provincial Grand Master-Depute, in the absence through illness of the Provincial Grand Master, proceeded with the ceremony of laying the stone. The Rev. Bro. Paisley, Brechin, Provincial Grand Chaplain, then offered up prayer, in which he referred to Lord Airlie's fidelity to duty and his heroism in the presence of danger. That memorial, as it recalled Lord Airlie's love of faithful service, might be the means of strengthening the hearts of both young and old, with more fervent loyalty and devoted patriotism, with a growing and strengthening sense of duty to God, and of widening and deepening charity one to another. Prayer was followed by the singing of a hymn by a specially

organised choir. Thereafter the youthful Earl of Airlie presented the Provincial Grand Master-Depute with a mallet, which bore on one side the coat of arms of the House of Airlie, and on the other side a silver shield with the following inscription:—

“Presented to the Honourable Charles Maule Ramsay on the occasion of laying the memorial stone of monument erected on Tullo' Hill, Cortachy, to the memory of the late Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon. David, ninth Earl of Airlie.—31st August, 1901.”

The stone was duly laid according to the prescribed rites, and the impressive ceremony was concluded by the contents of the cornucopia being thrown upon the stone and wine and oil poured upon it. All through the ceremony was of a most impressive character.

The Provincial Grand Master-Depute delivered an address, in which he spoke of the high character and sterling qualities of the man whose memory they desired to honour, and expressed his belief that the memorial would always be looked on with respect and veneration by all who regarded the late Earl as one who had deserved well of his country, as he had served it nobly.



THE MEMORIAL.

In replying later to a vote of thanks, the Hon. C. M. Ramsay said that the enthusiasm of the late Earl of Airlie as a Freemason was very great, and it was highly gratifying on that occasion to see such a gathering of the Masonic Fraternity doing honour to the memory of one so devoted to the Craft.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of the National Anthem.

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President McKinley.

THE unspeakably sad event which has turned the thoughts of the whole civilised world to the bereavement of a great nation is one that especially calls for the sympathy and sorrow of the Masonic Brotherhood. In such moments as these, we in common with the English-speaking race in all countries, are thrilled by a quickened sense of kinship, all the more felt because the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race are knit together by community of language and other ties of sentiment and tradition. But in addition to these, we of the Craft have the closer ties of fraternal union, which, so to speak, brings us almost within the sacred enclosure of the family circle. President MCKINLEY, like so many of his predecessors, from Washington downwards, was a Mason, and it is a remarkable and striking coincidence that the last victim of political hatred, occupying the Presidential chair, was himself a Mason and an old comrade in arms of the dead President. General GARFIELD and Major MCKINLEY were both veterans of the great civil war, both fought side by side in that titanic struggle, both afterwards attained the highest position in the State, and both shared the same fate at the hands of the assassin. The late President, although a member of our Order, and, as we have reason to believe, sharing fully in the aspirations and aims of its members, was prevented by the many calls on his time during a busy life from taking a prominent part in Masonic work, but that he exemplified in his life and action the highest

principles of Masonic virtue is beyond dispute. Bro. MCKINLEY's high character in public and private life, and the ever growing confidence with which he inspired his countrymen and the world at large, will be more fully realised than they have ever been before, now that he has passed away. He was in a marked degree a typical representative of the aspirations and opinions of the American people, and his entire devotion to the interests of his country gained him their fullest confidence. He has left his mark upon his time, and his loss will for a long period be deeply felt by his fellow countrymen. As Englishmen, and members of the Craft universal, we share that loss, and tender to our American brethren especially our fraternal and heartfelt sympathy.



THE LATE PRESIDENT.

When, only a few short months since, we had to mourn the loss of our beloved and venerated Sovereign, among the shoals of messages of sympathy from individual Masons and resolutions of condolence from private lodges and Grand Bodies, which came to our Grand Master from all quarters of the globe, there were none more spontaneous and heartfelt than those from the Brotherhood beyond the Atlantic, and now in their hour of national sorrow their grief is shared by the English Craft. That grief is intensified by the sympathy which is felt on all sides for the sorrowing widow whose devotion to her husband presents a pathetic spectacle of domestic life which appeals to every English household.

The people of the United States gave Bro. MCKINLEY their full confidence when they elected him for a second time President. They appreciated and respected the dignity and the simplicity of his family life, and the tragic ending of his honourable career will for ever ensure him a loving and permanent place in the memory of his countrymen.

We trust the authorities of Grand Lodge will not be slow to embody the sentiments of the English Craft in an official expression of their heartfelt sorrow, and that either at an Especial Grand Lodge to be called for the purpose, or, if that be not practicable or according to precedent, at the next Quarterly Communication a resolution embodying these sentiments will be submitted to the assembled brethren.

The continuity of Masonic interests in connection with the Presidency is happily preserved in the person of Bro. MCKINLEY's successor, Bro. Colonel ROOSEVELT, who was initiated into the Order so recently as January last. It is not, perhaps, quite reasonable to expect that he, any more than his predecessor, will find much time to devote to the Craft, but copying the example of HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII., he may well constitute himself practically, if not in name, "Protector of the Order."



The September Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge is not usually so largely attended as the other meetings of the year, but the Temple was fairly filled on the 4th September, and no vacant seats on the dais were noticeable. The business transacted was important, inasmuch as it included the erasure of over forty lodges from the roll, and a vote which practically has the effect of severing all connection with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, a body with which the Grand Lodge of England has for a long period maintained amicable relations.

The appearance of so many lodges recommended for erasure on the business paper at the last Quarterly Communication is very unusual, but the greater number were accounted for by the secession of the whole of the lodges recently comprising the District Grand Lodge of Western Australia to form a Grand Lodge in that colony. In this instance, we believe, the action of the lodges was unanimous, and we shall therefore be spared the spectacle of one or more lodges remaining under the old jurisdiction and thus too often forming a nucleus of litigious and discontented members unfortunately to be found in every community.

The traditional relationship between the City of London and the Craft will be amply exemplified next year. It will be noticed that V.W. Bro. Sir Joseph C. Dimsdale, Past G. Treas., Alderman of the Cornhill Ward, and the junior representative of the City in Parliament, is Lord Mayor next in rotation, and that one of the Sheriffs elect is V.W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., Grand Treasurer. A busy day is in prospect at the Guildhall on the last Saturday in September, when the swearing in of the new Sheriffs, the election of a new Lord Mayor, and the Shrieval breakfast will take place in succession.

Bro. Sir Joseph Dimsdale has been Alderman of Cornhill Ward since June, 1891, succeeding in that capacity his partner, the late Bro. Sir Robert Fowler, M.P. He was Sheriff in 1894, and received knighthood in commemoration of the opening of the Tower Bridge, and the birth of an heir to the throne in the direct line. He has been Master of the Grocers' Company and a Member of the London County Council. At the last Parliamentary General Election he was chosen as member for the City in succession to Sir Reginald Hanson. He is a partner in the old banking house of Messrs. Prescott, Dimsdale and Co., and will be the first Etonian to fill the office of Lord Mayor for about 130 years. Of Bro. Dimsdale's Masonic career we need say but little. He is, perhaps, best known to the Craft as having filled the office of Grand Treasurer in 1894, during the year of his Shrievalty, but notwithstanding his many and pressing public engagements he has found more opportunities for Masonic work than many men with infinitely fewer calls on their time.

Grand Lodge paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Frank Richardson, Acting Grand Director of Ceremonies, and to those who were associated with him in carrying out the arrangements for the installation of the Grand Master at the Royal Albert Hall on the 17th of July. In organising power and capacity for work Bro. Richardson has proved a worthy successor to the late Bro. Thomas Fenn, who, on the three previous occasions of great meetings at the Royal Albert Hall, directed and successfully carried out the arrangements.

The erasure of the lodges which had seceded from the Grand Lodge of England and had resolved to place themselves under the newly-formed Grand Lodge of Western Australia, may be regarded as a purely formal proceeding, the lodges in question having suffered no break in their continuity of working and, except that the warrants under which they now work bear a different number and are signed by other hands, everything is much the same. Opinion was absolutely unanimous as to the desirability of forming themselves into a Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the home authorities placed no obstacles in the way of their path to self government.

We must confess we are at a loss to understand, much less to justify, the action of the Masonic authorities in Hamburg in warranting a lodge in a territory where, by all the canons of international Masonic law, such an act is the rightful prerogative of the Grand Lodge existing within its borders, and we have therefore a grave suspicion that there is more in it than meets the eye. Can it be that the anti-semitic prejudices so rife on the continent of Europe have invaded the neutral zone of Freemasonry?

V.W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Welldon, whose appointment to the rank of Past Grand Chaplain was one of the most popular honours conferred on the occasion of the Grand Master's installation, is well known for his immense energy and exceptional mental qualities. He was created Bishop of Calcutta three years ago, but it was of course as the head master of Harrow school that he became known. Physically as well as intellectually Dr. Welldon was admirably fitted for the great work which he so admirably performed at Harrow. Although his fine presence was calculated to fill the school boy with awe, the iron hand was well concealed in an exceptional gentleness of manner which more truly displayed the real tenderness of his disposition.

Considering the large number of lodges now under the Grand Lodge of England the depletion from that number, by reason of the falling off in membership and other causes, is astonishingly small. Until the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge there had not, for the past ten years, been more than some half-dozen lodges erased for any reason other than that of having become absorbed in a newly-formed Grand Lodge, and we have reason to believe that of the lodges at present on the Registrar of Grand Lodge not a dozen are in arrear in making their returns, at least, of the installation of Masters and appointment of Officers. This argues a very healthy state of things as regards the stability of English Masonry, and it only remains for those in authority to take measures to ensure excellence in the material of which the whole structure is composed to secure our great Institution for all time against any peril that may menace it.

R.W. Bro. Montague Guest, the popular Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, who has ruled over that province for upwards of a quarter of a century, is now staying, states a contemporary, at Devonshire House, Weymouth. Bro. Guest who is a brother of Lord Wimborne, was born in 1839, and has never married. For many years past he has been a noted yachtsman. He has just returned from Cowes, where he is a member of the Royal Squadron Yacht Club, and acts as its librarian, where he may often be found at the post of duty in its handsome library. His Majesty the King, when Prince of Wales, and Grand Master of our Order, has on several occasions been entertained by Bro. Montague Guest at Weymouth, as also have other members of the Royal Family. Bro. Guest's popularity in the metropolis is testified to by the constitution of the well-known lodge and chapter, No. 1900, which bear his name.

Since Bro. Sir Squire Bancroft, P.G.D., retired from the stage, remarks a contemporary, he has raised some £12,000 for charities by readings from Dickens's "Christmas, Carol." The most recent of the famous actor's readings was that given at Cromer in aid of the Cromer College Hospital, amongst the distinguished audience present being Bro. Sir Thomas Bucknill, Past Deputy Grand Registrar.



Bro. Dr. W. Hayman Cummings, P.G. Organist, Principal of the Guildhall School of Music has been the recipient of the heartiest congratulations of the Craft on his recent attainment of his seventieth birthday. The distinguished doctor was a pupil of Signor Randegger and of Dr. E. J. Hopkins, and sang in the choir both in St. Paul's and at the Temple Church. In addition to occupying the post of Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, Dr. Cummings, is a Professor of the Academy of Music, a member of the Council of Incorporated Musicians, Vice-President of the Royal College of Organists, and Vice-President of the Musical Association.



The death of the late W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel George Lambert, V.D., F.S.A., Past Grand Sword Bearer, removes a once familiar figure from London Masonic circles, and although the announcement does not come altogether as a surprise to those of his more intimate friends, his loss will be none the less keenly felt. Our late esteemed brother was seventy-eight years of age, and had for some time retired from active participation in Masonic duties. He was latterly little less than a prisoner to his room, although his interest in Masonry never failed during his closing years.



Our late brother was one of the oldest gold and silver smiths in the Metropolis, and occupied a very prominent position in the trade. Amongst the numerous offices he had held in the City was that of Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company and President of the Metropolitan Friendly Societies Asylum, Ball's Pond, N. He was a Liveryman of the Horners', Glovers', Tinsplate Workers', Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers', Gardeners', and Pattenmakers' Companies. A liberal supporter of charity in general, he paid marked attention in this direction to those charities immediately associated with the trade of which he was so distinguished a member, amongst them being the Goldsmiths' Benevolent Institution, the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Annuity Asylum Institution, the Silver Trades' Pension Society, and the City of London General Pension Society.

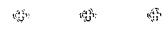


The late Bro. Lambert was initiated fifty-seven years ago in the Percy Lodge, No. 198, and took a very active part in the formation of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, constituted in 1886 for the convenience of Americans in London. He was exalted in 1847 in the Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7, and was a member of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, and a founder of the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191. A Patron of the three Institutions, he had served seventeen Stewardships for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and nine each for the Boys' and Girls' Schools. In 1881 the rank of Grand Sword Bearer was conferred on him by Grand Lodge as well as that of Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter. In Bro. Lambert the Craft has lost an interesting personality, and Masonry will mourn the loss of so stalwart an upholder of her precepts.



We learn that the latest of the many lodges which have recently been formed in connection with the great London hospitals is the Cheseldon Lodge, No. 2870, which will be composed of brethren connected with St. Thomas's Hospital. Bro. Wakley, jun., will be the first Master, and the new lodge will hold its meetings at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.

Monday, the 16th September, was a great day at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when Bro. the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Alderman and Sheriff Vaughan Morgan, Past Grand Treasurer, paid a visit in state to that Institution. A display of calisthenics, singing, and music was given by the scholars on the occasion, after which the distinguished visitors inspected the Institution and the grounds.



The *Cape Argus* has noted, as many of those present at the installation ceremony at the Albert Hall must have done, the extraordinary enthusiasm with which the name of Sir Frederick Milner was received. It says:—"A straw may show which way the wind is blowing. At the great Masonic function when the Duke of Connaught was installed Grand Master of England, an incidental reference was made to Sir Frederick Milner, a prominent Mason. The vast gathering caught at the name and received it with a perfect hurricane of cheers. They thought the name Milner applied to the High Commissioner of South Africa."



The well known organ of Roman Catholicism in this country, *The Universe*, has returned to its attacks on Freemasonry by publishing communications from two correspondents who have contributed their views on the subject to the *New Zealand Tablet*. The character of the attacks may be judged from the following introduction:—"The Church's opposition to Freemasonry is based partly on general Christian principles, partly on such a long and intimate knowledge of the doings of the brotherhood as is practically inaccessible to the rank and file of its members; (3) because of its peculiar religious tenets; and (4) because of the atrocious war which the great body of the Fraternity have waged and are still waging against religion over widely separated portions of the earth."



After a column or two of strongly worded calumniations of secret societies of every kind, except, of course, those of its own household, it has the grace to quote from 'a learned English Catholic writer':—"It may be that English Freemasonry is not used for any illegal purpose, but there is always the danger that a secret society, if it gets into the hands of unprincipled men, may be used for illegal purposes." It is somewhat consoling to learn that we are not wholly depraved, and that knowledge will help us in maintaining a firm and fervent belief that the dangers apparent to this nervous cleric are wholly imaginary, and have no shadow of meaning to the English Freemason.



The Alfred Bevan Convalescent Home at Sandgate, so named after the late V.W. Bro. Sir Alfred Bevan, P.G. Treas., has recently been acquired by the trustees of the Morley Convalescent Home at a cost of £15,000, and is now managed entirely by London working men.



The constituents of Bro. Sheriff-elect Horace B. Marshall of the Ward of Farringdon Without will present him with his Shrieval Chain of Office. It is embellished with the arms of Bridewell and Bethlem Hospitals, Dulwich College, Dublin University, and the Stationers', Spectacle Makers', and Loriners' Companies. A golden key depending from the badge will indicate the wearer's position as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of England.



The play entitled "*Are you a Mason?*" recently produced in London, although quite harmless in its references to our Order, serves the useful purpose of reminding us of the reproaches sometimes levelled against the Craft by reason of regrettable conduct on the part of certain of its members. It is well, we think, to remind our critics that the irregularities which Masons commit do not occur as the result, but in spite, of their Masonry.

To "see ourselves as others see us" is not always flattering to one's personal vanity, but "Mallet" of the *Glasgow Evening News*, who provides its readers with an interesting Masonic column from time to time, is so distinctly complimentary that we may perhaps be pardoned for reproducing the following paragraph.



"THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" has completed its first volume with the issue of the September number (12) just to hand. That the publishers, Messrs. Spencer and Co., London, and the editor have faithfully carried out the prefatory note in the first number is conceded without reservation. There has been no falling off. Each succeeding number seemed to exceed in excellence its predecessor. It is gratifying to read in the closing number of the first volume that the success which has been attained "will but stimulate us to renewed efforts."



We take the following extract from *The Freemason* of the 1st of May, 1875. "In the Installation of our Royal Grand Master we have the one good and sufficient reply to the allocution of Pi Nino, the excommunication of Cardinal Dechamps, the anmiadversions of Cardinal Manning, the disapproval of worthy but mistaken Monsigneur Dupanloup, and above all to the childish bombast of the *Church Herald*, or the rowdy vulgarity of the *Westminster Gazette*." All this and more may be true of the view taken by the Roman Catholic Church of the present day, except the reference to the *Westminster Gazette*, whose modern prototype in name provides its readers each day with the very antithesis of rowdyism and vulgarity.



It will, perhaps, be remembered that Bro. the Rev. J. T. Lawrence, of Madras, formerly editor of the *Indian Masonic Review*, preached a sermon at a Masonic service, held in June last, at Accrington, in which he claimed for Freemasonry that it is a religion, a theory which he tenaciously held in India. His successor in the editorial chair of that journal thus deals with the subject: "We have the greatest respect for any section of the Order who conscientiously harness religious impressions to Masonic principles, only there is just the fear of the leaven of bigotry and intolerance falsifying the leading principles of the Order. Several eminent American divines, past and present leaders of the Order, have deprecated the idea of Freemasonry claiming to be classed as a religion on the ground that it could not thoroughly fulfil such a mission, and there was a fear, therefore, that some of its votaries would fall into condemnation by accepting it in this light and neglecting, thereby, those spiritual yearnings which pure and undefiled religion could alone satisfy. We have heard on several occasions, perhaps, a Mason say, in a moment of nonchalant carelessness, that 'Masonry was a good enough religion for him,' and, in one or two such cases we can only say they had fixed upon a most happy-go-lucky religion from their own point of view. We have no fear, nor do we think any such idea is current, that Freemasonry could effectually usurp the place of religion. There, is perhaps, no harm in holding a superficial idea that Freemasonry, as our Rev. Brother says, is "more than anything else a religious body." Perhaps the latter watchword would have a tendency to bring into our ranks a more serious-minded class of intrans and check an influx in other directions. But would such a restricting influence add to the more practical and useful features of the Craft?"



It is difficult to realise that the wilderness, which was only quite recently the scene of sanguinary contests with the Mahdi and his savage followers, has now a Masonic District Grand Master, and that Khartoum itself will within the next few weeks possess a Masonic lodge, which is probably the precursor of many others in that now peaceful land. A warrant has been granted for a lodge to be called the Khartoum Lodge to meet in that city, and it is to be consecrated by the Sirdar, W. Bro. Sir R. Wingate, sometime in November. The first Master will be the Sirdar's private secretary, Captain Bailey.

After listening to claims for assistance from all parts of the country, the executors of the will of the late Bro. Bowerman West, of Streatham Hall, Exeter, who died last autumn, leaving £50,000 to charity, have at last announced which are the lucky institutions. With the exception of a sum of £3,000, the whole of the money has been distributed among twenty-three institutions of Devon and Somerset, and fifty-eight having their headquarters in London and elsewhere. Among the former institutions the Fortescue Masonic Annuity Fund, which is controlled by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon, received £1,000, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in London, £500.



General Sir Drury Lowe unveiled in Filleigh churchyard North Devon, recently, a cross which had been erected in memory of Major the Hon. Lionel H. D. Fortescue, 17th Lancers, and others from the parish, who have fallen in the South African War. Major Fortescue, who was the third son of the present Earl Fortescue, was killed in the battle of Diamond Hill, on June 11th, 1900. Among others present at the ceremony were Lord Fortescue, Viscount Ebrington, the Hon. John Fortescue, and Lady Susan Fortescue. After a dedicatory service, in which Archdeacon Seymour and the Rev. E. G. Beckwith took part, Sir Drury Lowe, in unveiling the cross, remarked that there was none there to whom Major Fortescue was more dear than to himself. He was a man with a high sense of duty, a loving and devoted son, a staunch friend and comrade, and a gallant soldier.



The Grand Lodge Alpina, of Switzerland, is initiating a movement for the establishment of what it describes as an "International Office for the furtherance of Masonic Relations." It is somewhat difficult to understand precisely the objects aimed at, but seeing that the mission undertaken by the Grand Lodge Alpina was at the instance of the "Assembled Masonic Bodies in Paris," we have grave doubts as to the purely Masonic nature of the proposed organisation, and it may be safely asserted that neither the English speaking Grand Lodges, nor those of Northern Europe, will respond to the invitation contained in the circular just issued by the Alpina Grand Lodge.



The new Masonic Hall which has been erected in the quiet little Devonshire town of Okehampton is very creditable to the brethren comprising the Lodge of Obedience, which is the sole representative of the Masonry of the district. The building, which is excellently situated, is of stone construction, and the style is renaissance. There is rather an imposing elevation in Station Road, and the appointments generally are of a character well adapted to the requirements of a lodge. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Major G. C. Davie, P.G.D., assisted by Bro. F. B. Westlake, P.D.G.D.C., and other brethren of the province.



Bro. Samuel E. Adams, the present Deputy Grand Master of the State of Minnesota, and Inspector General, 33°, of that State, gives the following account of the birth of his son in a Masonic lodge. "The facts are simply as follows:—In 1856 I built in Monticello, in this State, a store and warehouse attached. The rooms over the store were our residence, and the room over the warehouse was furnished and occupied by the brethren of Monticello Lodge. Just prior to the confinement of my wife, the brethren urged that I consult my wife and obtain her consent to occupy the lodge room, which had just been carpeted, and would not be used during the warm weather. Wife, on account of the retirement and quietude, approved the plan and accepted the offer. On the 15th day of September, 1861, the boy drew the first breath of life and beheld the first light of day in the room of Monticello Lodge, No. 16, A.F. and A.M. And further, the Junior Warden of the lodge, Dr. James W. Mulvey, was the attending physician. P.S.—I might add that the boy in due time was initiated, passed, and raised in the same above-mentioned lodge."



*America's first President,
George Washington,
As a Freemason.*

Royal Arch Masonry in Alderney.



COMP. JUDGE BARBENSON.

Probably there is no part of our home possessions of which the average Englishman knows so little as the Island of Alderney. Jersey and Guernsey they know, but beyond the view from the deck of the steamboat, this lovely island is a name only. It is a very important place, however, with its magnificent harbour of refuge, and its commanding position as one of the fortified bulwarks of the British Isles. Be this as it may, however, it is quite certain that it is sufficiently important to possess an excellent lodge, and now a Royal Arch Chapter, which promises to be as good, has been established.

Previous to the consecration of the chapter, a Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the State's Schools on the 28th of August, which was attended by a large number of brethren, including many from Guernsey, the Provincial Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, presiding, supported by the Provincial Grand Officers and visitors from Hampshire, Norwich, Jersey, &c.



GROUP OF FOUNDERS OF ST. ANN'S CHAPTER. No. 593.

After the formal opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, a procession was formed and proceeded to St. Ann's Church, where a most impressive service was conducted by the Revs. E. F. P. Colman and P. Mesney, the former giving an address on the "Beauty and Unity of Brotherly Love," taking as his text the psalm cxxxii. A collection was taken for the charities of St. Ann's Lodge, and the brethren returned, when the business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was proceeded with, at the close of which the ceremony of consecration of the St. Ann's Royal Arch Chapter was carried out by the Grand Superintendent, Dr. Balfour Cockburn, assisted by Comps. Colonel Price, R.A., Dr. Corbin, Captain Arnold, R.A., and J. W. Hamling. The ceremony was perfectly rendered by the Grand Superintendent and his assistants. E. Comps. N. Barbenson, Judge of Alderney, Dr. Livesay, and N. Gaudan were duly installed Z, H., and J., respectively, and on the close of the chapter, the companions joined their brethren of the Craft at an excellent banquet.



COMP. COLONEL PRICE.

The whole of the proceedings were carried out in an admirable manner, the Provincial Grand Master receiving the hearty co-operation of his officers, while the zeal and energy of Bro. Nickolls, the Provincial Grand Secretary, on whom devolved the organisation and carrying out of all the proceedings, elicited warm praise from those present.

In this connection it may be permitted to us to say that Bro. Judge Barbenson, who was installed as First Principal, is the Chief Magistrate of the Island and a member of a family which has been associated with Alderney from time immemorial. His father was one of the founders of St. Ann's Lodge, and he himself was also a founder and is a Past Provincial Grand Warden of the province. The Treasurer, Bro. Colonel Price, is also a Past Provincial Grand Warden of Guernsey and Alderney as well as Past Provincial Grand Sojourner of Kent.

Consecration of the Forest Hill Lodge, No. 2846.

NOT the least noteworthy feature of present day London Masonry, and the inevitable consequence of the ever increasing growth of the suburbs, is the formation in increasing number of lodges designed for the accommodation of brethren resident in greater London. Such a lodge is the Forest Hill Lodge, No. 2846, which, formed for the convenience of brethren resident at Forest Hill, was so successfully ushered into existence on Friday, September 20th, at Freemasons' Hall. The inaugural meeting must have pleased the most ardent well-wisher of the lodge, and if its future career is not equally prosperous, it will certainly not be for lack of energy on the part of the officers or enthusiasm in the members.

Roberts, C. G. Jones, G. Callingham, J. Freeman, H. S. Easty, L. A. Newton, H. Trimmer, G. Clough, W. Feldon, H. Laing, and Trelease.

The Consecrating Officers having been unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, they were each presented by the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Speller, with a leather letter case, as a memento of the occasion and a slight token of the lodge's appreciation of their valued services.

After the nomination for election of several candidates for initiation and joining, and the election of a committee to frame the by-laws, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.



GROUP OF FOUNDERS.

(Photo, Hullier)

The consecration ceremony was performed in his usual admirable manner by V. W. Bro. Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., Grand Secretary, assisted by the following brethren:—V. W. Bro. Horace Brooks Marshall, M.A., G. Treasurer, as S.W.; W. Bro. Inspector General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., R.N., P.G.D., as J.W.; V. W. Bro. Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, Bart., Grand Chaplain, as Chaplain; V. W. Bro. Frank Richardson, P. Dep. G. Reg., as Director of Ceremonies; and W. Bro. H. Carman, P.G. Std. Br., as Inner Guard.

An eloquent oration was given by Bro. Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, after which the following officers were invested and installed:—Bros. James Speller, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; F. Ruse, P.M. 65, Acting I.P.M.; W. J. Keen, S.W.; A. H. Sarjeant, J.W.; H. A. Baxter, Treasurer; H. Peirce, Secretary; J. Bailey, S.D.; E. Clough, J.D.; J. Allen, I.G.; F. Nicholls, D.C.; G. Williams, A.D.C.; W. A. Jarvis and F. C. Walker, Stewards; and W. Partridge, Tyler. The other founders of the lodge were Bros. W. Callingham, W. Sarjeant, T. R.

The Worshipful Master afterwards presided at an excellently served banquet in the Crown Room of the Freemasons' Tavern, at which over a hundred brethren were present, amongst many other well known members of the Craft being Bros. James Terry, P.G.S. Br.; William Shurmur, P.G. Std. Br.; and T. W. Williams, Mayor of Lewisham. Forest Hill being situate in the Borough of Lewisham, Bro. Williams has very kindly granted the new lodge permission to adopt as their seal the Borough of Lewisham Coat of Arms.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, Bro. Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, in the course of an amusing speech, said that looking around the room that evening, everything seemed in the lodge's favour. It was for them to see that they carried on the work with the same enthusiasm as they had begun it, and his advice to every member was to attend the dinners, but not to forget to also attend the lodge.

In responding to the toast of "The Consecrating Officer," V.W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, who was very enthusiastically received, said that the starting of a new lodge's existence was not the least pleasurable of the Grand Officers' duties. Referring to his assistant officers that evening, Bro. Letchworth remarked that the manner in which Bro. Frank Richardson and his co-workers had arranged the recent great meeting at the Albert Hall, had called forth the approval not only of the Grand Master, but of His Majesty the King.

In proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. James Speller, P.G. Std. Br.," Bro. Letchworth stated that this occasion was certainly the sixth, if not the seventh, on which their much esteemed brother had been installed into the Master's chair, and he warmly congratulated the lodge on having so experienced a principal officer during the first, and therefore the most important, year of the lodge's existence.

The Mayor of Lewisham, Bro. T. Williams, expressed his pleasure that the lodge would meet in the borough with which he happened to be connected. He had been greatly impressed with the ceremony he had that evening witnessed, and he believed that if the principles of Masonry could but be truly acted on, a reformation would speedily commence throughout the world.

Bro. H. E. Francis also responded.

The Toast of "The Officers" was responded to by Bro. Baxter, who, as Treasurer, reported that a sum of £150 had that day been paid into the bank to the lodge's credit, and also by Bro. Peirce, the energetic Secretary, to whom the greater part of the work which culminated in the arrangements of that evening had fallen, but who stated that he had received all the reward he desired for the time and work which he had given in the success that had met his efforts in the formation of the lodge.



THE TREASURER, BRO. H. A. BAXTER.



THE SECRETARY, BRO. H. PEIRCE.

Bro. James Speller, in briefly replying, said that he hoped it would not be long before the Forest Hill Lodge became one of the most prominent on that side of London.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. James Terry said he had been only too happy to be able to do anything to assist the founders with the work of the lodge previously to its consecration, and hoped that it was the first of many occasions on which he should be present with them.

Bro. Peirce also stated that the beginnings of the Forest Hill Lodge were made in the Chough Lodge of Instruction, No. 2264, most of the founders being members of the lodge of instruction, which had for some months past held its meetings at the Forest Hill Hotel, where the new quarters of the lodge were to be.

The S.W. and J.W. having replied, the proceedings, were brought to a close.



THE BANQUET.

*Masonic Statue of
General Albert Pike, 33°.*

No more striking personage in American Masonry has appeared in that fruitful soil of Masonic celebrities than the late General Albert Pike, 33°, a man whose commanding presence, scholarly erudition, and life long zeal in the service of Masonry justly entitle him to the admiration and gratitude of all seekers after Masonic knowledge. At once a scholar, a



soldier, and a poet, he devoted nearly a lifetime to the service of the Order he loved so well, and the statue that has been erected to his memory by the Supreme Council, 33°, and which is placed in one of the squares of Washington, near the head-quarters of that body, is a fitting tribute to his worth. It was designed by the famous Italian sculptor, G. Trentanove, who is also a Mason. The size is heroic. The female figure at the base of the pedestal represents Masonry holding the banner of the Supreme Council. It is to be unveiled at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council during the coming month.

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An Installation Ceremony.

IN view of the great interest taken in the recent ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall, we think the following extract from the *London Chronicle* of 1814 reporting a similar will be interesting to our readers:—

"ANCIENT FREEMASONS."

"On Monday last the Installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, as Grand Master of Ancient Freemasons of England, took place at Freemasons' Hall. The whole was conducted with strict regard to its ancient solemnities, and was a magnificent ceremony. His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, his Grace the Duke of Athol, his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, his Excellency the Count de la Gardje, and other illustrious and distinguished persons, assisted in the procession, and in the business, which can neither be printed nor described. The Right Hon. Lord Dundas was at the same time installed as Deputy Grand Master. There were present a number of Provincial Grand Masters, Visitors from the Grand Ledges of Scotland and Ireland, and the Representatives of the Lodges holding of the United Grand Lodge of England. The spectacle was heightened by the happy union which has taken place between the two Fraternities, so successfully brought about by the fraternal and conciliatory efforts of the two Royal Dukes, under the sanction of the Prince Regent, the Patron of the Order, and to which the truly disinterested conduct of the Duke of Athol, who had been the Grand Master of the one body for a period of near forty years, mainly contributed. The Representatives of the Lodges of both Orders were so completely intermixed, and the costume so uniform, as to make but one body, and they were not more perfectly united in appearance than in brotherhood. The ceremony was accompanied by music. A sublime anthem, composed by Mr. Wesley, was performed with great effect on the organ—the vocal parts by Mr. Leete, Mr. Goss, Mr. Evans, and others; and different parts of the solemnity were relieved by other pieces of music, composed by Mr. Kelly, and an Ode, appropriate to the occasion, spoken by Mr. Pope. The Duke of Kent's band, being all Masons, were in the Gallery. The service of the day was rendered most truly interesting by a Discourse which the Grand Master gave on the subject of Masonry, its antiquity, its traditions, its long preservation in primitive simplicity, its universality, and its beneficent objects. His Royal Highness stated his determination to preserve the Craft in its genuine purity, and trusted he should meet the countenance of the numerous Lodges, in raising such an Establishment in the metropolis of the British Empire, for the Grand Lodge, as should make it the central point of masonic communion to the Fraternity throughout the world. As an object of literary and antiquarian research, the science was highly curious to the scholar as well as the divine. For this purpose, it was His Royal Highness's wish, among other things, that a Library should be formed for masonic investigation; and it would be found that this would be by no means a trilling or an easy acquisition; for such a library would not contain any of the trash foisted on the vulgar as masonic histories, but would embrace a very numerous collection of rare and valuable books in the Hebrew, Celtic, Greek, Latin, and Oriental languages. This was received by the numerous body of Masons assembled with the most heartfelt applause.

"The ceremony lasted for four hours; after which the Masters of more than 200 Lodges were severally introduced to His Royal Highness, and received his hand as Brothers.

"The Banquet is to be held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday next, when his Royal Highness the Grand Master will be in the Chair, and when he will be honoured with the presence of all the illustrious Members of the Craft now in London."

A Veteran Australian Freemason.

THE subject of our illustration is probably one of the oldest, as he certainly is one of the best known and most popular, members of the Craft in Australia. His reputation as a worker in almost every Degree in Freemasonry is great, and his knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence has brought him into contact with most of the leading Masonic authorities within the area now covered by the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Bro. Higstrim's Masonic experiences extend over a period of forty years, he having been initiated in the year 1861. During this long period he has worthily filled many offices and taken part in every movement having for its object the welfare of the Craft. He commenced his Masonic career under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, having been initiated in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 358, becoming R.W. Master in 1875, and a second time in 1878. In 1871 he became affiliated to the English Constitution by joining the Zetland Lodge, No. 655, and for five years he filled the office of Secretary. In 1880 he joined the Sydney St. John Lodge, No. 646 (S.C.), and after filling the chair of Master for two years in succession, he became its Secretary, which office he continued to hold for twenty years. In 1885 he assisted in founding a lodge under the Scottish Constitution—the St. George—and was its Secretary until it joined the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In Provincial and District Grand Lodges Bro. Higstrim has held the offices of P.G. Clerk, Senior Prov. G. Warden, Provincial Grand Secretary, and District Grand Secretary. In connection

with the District Grand Lodge under the English Constitutions he will be principally remembered for his strenuous efforts to clear up the arrears of work that had accumulated in the office of the District Grand Secretary up to the year 1884, which work he had been specially requested to undertake. This was so perfectly carried out that he received the offer of an appointment as District Grand Secretary, which was declined, although it was accompanied by an offer of a salary considerably in advance of the sum he was receiving for similar service under the Scottish Constitution.

Our space will not admit of recording the many offices Bro. Higstrim held in various Masonic bodies outside the Craft, but that he was equally active in these is shown by the numerous presentations and written acknowledgments of which he has from time to time been the recipient.

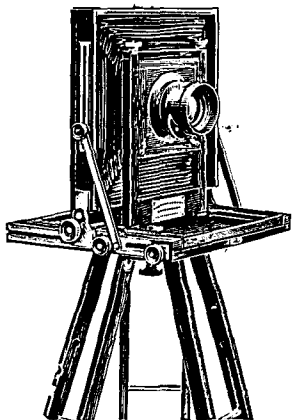
We may mention, however, that his activities have embraced Mark Masonry, Knight Templary, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Ark Mariners, and other Degrees, in all of which he has not only filled various offices, but has made himself proficient in the ritual and ceremonies. It will be seen, therefore, that our brother's Masonic life has been a busy and useful one, and should he elect to retire on his laurels he can more than

claim a well earned rest, but he is hale and hearty, and may reasonably look forward to many more years of activity and usefulness in connection with the Order in which he has filled so prominent a part. Bro. Higstrim is now on a visit to this country after an absence of fifty years.



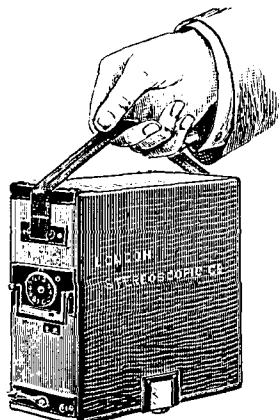
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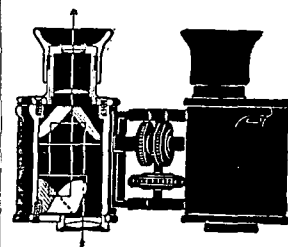
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Bro. Dr. Conan Doyle.

FEW present-day authors have a firmer hold on the public than the distinguished subject of our sketch, and it is not too much to say that as a writer of short stories he has but few, if any, living equals.

Born at Edinburgh in 1859, his grandfather was John Doyle, the caricaturist, better known as "H. B." His father was Charles Doyle, the artist, and his uncles, Richard Doyle, of *Punch*; James Doyle, the historian; and Henry Doyle, C.B., Director of the Irish Academy. Brought up to



BRO. DR. CONAN DOYLE.

medicine, he was educated at Stonyhurst, and afterwards at Edinburgh University, where he took his degree of M.D. After two long voyages, one to the Arctic seas in a Greenland whaler and the other to the West Coast of Africa, he settled into practice at Southsea. Ever since 1878 he had been a contributor to various magazines, but it was not until 1887 that "A Study in Scarlet" appeared, and it was on the 26th of January in the same year that Dr. Conan Doyle was initiated into Freemasonry under the auspices of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, at Portsmouth, at the age of thirty-four.

"Micah Clarke," which was his next book, was refused by five publishers, being eventually accepted by Longman's, and it is hardly necessary to say that it afterwards ran into several

editions. Finding literary work more and more engrossing, Bro. Conan Doyle gave up the medical profession and devoted his whole energies to authorship. "The Captain of the Polestar," "The Sign of Four," "The White Company," and "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" followed each other very quickly. The last-named work was not thought by its author to be by any means his best, but in this the public was not in agreement with him, and we venture to think it is by his authorship of "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" that Dr. Conan Doyle is best known to the man in the street. His other books are—"The Refugees," "The Great Shadow," "Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes," "The Stark Miner's Letters," and "The Exploits of Brigadier Gerard."

The truly Masonic spirit shown by our distinguished brother in going out to South Africa as Secretary and Medical Registrar of the Langman Field Hospital is fresh in the minds of most of us. While at the seat of war, he attended the never to be forgotten scratch lodge at Bloemfontein in company with Bro. Rudyard Kipling, and the St. Mary's Chapel Lodge, No. 1, Edinburgh, commemorated his return to England by conferring on him the honorary membership of the lodge. In the speech which he made on that occasion he confirmed the many reports that have reached us as to the value of Freemasonry on the battlefield. Prisoners on both sides, when found to be Freemasons, were, he said, invariably treated with more courtesy and consideration than would otherwise have been the case.

Author, doctor, member of the M.C.C., and politician, Bro. Conan Doyle's versatility is not the least noteworthy feature of his career. He is still a comparatively young man, and it may not unreasonably be hoped that more laurels are in store for him, not less in Freemasonry than in those other fields in which he has been so eminently successful.

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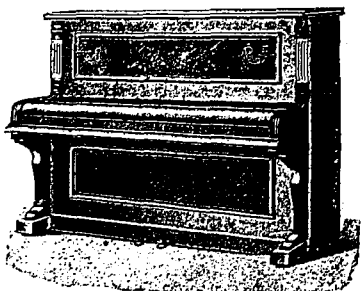
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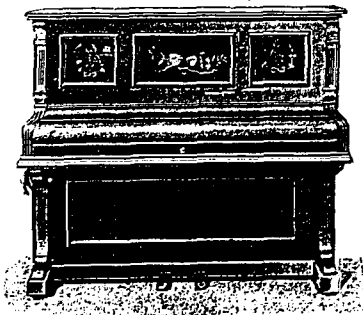


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