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*R. W. Bro. Charles Trevor Mold,
 District Grand Master of the Argentine Republic.*

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Freemasonry in the Argentine Republic.

ACCORDING to tradition, a military lodge was held in the city of Buenos Ayres, in the year 1806, during the British occupation, under General W. C. Beresford, which appears to be the earliest trace of Masonry in these parts.

In 1812 the "Lautaro" Lodge was formed for purely political purposes. Its procedure, however, appears to have been based upon the English ritual, the higher grades being reserved for the principals who were sworn to the independence of the country.

After the fall of Dictator Rosas, in 1852, the Lodge "Amie des Naufrages" was chartered by the Grand Orient of France, and continued to work in perfect harmony with the English lodges subsequently formed, until the year 1878, when all relations were ordered to be broken off.

On 10th June, 1853, the Earl of Zetland, as Grand Master of England, issued a warrant for the first English lodge in this Republic, viz., the "Excelsior," No. 900 (now 617), which was consecrated on 19th January, 1854.

On 16th May, 1859, a warrant was granted by the Grand Lodge of England for the formation of the Lodge "Teutonia," No. 1092 (later 790), to several German brethren of the Lodge

the suburb of Quilmes, near Buenos Ayres, in 1893; and Lodge "St. John's," No. 2517, in the suburb of Lomas de Zamora, near Buenos Ayres, in 1894.



BRO. F. RIDER HANCOCK, DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

"Excelsior," authorising them to work in the German language. This lodge continued to work until 1871, when, due to the yellow fever epidemic, its working was suspended and the warrant returned.

In 1860, through the medium of the "Excelsior" Lodge, the Grand Lodge of England entered into a treaty with the newly formed Grand Orient of the Argentine Republic, whereby the latter was formally recognised, and the Grand Lodge of England authorised to increase its lodges, working in the York rite, under the jurisdiction of a Provincial or District Grand Master.

On 6th August, 1864, the Lodge "Star of the South," No. 1025, was warranted in the city of Buenos Ayres. This was followed by the constitution in July, 1875, of the Lodge "Light of the South," No. 1553, in the city of Rosario de Santa Fé; Lodge "Southern Cross," No. 1740, in the city of Cordova, in 1878; Lodge "Victoria," No. 2329, in the city of Buenos Ayres, in 1880; Lodge "Quilmes," No. 2459, in



BRO. F. J. MORPHY, PAST DEPUTY DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

In July, 1862, the first District Grand Master was appointed in the person of the Rev. John Chubb Ford, British Chaplain in Buenos Ayres. Upon his resignation in 1868, Bro. Richard Briscoe Masefield was appointed and held the office until his death in 1887. His successor was Bro. George J. Ryan, who had just received the rank of



BRO. J. COLPAS CLARK, P.D.S.G.W., DISTRICT GRAND SECRETARY.

Past Grand Sword Bearer, in commemoration of the Jubilee of her late Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and on 25th January, 1888, he was duly installed, his Deputy being

Bro. James T. Ramsey, who resigned shortly afterwards, and was succeeded by Bro. Ferdinand Jamison Morphy.

On Bro. Morphy's appointment as Grand Superintendent of the District Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch of the Argentine Republic in 1895, Bro. Charles Trevor Mold, who had held the post of District Grand Secretary for eighteen years, was appointed as Deputy District Grand Master.

Upon the decease of Bro. Ryan, on 6th March, 1896, Bro. C. Trevor Mold, the present District Grand Master, was appointed and duly installed on 16th September, 1896, with

The head-quarters are now fixed in comfortable and commodious premises specially built for the Craft in Prince George's Hall, No. 1230, Calle Cuyo, Buenos Ayres, a building raised by the British community to commemorate the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York, now Prince of Wales, and which contains the finest hall for social festivities in the Argentine Republic. The inauguration ceremony of the Masonic portion took place in January, 1896, at the first meeting of the District Grand Lodge, presided over by the present District Grand Master when Deputy in charge of the



PRINCE GEORGE'S HALL, BUENOS AYRES.

Bro. H. S. Chappell as his Deputy, and upon this brother's resignation in 1901, Bro. F. J. Morphy again accepted the post of Deputy, which he still ably fills.

With the exception of a slight difference in 1877 regarding the rights of the Grand Lodge of England under the treaty, and which was soon satisfactorily settled, amicable relations have always existed between the Argentine Orient and this District, the largest in area (over 1,200,000 square miles) under the Grand Lodge of England, and although not inside the realms of the British Empire, continues to steadily progress and flourish.

District. The 100th meeting of the District Grand Lodge took place in 1898, and was followed by a banquet, at which 143 brethren were present, and which was so successful that it has since become an annual institution after the quarterly meeting in April.

The District Grand Master, who was empowered by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to confer on one brother the rank and dignity of a Past District Grand Officer in commemoration of the installation of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master, on the 17th July, 1901, last April selected for the honour Bro. John

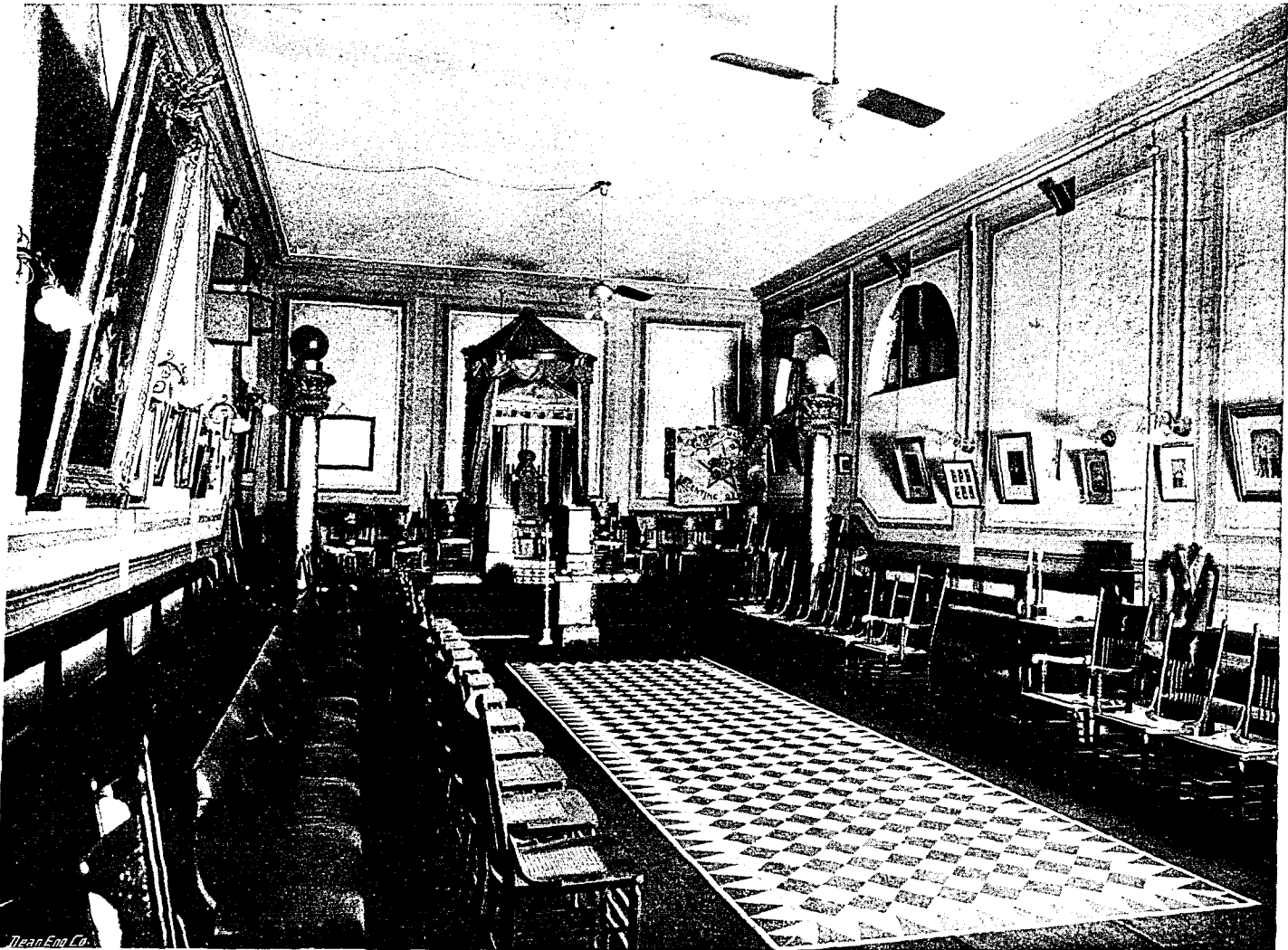
Colpas Clark, the District Grand Secretary, who has for nearly five years proved himself an exemplary officer in his present post, and nominated him a Past District Senior Grand Warden.

The meetings of the District Grand Lodge are held quarterly, namely, on the fourth Monday in the months of January, April, July, and October, that in July being the annual one, when the investment of officers, &c., takes place.

At the annual meeting, on the 28th July, Bro. F. J. Morphy, owing to ill-health, resigned the post of Deputy District Grand Master, and was succeeded by Bro. F. Rider Hancock, Past Deputy Senior Grand Warden, who has well served the District for fourteen years as Grand Treasurer.

In accordance with the authorisation to confer Past rank on one brother on the occasion of the Coronation, the District Grand Master conferred on Bro. F. Conlon de Menron, P.M. 617 and 2517, the rank and dignity of Past District Senior Grand Warden in recognition of his many services as District Grand Registrar.

The District Grand Lodge also unanimously voted the sum of 100 guineas to the Charity Schools in Palermo, Buenos Ayres, under the superintendence of the Rev. Wm. C. Morris, in commemoration of the Coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. These Schools, although managed by a clergyman of the Church of England, admit all nationalities and sects.



A LODGE ROOM IN PRINCE GEORGE'S HALL, BUENOS AYRES.

The Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549.

IN connection with the above, a lodge of instruction has just been started under very happy auspices at the Memorial Hall, Stanmore. On Friday, October 10th, at their second meeting, Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, rehearsed the ceremonies of consecration and installation, assisted by Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.G.D., as S.W.; W. J. Crump, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.G.W. Essex, as J.W.; the Rev. E. H. Fisher, P.G. Reg. Middlesex, as D.C.; the Rev. A. R. T. Eales, P.G.C. Essex, Chaplain; W. W. Mansfield, P.P.G.D. Middlesex, as I.G.; J. A. Webb, Secretary; E. Cutler, K.C., P.G. Org., as Organist; and supported by Bros. Longton, P.G. Sec. Middlesex; W. H. Reed, P.G. Treas. Middlesex; J. B. Blackburn, P.P.G. Supt. of Works; C. T. Tolman, P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex; and about thirty brethren. Bros. S. W. Hunt was installed W.M.; W. Truelove, S.W.; and E. Bull, J.W.

In the oration, the Chaplain impressed the brethren in a well-studied and thoughtful address, taking for his subject

five of the great landmarks of the Order: "Belief in the personalty of God," which is the foundation of Freemasonry; "Belief in the great hereafter," the immortal principal that gives a sure and certain hope for the future; "The study of the V. of S.L.," a light to our path and a guide to our feet; "The Secrecy of the Order," learning in secret and carrying out into the world; "Fidelity in our obligation to God and man," and its responsibility.

The lodge is to be heartily congratulated upon the honour conferred upon it. Although Bro. Letchworth has consecrated over two hundred lodges, he has not publicly rehearsed the ceremony before. We can only hope it will not be the last time. Under the able direction of Bro. Hunt, as Preceptor, the lodge will be of great help to many brethren in this part of Middlesex. A Masonic Benevolent Association will be immediately started, with Bro. J. A. Webb as Secretary.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Royal Abercorn Hotel for supper.

The Province of South Wales (Eastern Division).

Presentation to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

THE annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, held under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Llangattock, Provincial Grand Master, in September last, was unique in the history of this large and flourishing division of South Wales.

Every seat in the magnificent Masonic Temple at Cardiff was occupied by an eager and enthusiastic throng of Freemasons, who had foregathered from all parts of the district to do honour to one revered and respected, the occasion being the recognition of twenty-five years' active service by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and this event formed the sole topic of interest amongst the brethren.

Thanks to the zeal and able guidance of Bro. Lord Llangattock, who took the initiative in the movement, a response as hearty as it was liberal testified to the delight which all felt in recognising the splendid services which Bro. Tennant had rendered to Masonry in general, and this province in particular, so that a handsome fund was quickly raised, but by special desire of Bro. Tennant, whose wishes were naturally ascertained beforehand, the subscriptions were strictly limited amongst all classes, and the only difficulty experienced was in restraining ardent brethren from exceeding the limits.

The presentation consisted of a number of articles, foremost amongst which was an illuminated album containing the address of congratulation, followed by the names of every subscriber, each arranged according to rank and lodge, forming a veritable work of art as well as a permanent memento of the occasion.

Next came a really choice collection of silver plate, weighing upwards of 200 ounces, selected according to Lord Llangattock's own designs, and to this was added a purse of gold, the latter being left over "because they didn't know how to spend it," as Lord Llangattock, in making the presentation, happily explained.

The brethren, mindful of the sacrifices which Bro. Tennant's many engagements from home have made upon his domestic life, presented Mrs. Tennant with a handsome dressing bag in token of their grateful appreciation.

Bro. Tennant, who, on rising to reply, received an ovation which lasted several minutes, said he found words altogether inadequate to express his feelings, which stirred him to the depths of his heart, in receiving that day such a generous and tangible expression of their good will and loyalty after the lapse of twenty-five years' work in their midst. Great changes had occurred since he first became their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, for twenty-five years ago there

were only eight lodges in the province; now they had a roll of twenty-two lodges and a membership multiplied tenfold. In addition, a Provincial Grand Chapter, over which he had presided for many years, had been formed, with nine chapters at the present time, and these, together with the lodges, had attained a measure of success far beyond his most sanguine expectations. His first words must therefore be those of deep thankfulness to the G.A.O.T.U. for giving him health and strength to carry on his duties, and secondly to those devoted officers throughout the province, without whose constant allegiance and energetic labours his efforts would have been in vain. To his Provincial Grand Master he was greatly indebted for much able guidance and direction, and it would always be a pleasure to serve under him. In conclusion, Bro. Tennant said that in accepting the gifts he

should value them not so much for their intrinsic value—although that was great, but because of the good feeling which prompted the gift, and which had always been so conspicuous a feature throughout his career. As long as he lived he should cherish those gifts, and would hand them down to his family as amongst the most prized of all his possessions.

Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, whose portrait we give, was initiated in the Afan Lodge, No. 833, in the year 1863; has been Worshipful Master of his mother lodge five times, and served several offices in Provincial Grand Lodge before he was appointed Senior Grand Warden by the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Theodore M. Talbot, shortly after whose death he was appointed by the late Bro. Sir George Elliot—the successor to Bro. Talbot—to the important office he now

holds under the rule of the present Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Llangattock, to whom Bro. Tennant has proved a veritable tower of strength. To enumerate the history of Bro. Tennant's tenure of office would be to write a history of the province during the last quarter of a century, and could not be contained in a single article, but suffice it to say that no movement for the advancement of Masonic principles in the highest sense has had a more enthusiastic adherent than Bro. Tennant, and no province has ever had its Charities administered with more single-hearted devotion than he has bestowed upon the sacred cause of the widow and the orphan.

Perhaps the greatest and most lasting memorial of his work, is the inception and establishment upon a sound financial basis of a local charity scheme, known as the Masonic Educational and Widows' Fund, which makes annual grants of money to assist the education of orphan



BRO. MARMADUKE TENNANT, DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER.

boys and girls in their own homes, and to enable the widows of Freemasons to live amongst their own relatives and friends. His efforts to secure the admission of candidates in the Masonic Schools have always been attended with conspicuous success, and only a few weeks ago a girl from this province was second on the list of those elected.

In the year 1887 Bro. Tennant received Grand Lodge rank of Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, and never was an honour bestowed upon a more deserving brother. Years of labour in the great cause have not checked the flame; time

and distance count for nothing when duty calls; no effort is wasted that does something for his own beloved province; and the ripe experience of a sound judgment and generous, yet simple hearted, nature, is at the disposal of every Mason who makes a call upon his services. His magnetic personality has held sway so long that one wonders how the province could exist without him, and the most fervent hope in the breast of every brother is the wish that the province may have his guiding hand at the helm of affairs for many long years to come.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A Visit to the New Schools at Bushey.

THE new schools at Bushey being now practically complete, the Committee of Management considered that the time had arrived to give the subscribers and friends of the Institution an opportunity of inspecting the buildings and grounds, and invitations "to view" were issued for Saturday, October 11th. A large number of brethren and ladies availed themselves of the opportunity, and although the weather was not inviting, there must have been upwards of 700 visitors present. Excellent arrangements had been made for conveyance both by rail and road, and those who

proceeded to inspect the buildings. A very excellent itinerary and description of the buildings, which had been prepared by Bro. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution, supplemented by the intelligent explanations of the boys, made things quite easy and agreeable, and enabled the visitors to gather the fullest information in regard to this great undertaking.

That the labours of the Management Committee have been crowned with complete success, was abundantly proved by the unqualified expressions of admiration and approval



THE MAIN ENTRANCE.

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were not repelled by distance or weather were amply rewarded for their efforts. The visitors were received by Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, P.A.G.D.C., Chairman, and other members of the Board of Management, and in parties of about twenty, under the guidance of the senior boys,

which came from everyone present, and it may be safely asserted that for excellence of situation, beauty of design, and adaptability to the purposes to which it is to be devoted, this magnificent pile of buildings will rank among the finest of its kind in this country.

The laying out of the grounds and the furnishing of the

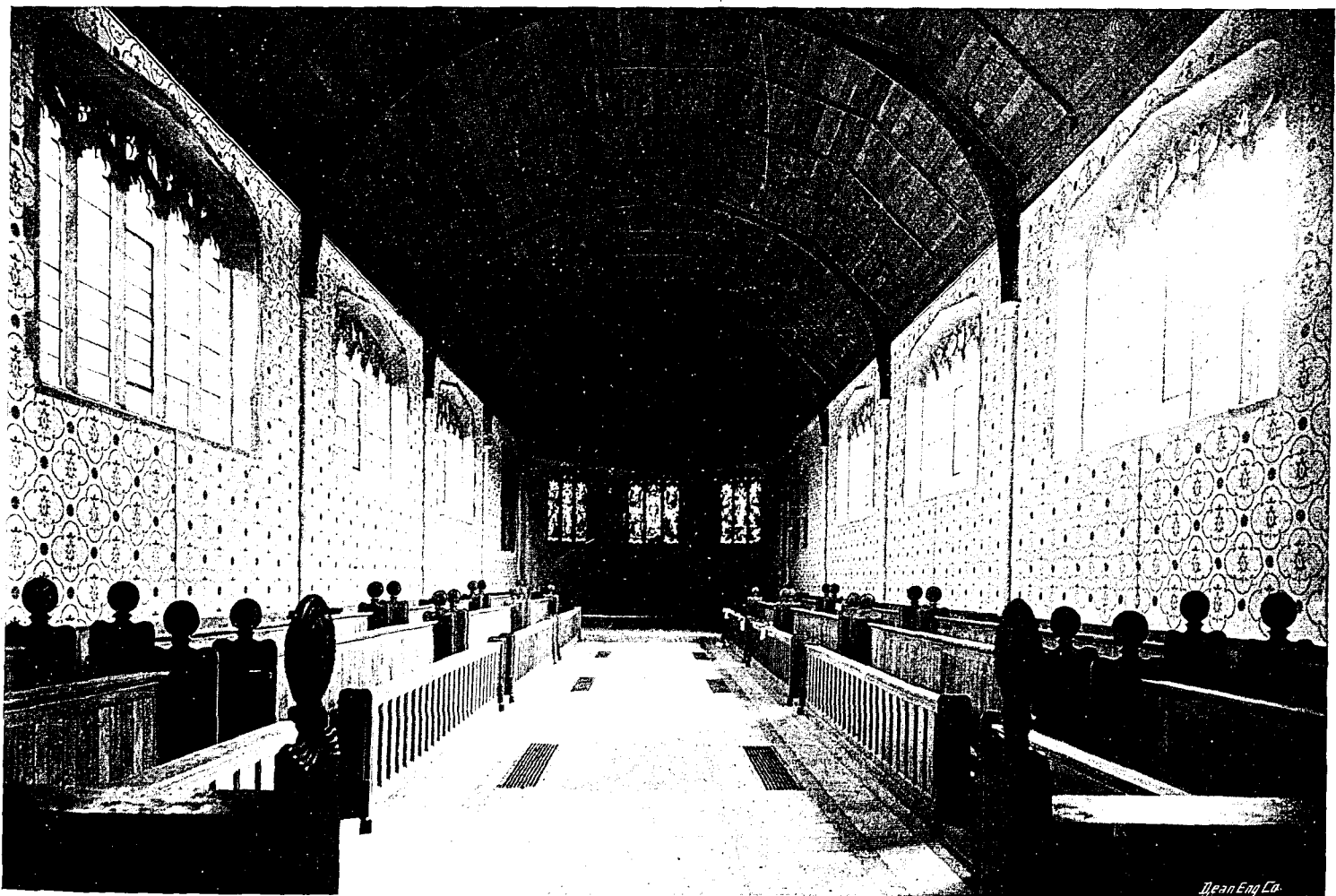


A GENERAL VIEW.

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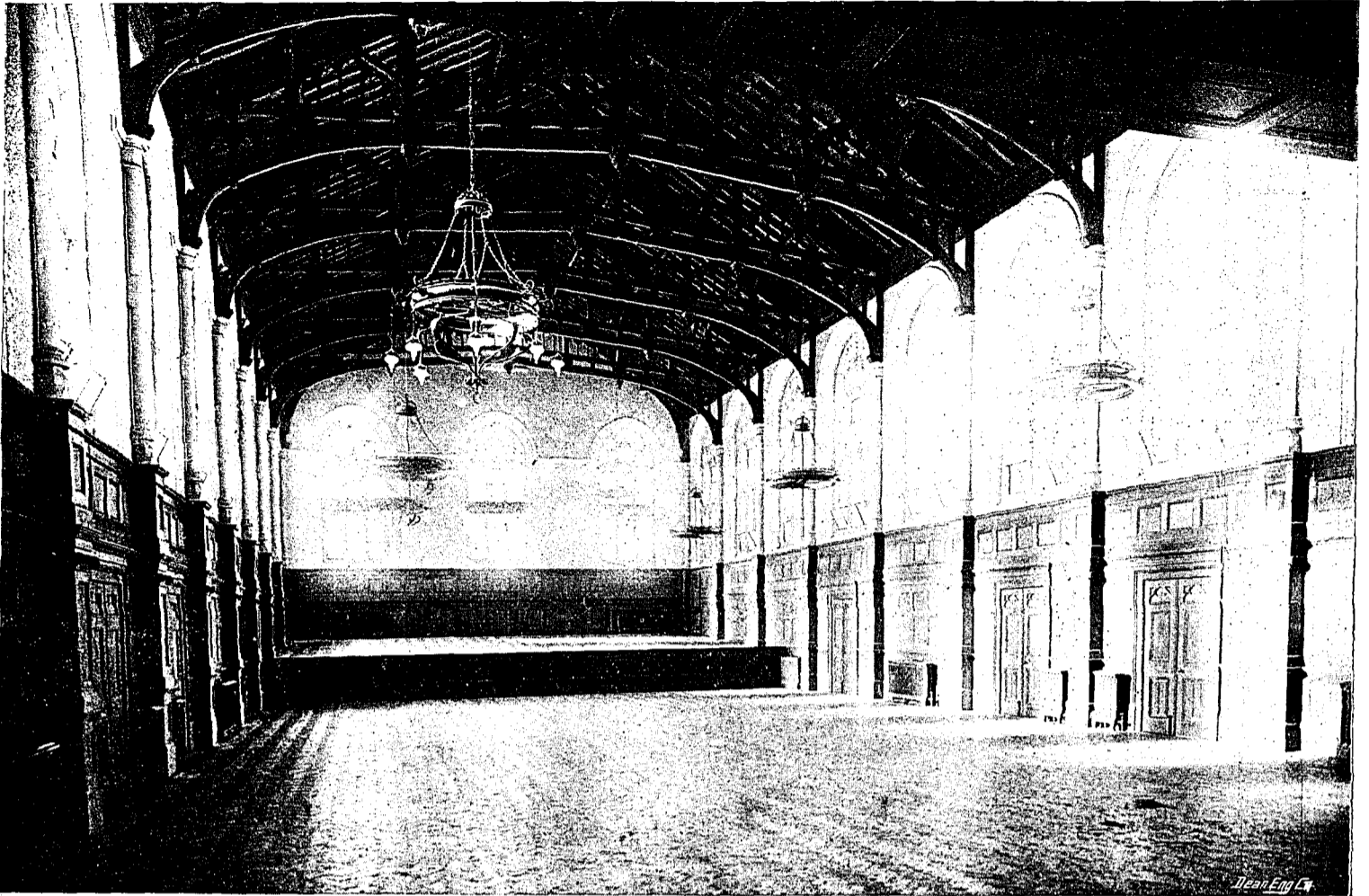
various rooms remain to be done, but it is intended that the boys shall occupy the school on their return from the Christmas holidays. At present the dormitory accommodation has been completed for 400 boys, but the design admits of complete arrangement for a school of 500, the hall, administrative offices, &c., being adapted for the greater number so as to avoid expense of alterations in the future.

For an exhaustive and most interesting description of the various rooms and the uses to which they are to be devoted, we must refer our readers to Bro. J. M. McLeod's interesting pamphlet, but we cannot omit to note a few of the prominent features embraced in the general design, notably the arrangement of the residential blocks which are placed at each corner of the main quadrangle, each to accommodate



THE CHAPEL.

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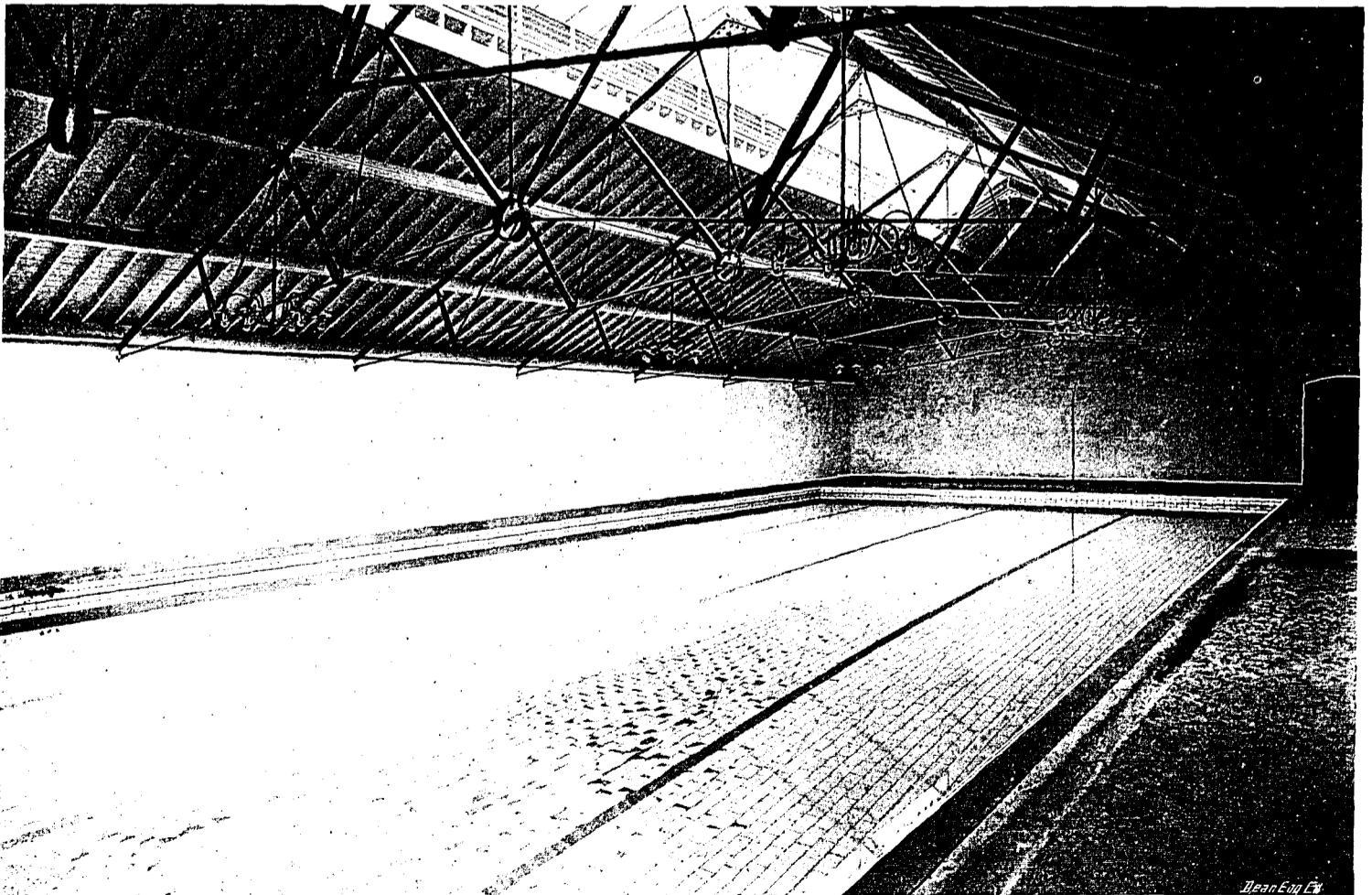
THE GREAT HALL.

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100 boys, and comprising two houses with day schools, dormitories, and masters' and servants' rooms complete, all the principal blocks being connected by cloisters, with subways for domestic service. The roomy and well-appointed laboratories indicate that practical science is to be a prominent feature in the curriculum of studies. Beyond the dining hall, with its kitchen and service department on the north-

east side, and with its separate courtyard, are the technical schools, swimming bath, gymnasium, lives-court, &c.

An interesting feature in the general design is the chapel, which, together with its furniture and fittings, is the munificent gift of Bro. C. E. Keyser, Patron and Treasurer of the Institution. It is erected in the south-west of the main block of buildings, and with its flint walls and stone



THE SWIMMING BATH.

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facings forms a delightfully restful and welcome contrast to the red brick of the surrounding buildings. Bro. E. Doran Webb, F.S.A., is responsible for the design, which consists of a long nave with a low bell turret at the south-west angle, and a vestry and tribune on either side of the east end, with a small chancel or sanctuary which terminates in a semi-octagonal apse. The internal measurement is 135 feet long by 28 feet broad. The style is the 15th century perpendicular. It has three windows at the eastern apse, three on either side of the nave and one at the west end, all being of three lights and with four central arches. The floor of the main part of the nave is of stone, and that of the east bay and chancel of marble. The roof as well as the seating, the gallery, the fronts of the tribunes, and the communion table are entirely of English oak. The three east windows are filled with beautiful stained windows from the design of Bro. P. H. Newman, representing the Nativity, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection. The decoration of the walls has also been carried out under the direction of Bro. Newman.

The foundation-stone let into the exterior face of the east wall bears the following inscription:—"This stone was laid by the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., &c., Past Grand Master of England, May 12th, 1900."

Since the opening of the original premises at Wood Green in 1859, the school has gone through many vicissitudes and varying periods of prosperity and depression, but the Institution at the present moment stands out as one of the most successful centres of education in the United Kingdom, while the moral tone and the physical training of the boys leaves nothing to be desired. No little credit for this happy state of affairs is due to the Secretary and a Vice-President of the Institution, W. Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, and the headmaster, Rev. H. A. Hebb, and his staff, whose exertions since assuming the reins of government have been indefatigable. From year to year under their direction, sanctioned by the Board of Management, the subjects embraced in the school curriculum have increased very materially, while the successes in public and other examinations have been phenomenal. This is demonstrated beyond doubt as each annual distribution of prizes takes place, and the confidence reposed in the Board of Management is accordingly increased at each of such functions.

It is announced that Bro. the Right Hon. Viscount Ridley, Provincial Grand Master for Northumberland, will take the chair at the 105th Festival to be held in June next, and with so popular a Chairman, supported as he will undoubtedly be by a loyal province, a successful Festival is beyond doubt.

The Restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey.

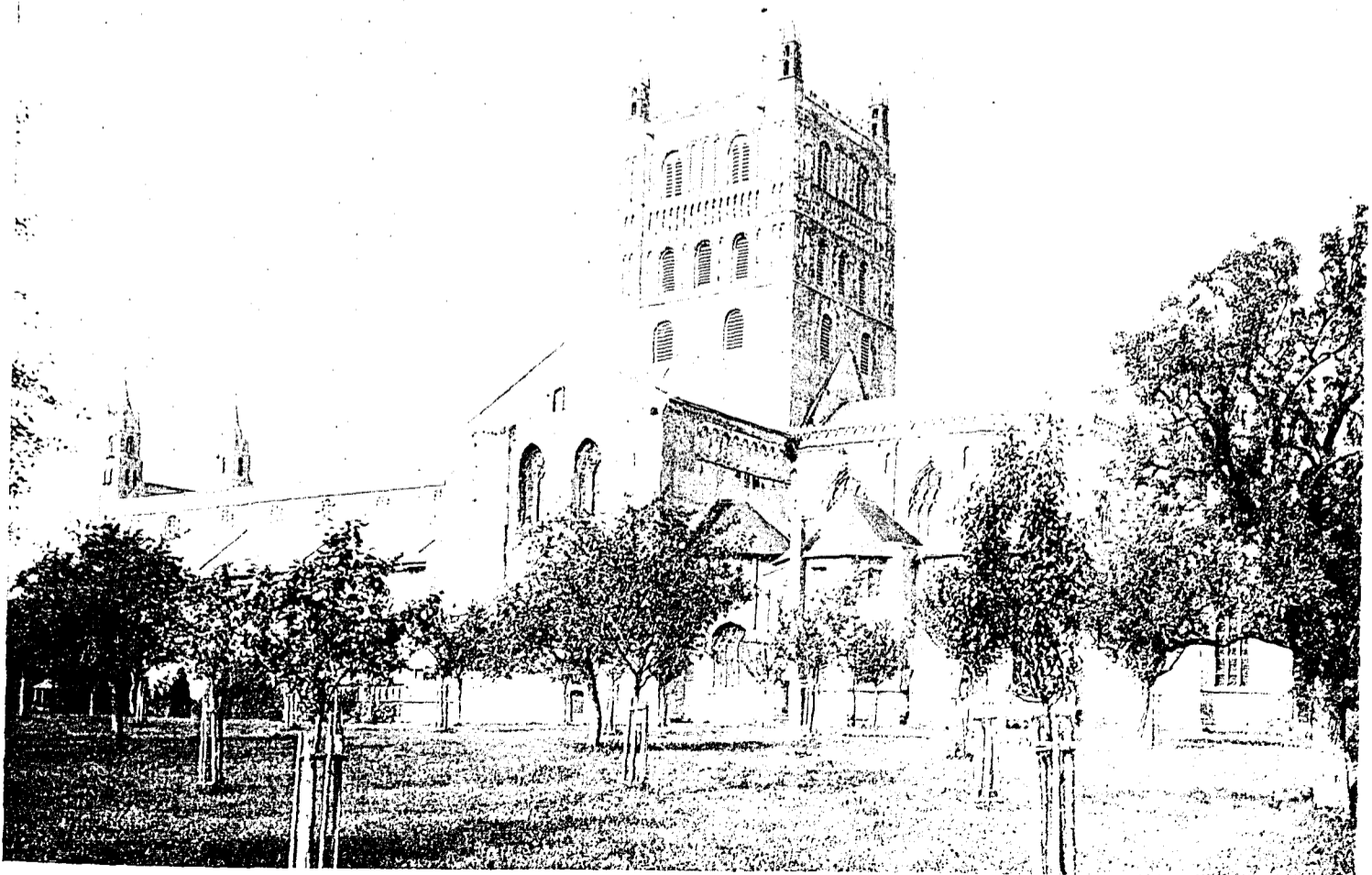
AT the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, on the 30th September, the Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £172, a surplus which the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, said the Treasurer had, by his wise administration, produced without extra taxation.

Bro. Baker reported that the work of the restoration of Tewkesbury Abbey had proceeded satisfactorily, and was nearly completed. No old stone that was fit to remain had been removed. It had been most carefully restored, and all the types of the ancient work were still there. The estimated

cost was £540, towards which the St. George Lodge (Tewkesbury) had contributed £200.

The Provincial Grand Master said that bearing in mind that the Provincial Grand Lodge had done much to preserve the architectural monuments of the county—Gloucester Cathedral and Tewkesbury Abbey—he thought they might liberally deplete the Treasurer's balance. He proposed that they should vote £150 towards the deficit of £340 of the restoration fund.

This was seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and unanimously adopted.



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London and the Craft.

AS illustrative of the interest which should be felt in the numerous questions which attend the discussion of the important question of government, it may be instanced that there are many clear indications of a desire for devolution or decentralisation. It is less a matter of principles than the better employment of means, the general feeling being that while there should be one central and authoritative government, it should not be hampered by small details which demand local attention and merely tend to clog the works of the higher authority.

The title of this article may have already indicated that these remarks are intended to apply to the system of government exercised over the lodges located in London, more especially as it has been argued that the system is, to some extent, an anomaly.

In discussing the question of the control of lodges it is first of all necessary to point out that the lodges in the

Provinces and the lodges in the Metropolis are divided into two classes; on the one hand lodges outside the Metropolis (comprising four-fifths of all the lodges under the English jurisdiction) are controlled locally under the Supreme Authority by means of Provincial and District Grand Lodges, while the others, that is to say, the lodges in the Metropolis, are controlled directly by the Supreme Authority without the interposition of any subordinate authority whatever.

This difference in system as between the Provincial and the London lodges would appear to be due to two causes, the first being the close proximity of the lodges in London to the head-quarters of Grand Lodge, and the second, that the system has existed from the beginning, the constitutions of Masonry having been arrived at, like the constitutions of Great Britain, by a process of gradual growth.

Let us examine these reasons for the variation in control of the London and the Provincial lodges.

The first reason, that is, the nearness of the London lodges to the head-quarters of Grand Lodge, is one which bears some analogy to the political government of London. Parliament does not control the local details of London for the reason that its time is required for the affairs of the Nation. It may be argued with some force that the time of Grand Lodge which is occupied in the detailed management of lodges in London is required for the larger affairs of the whole Craft. In examining the second reason, which we have given for the immediate control by the Supreme Authority of lodges in London, viz., that it is now as it was in the beginning, it is necessary to consider the growth of London Masonry since the Union took place in 1813. There were at that time 104 lodges meeting in London. At present, not including the number which has been added since the publication of the last list, there are 497 lodges in the Metropolis. The lodges in five of the largest Provinces would be required to be added together to make the same total. It may be taken for granted that this growth in number will continue. Taking the London lodges during the last five years the average increase actually amounts to no less than one new lodge per month. It can be imagined at such a rate of increase how much detail work devolves on Grand Lodge. A system, therefore, of London government, which in former days was found to amply provide for the needs of the time, is not necessarily beyond the scope of consideration in view of modern requirements.

In alluding to the *minutiae* with which Grand Lodge has to deal in connection with the immediate control of lodges in London, it is of course somewhat difficult to exactly specify the almost microscopical details which are brought under its purview without any local assistance, but such matters as the consideration of appeals, questions as to the formation of new lodges, of ritual, of petitions for relief, and the issuing of dispensations to meet local exigencies, form but a small portion of the matters which it is called upon to digest.

The precedent supplied by the control of lodges in Provinces and Districts by Provincial and District Grand Lodges would appear to be sufficient in the consideration of any change in the government of London. Such local government, existing as it has from earliest times in Provinces and Districts, would certainly seem to be worthy of adoption in the government of the Metropolis.

Moreover there would be an undoubted advantage to London Masonry in the creation of appointments in connection with similarly constructed lodges in London, resulting as it would in prominent London Craftsmen being called upon to fill the necessary positions. It is obvious what an excellent incentive would be provided to perseverance and activity to London brethren in order to render themselves worthy of these honours.

In approaching a subject of so much importance to the well being of the Craft in London, and the work of the Grand Lodge of England, the writer is simply animated by a desire to open the way for discussion, and to content himself with this brief, and, it is hoped, clear *resumé* of the main facts of the question.



The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held on the 8th October in the Albert Hall, Leeds. An extra feature of interest was imparted to the proceedings by the fact that this was the first meeting held since the Provincial Grand Master had been elevated to the peerage as Lord Allerton. Another attraction was the presentation of an illuminated address and a service of plate of the value of about 120 guineas to Bro. W. F. Smithson, of Leeds, on the occasion of his relinquishing his connection with the Charity Committee, of which he had been a member for thirty years, and over twenty years a member of the Executive. Bro. Smithson had also been chairman for five years and vice-chairman for a similar period. This combination of interesting circumstances drew together a large attendance of the brethren, only two lodges in the province being unrepresented. The proceedings were presided over by the Provincial Grand Master (the Right Hon. Lord Allerton), who was supported by Bros. R. Wilson, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; H. Smith, P.P.D.G.M.; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.D.G.M.; and a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, addressing the Provincial Grand Master, said that on behalf of every lodge and brother of the Province of West Yorkshire he offered Lord Allerton their hearty congratulations on his elevation to the Peerage. Those congratulations were prompted by the esteem and affection which they entertained for him, by their appreciation of the honour which had been paid to him, and by the knowledge that in his new sphere his experience and abilities would be of great advantage to the nation. As head of the province, Lord Allerton had ruled them wisely and well. They congratulated him also because they knew him to be worthy of the honour, and they prayed that he might long have health and happiness in the full enjoyment of a well-spent, honourable life.

Lord Allerton, whose rising was the signal for an enthusiastic ovation, said he found it extremely difficult to find words adequately to thank them. He had sometimes wondered why that great honour had been conferred upon him, because so far as justification was concerned it was difficult for him to find any, but amid the very large number of messages and congratulations which had reached him from friends and neighbours of all classes, there were none he valued so highly as those of the brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire. He was aware of the large number of resolutions which had been passed, and accepted them with the frankness and in the spirit with which they had been forwarded, believing they honestly represented their feelings.

The address presented to Bro. Smithson stated that during Bro. Smithson's connection with the Charity Committee, £81,044 had been contributed by the province, and 302 Freemasons, widows, boys, and girls from the province had been elected to the Masonic Institutions in London with 600,920 votes. The presentation was made by Lord Allerton.

Bro. Smithson, in acknowledging the gift, remarked that during his connection with the Charity Committee he had only twice been absent. In that time sixty-four boys had been elected to the Boys' School, fourteen of whom were still in the institution; fifty-seven girls had been placed in the Girls' School, and nineteen were still there; while fifty-six old men and thirty-five widows had become annuitants, having received about £20,000.

Bro. Col. Mark Lockwood acquitted himself exceedingly well at the consecration recently of the Westcliffe Lodge, which was the first consecration that had fallen to his lot since his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Essex. The province has made rapid strides during the Grand Mastership of the Earl of Warwick, and its prosperity bids fair to continue under the new *regimé*. This makes the forty-sixth lodge in the province.

The traditional association of the City with Freemasonry has been continued this year, for both the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Marcus Samuel, and Bro. Sheriff Truscott, are well known members of the Craft. It is interesting to notice in this connection that Bro. J. D. Langton, P.D.G.D.C., has again been appointed one of the Under-Sheriff, the present occasion being the fourth on which Bro. Langton, who recently received the King's Coronation medal, will serve in that capacity.

Bro. Montague Guest has resigned the office of Provincial Grand Master for Dorsetshire, after a distinguished Masonic career of over thirty years. For a quarter of a century he has discharged with zeal, ability, and dignity, the duties of a provincial chief, and his association with the county will always be remembered for the foundation of the Dorset Masonic Charity, which has now invested funds amounting to about £4000. Bro. Guest was the originator of this splendid movement, and did his utmost to foster it.

Not a little satisfaction has been expressed by the Craft at the appointment of the Earl of Shaftesbury to the office of Provincial Grand Master for Dorset in succession to Bro. Montague Guest. His lordship is a grandson of the great Earl. We trust that Masonry in Dorset, which province at the present time numbers fifteen lodges, will go on and prosper under such distinguished rule.

In a recent number of THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED we duly recorded the services of Bro. Nicholas A. Earle, whose long and faithful record as an East Lancashire Mason had procured for him the distinction of a Grand Officer of the



BRO. NICHOLAS A. EARLE.

Grand Lodge of England. His appointment, in June last, as Past Grand Deacon, was a deservedly popular one, and we have now the pleasure of presenting our readers with the portrait of our worthy and distinguished brother.

The resignation of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach of the cares of official life in the world of politics, as he confessed at Cheltenham recently, will give him a larger opportunity for the cultivation of what may be termed "social interludes." That Masonry may be counted as an important item in the future social life of the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer is pretty obvious from the tone of his remarks at a recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire, when he was the recipient of a gratifying testimonial in recognition of the valuable services to the Craft during the twenty years of his Grand Mastership of the province, services rendered with much zeal and regularity, despite the fact that his term of office has run concurrently with the most strenuous and most important period of his distinguished public career. Not only Gloucestershire Freemasons, but the Craft in general will welcome his appearance at the gatherings of the Order, and will one and all join in the wish that he may long be spared in the enjoyment of full physical and mental vigour to render good "suit and service" for many years to come.

The Leamington Spa *Courier* in a recent article very happily institutes a comparison between the careers of the venerable Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master for Warwickshire, and the veteran Sir Michael Hicks-Beach—a parallel and a contrast—the one distinguished in the field of social reform by efforts steady and persistent, the other universally recognised as a tough fighter, bluff and outspoken, the "Black Michael" of the House of Commons. Yet easy as it would be to detect differences, it would be easier still to discover resemblances.

As landlords they enjoy equal popularity; in agriculture and the development of their county industries they are both greatly concerned; and in their personal tastes and habits they have the simplicity which belongs to the old school. But in neither of these points of similitude do we to-day seek a link wherewith to bind the two men. It is as Freemasons we would connect them. By a singular coincidence marked recognition has, within one week, been made by the Craft of the long and honourable connection of both with the noble and ancient Order.

At a time when sectarian bitterness in England has reached an active stage, Sir Michael's tribute to the value of Freemasonry is peculiarly pleasing. "I look," he said, "on Freemasonry in its social aspects as of great importance to the community. It softens their asperities, it soothes away differences of opinion, and even at times of political controversy like the present I can conceive a High Church clergyman and a Nonconformist minister meeting in fraternal and friendly intercourse as brothers of the same lodge. Though not a Christian order, it is based on those principles of brotherly love and charity which are, perhaps, the main foundation of the Christian religion."

At the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire, held recently at Newbury, Bro. Charles E. Keyser, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, said that next year he hoped to serve his fiftieth Stewardship for the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions. He had had the privilege of defraying the cost of erecting the chapel at the new Masonic School for Boys, and he was desirous, in the name of the Province of Berkshire, of giving 500 guineas, which would be sufficient to keep the chapel in proper repair in perpetuity. The announcement was received with applause, and Bro. Keyser was warmly thanked for his generous gift.

The Kimberley correspondent of the *Daily News* can hardly be considered up-to-date when he reports to that journal, in its issue of the 23rd September, that "The Prince of Wales as Grand Master of English Freemasons has signified his intention of appointing Bro. D. J. Haarhoff, of the Diamond City District, Grand Master of Central South

Africa." Such an appointment has certainly been made, but the fount of honour has been His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, and not the Prince of Wales, for the very good reason that the heir to the throne is not a member of the Order.

The Viator Lodge, No. 2308, had a busy night at the last meeting on the 20th September, at Anderton's Hotel. The business included the working of the Second and Third Degrees by the outgoing Master, the initiation of three candidates, and the installation of Bro. E. Wallace Carnon as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The latter ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. H. Hobbs, P.M.,



BRO. E. W. CARNON.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

P. Prov. J.G.D. Bucks, and Secretary of the lodge. The newly installed Worshipful Master, although seriously indisposed, gave an excellent example of his ability in the perfect manner in which he appointed and invested his officers and afterwards initiated three candidates. Before the lodge was closed a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Charles F. W. Crowther as a souvenir of his year of office.

Freemasons from all parts of the counties of Durham and Northumberland assembled in large numbers in the Freemasons' Hall, South Shields, on the 16th October, to take part in the consecration ceremony of a new lodge, which is named after the Right Hon. Lord Barnard, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, the Lord Barnard Lodge. It is intended to acquire a suitable building in the neighbourhood of Tyne Dock at an early date, where the meetings of the new lodge will be held, the majority of the gentlemen associated with its inauguration being resident in the west end of South Shields. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Lord Barnard, assisted by his Provincial Grand Officers.

Mr. Speaker Gully is amongst the eminent figures in the political world who are members of the Craft. The popular Speaker of the House of Commons, whose occupancy of that position dates, it will be remembered, from the time of the resignation of Mr. Speaker Peel (now Viscount Peel), was initiated in the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, so long ago as 1880, since when he has continued a subscribing member of that lodge. It is but a few months ago that he became a founder of the Seaford Lodge, No. 2907, which is to meet at Seaford, where Bro. Gully has his country seat. Our distinguished brother, who attained his 67th birthday on the

30th August last, is, says a contemporary, London born, and at the age of eighteen commenced the study of law at the Inner Temple.

In 1860 he was called to the Bar, and attached himself to the Northern Circuit. It is said that the Gully's came from Yorkshire, and that one of his ancestors combined the functions of M.P. and prize-fighter. A wag of the period penned the following lines:—

"If anyone asks why should Pontefract sully
Its name by returning to Parliament a Gully
The etymological cause I suppose is
He's broken the bridges of so many noses."

In 1860, Bro. Gully became Recorder of Wigan, and in 1866 took silk, and in the same year entered Parliament for Carlisle. At the Bar he did very well indeed, two of his most prominent cases being the defence of the Balham murderer, and also the defence of Sir Harry Bullard in his election petition. He was, however, little known in the House until he was spoken of as a candidate for the Speaker's Chair, in which position there can be little doubt that he is the right man in the right place.

The great Assouan dam on the Nile, of which so much has lately been written, will be opened, thanks to the expedition with which the work has been carried out, by Bro. Sir John Aird, in November, in the distinguished presence of the Duke of Connaught and Lord Kitchener, who will both visit Egypt on their way to India for the Delhi durbar. It will be a source of gratification to Freemasons that this great engineering feat will be at least identified with men who are distinguished members of our Order, if it is not inaugurated with Masonic ceremonial.

The honour of being the first Right Worshipful Master of the first Scotch Lodge established in Morocco belongs to Bro. Russell Edye, whose installation immediately followed the consecration of the Coronation Lodge, No. 934 (S.C.), on the 23rd August last. The ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master of Gibraltar, in whose province the lodge is included. The proceedings were of an exceptionally interesting character, and the success of the new lodge may be considered as assured.

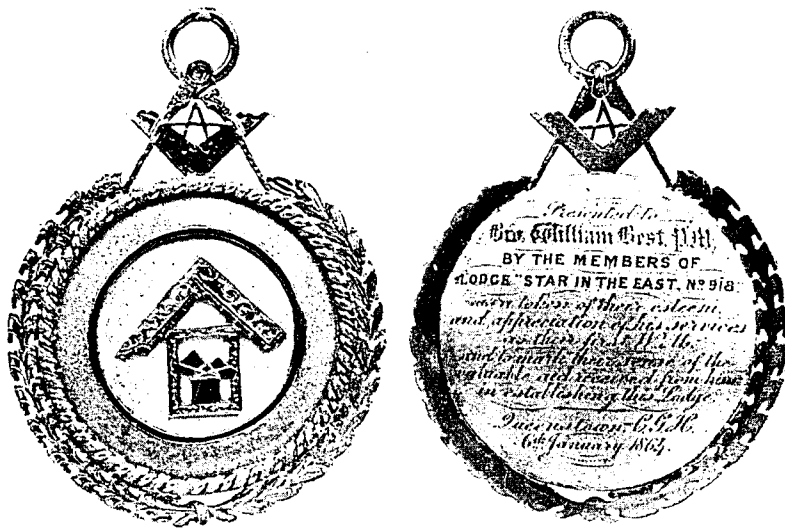
While Lord Zetland looks back upon his Irish viceroyalty as a brief but uncomfortable episode for which his marquisate was scarcely sufficient compensation, he has almost forgotten his subsequent and still shorter experience as a provincial mayor at Richmond. But there are two offices which he continues to hold with a proper pride and a considerable amount of pleasure. As master of the Zetlands he feels that he fulfils his duty to his county, or at least to the part of it where they hunt. It is, however, as Provincial Grand Master of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire that he is most at home. He has held this office since 1874, and in the interval he has won for himself a unique position in the estimation of the Order of which he is now a veteran member. The wealthiest representative of the old Scottish family of Dundas, Lord Zetland is a shrewd, active little sportsman, who rides to hounds in spectacles, and who is quite devoted to fox-hunting in spite of his shortness of sight.—*Taller.*

The Freemasons of Colchester and the surrounding districts assembled at church on Sunday, the 26th October, to return thanks for the King's recovery. The service had reached the point at which the sermon is usually delivered, when it was discovered that the preacher announced to occupy the pulpit, Bro. the Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory, had not arrived—a very awkward predicament indeed. To give the reverend gentleman a chance the brethren sang four hymns in succession, one of which by one of those happy coincidences which do sometimes occur outside the pages of a novel, contained the line: "The cry goes up.

How long?" The waiting seemed likely to be too long, but eventually a brother clergyman, who was one of the congregation, delivered a sermon. The Rev. Sir Borradaile Savory arrived just as the congregation was dispersing, dashing up to the church in a motor car. There was no explanation, but perhaps the motor could supply a moral in which petrol and punctures would figure.

We regret to have to record the death after a short illness, of Bro. R. M. Sharpin, during his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585. Bro. Sharpin presided as Worshipful Master at the meeting of his lodge so recently as 1st October, but was taken ill on his way home and expired on the 7th October. He will be much missed by his brethren of the lodge, his genial disposition and earnest efforts in the discharge of his Masonic duties rendering him a general favourite. The funeral took place at Fulham cemetery on the 14th October.

Among the numerous relics of the Transvaal war is one of Masonic interest in possession of Messrs. Spencer & Co., 15, Great Queen Street, London. It is a Past Master's jewel, made by them in 1864, of which we give a reproduction. It bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. William Best, P.M., by the members of Lodge 'Star in the East, No. 918,' as a token of their esteem and appreciation of his services as their first W.M., and to mark their sense of the valuable aid received from him in establishing this lodge.—Queenstown, C.G.H., 6th January,



1864." This was purchased by a trooper, who subsequently sold it to them, from an old Boer prisoner, who had probably looted it, as he could not, or would not, give any account of how he became its possessor. It is a singular coincidence that after a lapse of so many years it should again come into their hands; unfortunately its history in the intervening time must remain wrapped in oblivion.

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Consecration of the Berries Lodge, No. 2928.

ANOTHER lodge has been added to the seventeen already existing in the Province of Berkshire, and judging from the success of the inaugural ceremony, it bids fair to occupy a prominent and useful position in that important province.

A large and representative gathering of brethren assembled at the Crown Hotel, Cookham-on-Thames, on the 7th of October, for the consecration of the Berries Lodge, No. 2928, in the Province of Berkshire. The ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. Thornhill Morland, M.A., P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master (in charge), assisted by other Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. Charles William Cox, P.M. 1566, Prov. S.G.W., was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Edward Lukey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent, P.M., acting as Installing Master. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. D. Wilton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Senior Warden; W. Thomas Parker, W.M. 2753, Junior Warden; E. Hewitt, P.M., P.P.G. Pursuivant, Treasurer; T. Laurens, Secretary; E. Butler, Senior Deacon; J. Deacon, Junior

a good send-off the Berries Lodge had, and he was most satisfied with his officers, who, he was assured, would do



BRO. CHARLES W. COX, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Deacon; J. Pain, Director of Ceremonies; A. E. Isaac, Inner Guard; J. Kirk, W.M. 1566, P.P.G. Org., Organist; and H. W. Sherington and A. Aldridge, Stewards.

Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined, and the usual loyal toasts were given and duly honoured, Bro. J. Thornhill Morland, D.P.G.M., replying on behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers.

Bro. Martin, Provincial Grand Secretary, in responding to the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," expressed fervent wishes for the welfare of the lodge, and alluded to the beautiful founder's jewel (depicting the Cookham old Church) that had been presented to himself and brother Consecrating Officers.

Bro. Gardiner, by the request of the I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and stated that the advent of the Berries Lodge in the Masonic family, under so veteran and devoted a Mason as the brother who occupied the chair, assured its success.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with loud applause. He stated that if ever a lodge had had



BRO. DAVID WILTON, SENIOR WARDEN.

their work well. He also mentioned that to the Secretary was due the honour of the foundation of the lodge, and that they would do their very utmost for the Masonic Charities.



BRO. WILLIAM THOMAS PARKER, JUNIOR WARDEN.

"The Visitors" toast was ably responded to by Bro. Gray and others. The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast then brought a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

St. Bride Lodge, No. 2817.

THE third festival and installation of Worshipful Master of the above lodge took place at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on Monday, October 6th, when a large number of brethren attended. Bro. A. W. Letts was installed by Bro. Sir Frank Green, Bart., P.G.W., W.M. Bro. Green has the great advantage of slow and deliberate speech, which enables him to bring out the beauties of the ceremony in a manner seldom heard, and the brethren expressed their appreciation in no half-hearted manner.



BRO. A. W. LETTS.

The Worshipful Master invested the following officers for the year :—Bros. G. R. Warde, S.W. ; Alick Marshall, J.W. ; the Rev. W. C. Heaton, M.A., Chaplain ; G. R. Blades, Treasurer ; W. Heaton, Secretary ; Alderman and Sheriff Truscott, S.D. ; J. R. Hosker, J.D. ; F. Griffith, D.C. : A. F.

Blades, I.G. ; G. W. Jones, A.D.C. ; W. H. Burchell and A. Bennett, Stewards ; G. C. Burry, P.P.G. Organist Surrey, Organist ; and R. Potter, Tyler. The Worshipful Master then presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Green briefly thanked the brethren, saying he should wear it with pleasure to remind him of a very happy year as Worshipful Master of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. Blades, Treasurer, and seconded by Bro. A. Bennett, it was proposed and carried unanimously "That a sum of money be voted from the lodge funds, sufficient, if added to the amount individually subscribed by the brethren of the lodge, to make up one hundred guineas to complete the qualification of Bro. C. J. Drummond, P.M., as a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in recognition of his important services in founding the lodge. The surplus, if any, to be devoted as Bro. Drummond may select."

Bro. Drummond briefly thanked the brethren.

A banquet afterwards took place.

The Worshipful Master proposed the usual toasts, the replies to which were commendably brief and to the point. In proposing "The Most Worshipful Grand Master," he said that no better man could have been chosen than H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he did not believe a more enthusiastic Mason had held the position before him. In proposing "The Grand Officers," the Worshipful Master heartily congratulated Bro. the Earl of Stradbroke on his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk and first Worshipful Master of the East Anglian Lodge.

Bros. the Earl of Stradbroke and Frank Richardson responded.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," had a personal pleasure in doing so, and desired to thank him for acting as Senior Warden for two years to enable him to act as Worshipful Master.

The Worshipful Master, in thanking the brethren for electing him to the chair, said the only return he could make would be to do his best to deserve the honour conferred upon him.

Bro. Green, in reply to the toast of "The I.P.M.," assured the brethren he had had great pleasure in installing his successor, and should not fail to visit the lodge as often as possible.

A musical programme was carried out under the direction of Bros. Burry and Schartau.

The London Welsh Lodge, No. 2807.

THE installation of the second Master of this important national lodge, which was consecrated in London a year ago, took place on October 3rd at the Criterion, Piccadilly, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren, many of whom had travelled up from the Principality for the express purpose of being present. A very gratifying record showing the progress of the lodge during the past year was presented as well as a most satisfactory balance-sheet. The Master elect, Bro. E. R. Cleaton, P.S.G.D. Essex, was installed into the chair by Bro. W. W. Woosnam, who had acted as I.P.M. to the first Master, Bro. Sir John Puleston, in a very impressive manner, assisted by Bro. W. O. Welsford, P.M. 1321, who delivered the addresses in the regrettable absence, through illness, of Bro. Alderman Vaughan Morgan, P.G.T., who, by request, had arranged to work this part of the ceremony.

The Worshipful Master appointed Bros. John Hinds, as S.W. ; D. H. Treharne, as J.W. ; and Foulkes-Jones, as Secretary, and invested them, with Bro. T. Davies, the re-elected Treasurer, and the remainder of his officers, in a manner which gave great promise of good ceremonial work of the lodge during the ensuing year. The Worshipful Master, on behalf of the lodge, in well-chosen words, presented the I.P.M., Bro. Sir John Puleston, with a valuable and handsome Past Master's jewel, specially designed, containing easily recognised symbols of Wales. He also presented a similar jewel to Bro. W. W. Woosnam for the valuable assistance he had rendered their first Master during the year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured,

and the Worshipful Master called upon Bro. George Everett, P.G.T., who had acted as Senior Warden at the consecration of the lodge, to respond for "The Grand Officers."

Bro. George Everett, in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for the heartiness of the toast, and hoped in the fulness of time the energetic and prosperous London Welsh Lodge would have Grand Officers among their members.

Bro. Sir John Puleston, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," congratulated the lodge that they had a Master of experience, as Bro. Cleaton had for twelve years been a most active Mason, and had with distinction previously filled the Master's chair, and he had no doubt that he would experience even greater pleasure and happiness presiding over those endeared to him by ties of race. He (Sir John Puleston) rejoiced that his mantle had fallen on so worthy a member, and trusted in due time he would be elevated to the "purple" of Grand Lodge.



BRO. E. R. CLEATON.—(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could not fail to feel deeply the impressive words uttered by Bro. Sir John Puleston, that he realised his obligation as Master, and would try to carry out to the utmost the important duties. A Master was placed in the chair by the brethren of the lodge, and he had no doubt every member would realise their obligation to heartily support him after placing him there. He had every reason to believe in the future success of the lodge, to which end they must be careful who they proposed for membership. If they followed this simple rule they would never fail to make a wise selection—never to propose any gentleman for the privileges of Masonry unless

he was one whom they could introduce into their own home circle. He thanked them for the heartiness in which they received his toast.

In proposing the next toast, "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master extended them a hearty welcome, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. It was said that visitors came to criticise; the London Welsh was quite open to criticism, and glad indeed to be criticised.

The toast was responded to by Bro. J. Jones, W.M. 2777; Bro. Vincent, of Jersey; Bro. Dring, W.M. 1297; Bro. J. H. Pollock, P.M.; and Bro. Dr. Jones, 1509, the latter speaking in the native tongue.

In proposing the toast of "The Installing Master," the Worshipful Master took the opportunity of again thanking Bro. Woosnam for his able and valuable services, and Bro. W. O. Welsford, who delivered the three addresses at a moment's notice.

Bro. Woosnam, in reply, thanked the Worshipful Master for the expressions he inhaled, and said it was gratifying to him to receive their thanks. Bro. Welsford also responded.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the Worshipful Master remarked that Bro. Sir John Puleston's qualities of both head and heart endeared him to every Welshman. His services to the lodge could not be over estimated. With deep feeling they offered him their sympathies in the domestic trouble he had experienced during his year of office. They greatly appreciated his conduct in the chair, and hoped, although he had finished his duties in that capacity, they should have his genial presence for many years.

Bro. Sir John Puleston said he made it a rule, when replying to a toast at a late hour, to avoid any lengthy remarks, and he should do so now, more especially as he found it difficult to reply to such words of feeling and kindness as had been expressed by the Worshipful Master. He always congratulated anyone who became a Mason, because inside a lodge all differences, political and religious, were smoothed over and brought into harmony, and his whole efforts in life had been to promote unity among his countrymen. He appreciated the handsome jewel presented to him as a testimonial of affection, and hoped that the future of the lodge would be one of pleasantness and all its paths be peace.

Bro. Sir John Puleston then proposed the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." Both he and every member of the lodge were thoroughly proud of their Treasurer, Bro. Davies, who was at all times genial and willing to take up any kind of work for the benefit of their lodge. They also that night welcomed a new Secretary, but before speaking of him, he would testify to the excellent and arduous labours of their first Secretary, Bro. Treharne, who had now been appointed to the office of Junior Warden. He appreciated the zeal and capabilities of Bro. Foulkes-Jones, their new Secretary, and knew he would carry on the excellent work of his predecessor.

The Treasurer and Secretary suitably replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and was responded to by the Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very successful meeting.

New Century Lodge, No. 2860.

THE first installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, on Thursday, October 9th, when Bro. W. Rogers was installed as W.M. by the retiring Master in a very creditable manner. Bro. Rogers then appointed and invested his officers, and afterwards initiated several candidates. The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, the value of which had been augmented by the insertion of a diamond subscribed for by the brethren who had been initiated during his year of office.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet followed, and after the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, the installing Master proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and stated how very pleased he was in being able, by dispensation from Grand Lodge, to instal as his successor in the chair Bro. W. Rogers, who, at the same time, was also Worshipful Master of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge. The brethren had seen by the masterly manner in which he had invested his officers and the faultless way in which he had performed the initiation ceremony and

given the charge afterwards, that he was well versed in the ritual. He sincerely hoped that the Worshipful Master would have as happy and prosperous a year as he had enjoyed, and that his officers would be as loyal and punctual in their attendance as they had been during the past year.

The Worshipful Master replied, and then proposed "The Health of the Installing Master," and congratulated him on his very successful year of office, and also on the very kindly feelings which were entertained towards him by every member of the lodge, as evidenced by the presentation of the Past Master's jewel, and also by the fact of his being unanimously elected Treasurer of the lodge.

The Installing Master replied, and stated that the past year had been one of the happiest he had ever enjoyed, as he had had the good fortune to initiate into Freemasonry in that lodge some gentlemen who were nearer and dearer to him than any others; and he could assure the brethren that he would do everything he could to promote the welfare of the New Century Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, and was replied to by Bro. Skews (a native of the Gold Coast), who expressed his gratitude for the honour they had conferred on him.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bro. Cannon, of the Wandsworth Lodge; Bro. Wheeler, Guildhall School of Music Lodge; and Bro. Pobe, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773, who said it had afforded him very much pleasure in being present and seeing his friend Bro. Skews made a Mason in an English lodge. It might perhaps interest the brethren to hear that Masonry was first introduced in the Gold Coast about fifty years ago, and the members of the lodge for about thirty years were Europeans. About twenty years ago some of the natives were initiated, but many of them held back through the missionaries representing that no man who became a Mason could possibly enter the Kingdom of Heaven. He was pleased to say that in his native country there were now two lodges—the Gold Coast Lodge and the Victoria Lodge—and there were others at Sierra Leone and Lagos, which, he trusted, would do good to the natives. Personally, he felt sure that one became a better man when he became a Mason; that he was better in his morals, better towards his people, and better in every way.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Consecration of the Coronation Lodge, No. 934 (S.C.), at Tangier.

ON Saturday, 23rd September, the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Roberts, accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of Gibraltar and many other brethren, visited Tangier for the purpose of consecrating the new Coronation Lodge, No. 934 (S.C.), and installing the Master designate at the lodge premises at the Cecil Hotel.



BRO. CAPTAIN RUSSELL EDEY.

The consecration ceremony was performed by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bros. J. Lyons, P.P.G.S.M.; P. Lyons, P.S.G.W.; J. Munro, P.S.J.W.; A. Seiford, S.G.I.G.; H. J. Norton, P.G. Sec.; and J. Sterne, P.G.D.C. The Installing Officer was Bro. J. de Soto Lyons, P.P.G.S.M.

Bro. H. J. Norton, P.M., P.G. Secretary, acted *pro tem* as Secretary for the new lodge, which entailed much work, and which Bro. Norton performed with his usual ability.

After the consecration ceremony was completed the lodge was opened under the banner of the Al-Moghreb Al-Aksa, No. 670, and the Installing Officer commenced his duties. Bro. Captain Russell Edye was installed as Master, and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Munro, P.M., as W. Dep. Master; P. Lyons, R.W.M. 670, as W. Sub. Master; R. Lyons as W.S.W.; E. Hathaway as W.J.W.; David Price as Acting Secretary; John Kirby Green as Inner Guard; and Abda R. Bongeman as Tyler.

At the conclusion of the several ceremonies a banquet was held at the Cecil Hotel, which was well attended. After the usual toasts had been honoured, Bro. Roberts, in replying for the Provincial Grand Lodge, drew attention to the fact that this was the first Scotch Lodge in Morocco, and said that he was particularly proud that it should fall to his lot to consecrate it, and that the consecration day should happily fall on his 64th birthday. He hoped that the establishment of this lodge would lead to others being founded in different parts of Morocco, and he congratulated the Masons in Tangier on their success.

The speech of the Provincial Grand Master was, needless to say, well received, particularly the reference to his birthday, which was afterwards referred to, and upon which he was heartily congratulated by the new R.W.M. of the Coronation Lodge.

"The health of the R.W.M." was proposed by the Installing Officer, and that of "The Installing Officer, Bro. J. Lyons," by the R.W.M.

The usual toasts were severally proposed and responded to with feeling, especially that of "The Visitors," which was proposed by the Worshipful Senior Warden, Bro. R. Lyons.

The proceedings were brought to a close at a somewhat late hour, and the Gibraltar brethren returned on Sunday afternoon by a special boat.

History of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, *No. 256.—(Continued).*

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HOWEVER, as the vote of thanks had been passed and entered on the minutes, it was deemed advisable not to re-open the matter. We have since learned that this Lodge of Instruction was meeting in December, 1824, on Tuesday evenings, at the *Two Chairmen*, Davies Street, Berkeley Square, whither it had removed from the *Swan*, Mount Street, in 1821, when at the same time the "Emulation" was holding its meetings on Friday evenings, at the *Red Lion*, Old Cavendish Street.



LORD TENTERDEN, PROV. G.M. ESSEX,
Chairman of the Festival in 1872.

We have reason for thinking that the United Lodge of Perseverance ceased working shortly after 1824. Although unable to accept the statement that this old book is a portion of the lost records of the *Emulation Lodge of Improvement*, the writer attaches considerable importance to it from the fact of some of the Founders and other brethren mentioned therein, who subsequently joined the lodge, including the celebrated Peter Gilkes, also became Founders or joining members of the "Emulation," thus leading to the natural conclusion that the system of work in both lodges was probably identical, and thereby reducing the gap from the ending of the labours of the Lodge of Reconciliation, in June, 1816, to the opening of the "Emulation" by five years and a half, or leaving only eighteen months between the two events.

On the 9th of July, "Bro. Fenn, after a feeling allusion to the death of our respected Treasurer, Bro. Hervey, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. C. A. Murton, and carried unanimously":—

"The members of the *Emulation Lodge of Improvement* have heard with sincere regret of the death of their Treasurer, Bro. John Hervey, and they desire to record in their minutes their deep sense of the loss they have thereby sustained, and their grateful acknowledgement of the services he has rendered to the Lodge as its Treasurer for nearly thirty three years, and by his earnest endeavours during that long period to maintain its efficiency and promote its prosperity. They desire likewise to express their high appreciation of his amiable disposition and uniformly courteous manner, and of

his efforts, at all times, to maintain harmony and good fellowship amongst all members of the Craft."

On the 24th of September, Bros. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., A. A. Richards, and Robert Grey, P.G.D., were elected members of the Committee of General Purposes, and at the following meeting Bro. Fenn was elected Treasurer.

At the Festival on the 26th of November Bro. Fenn presided as W.M. The second Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. C. Lowther Kemp, and the third by Bro. R. C. Sudlow. The First Tracing Board was ably explained by Bro. Fenn, the Illustrations being given by G. W. Armstrong, H. Bué, J. F. Hoddinott, and W. H. Johnston; 138 members and 126 visitors were present. Forty-four propositions for joining were received at the conclusion of the work. Sir Walter W. Burrell, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, presided at the banquet and subsequent proceedings.

1881. At the meeting of the Lodge on the 11th of February it was resolved "That the sum of Twenty Guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge to the Hervey Memorial Fund," and at the next meeting on the 18th Bro. Fenn proposed that the above named sum should be paid when the subscription amounted to £1000, which proposition was carried unanimously, but at a subsequent meeting the restriction as to the time of payment was rescinded, it being in contemplation to publish a list of the subscriptions, and it was deemed desirable that the *Emulation Lodge of Improvement* should head that list; the money was therefore ordered to be paid immediately.

"The John Hervey Memorial Fund" was originated by the Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7 (Bro. Hervey's Mother Lodge), the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, which he joined soon after his initiation in 1844, and the *Emulation Lodge of Improvement* (the last named being the largest contributor), with the object of giving consolatory gratuities to the two highest on the poll of the unsuccessful candidates, both male and female, at each annual election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The amount collected was duly invested in Government Stock and the dividends utilized in accordance with the wishes and intentions of the promoters.

At the annual election of Officers, Bro. William A. Dawson was elected on the Committee of General Purposes in the room of Bro. Robert Grey, the remaining Officers being re-elected for another year. The Festival was held on the 25th of November, Bro. Thomas Fenn in the chair. The Second Lecture was worked by the W. Master, assisted by Bros. J. W. Jones, J.D. No. 5; J. Truman Tanqueray, No. 1768; J. H. Davidson, No. 1820; C. Lowther Kemp, No. 63; and S. W. Shaw, S.D. No. 709. About 130 members and 96 visitors attended, 42 of the latter being proposed for ballot, and duly elected at the following meeting.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., Junior Grand Warden, presided at the banquet.

1882. On the 3rd of February was announced the death of Bro. Montague Gosset, P.M. of 66, a much respected member, who had been most constant in his attendance for nearly fifteen years, and the usual vote of sympathy and condolence with his family together with the reply thereto were ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Nothing else of sufficient importance to merit reproduction appears in the records of this year prior to the festival, unless we mention that the Lodge was honoured (?) by the visit of a certain William R. Davis, a half-caste brother from India, who subsequently masqueraded at Masonic

gatherings, especially at banquets, as an Afghan Prince, until the imposture was exposed and his real name and character made known, the ultimate result being compulsory retirement from public life for a period of eighteen months.

The Festival was held, as usual, on the last Friday in November, Bro. Fenn again filling the Chair of W. Master, and working the Sections of the First Lecture, assisted by Bros. J. Gordon Langton, I.G. No. 96; H. Bué, S.D. No. 1820; A. Fyson, No. 1768; J. Truman Tanqueray, S.D. No. 1965; W. G. Kentish, W.M. No. 1293; R. A. Zeederberg; and R. Clay Sudlow, W.M. No. 1965.

The attendance on this occasion appears to have been considerably smaller than it had been in recent years, numbering only 201 all told. Only 18 brethren were proposed for joining. The Rev. Ambrose W. Hall, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, presided over the subsequent proceedings.

1883. Several important changes were made during this year. Bro. Charles A. Murton, P.G. Deacon, after 26 years of zealous work on behalf of the Lodge, signified his desire to retire from the Committee, and a cordial vote of thanks to him was recorded on the minutes for the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge for so many years.

Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow was elected a member of the Committee in the place of Bro. Murton, thus commencing that long and active career of usefulness in the leadership of the Lodge, the value of which, to his younger brethren, cannot possibly be over-estimated.



THOMAS FENN, PAST GRAND DEACON (1875).

Bro. William Smallpeice also resigned the office of Secretary, after having served the Lodge in that capacity for eight years, during which period he was rarely absent from his post at the weekly meetings, and as the Lodge then met all the year round, the office of Secretary entailed considerably more labour than it does in the present day.

Bro. Smallpeice received the thanks of the Lodge for his services as Secretary, but no mention is made of the presentation of a jewel, as had invariably been the case with former Secretaries. On the 5th of October Bro. Francis R. Spaul, P.M. of No. 1768, was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

From time immemorial the Tyler's fee had been Three Shillings each meeting; on the 16th of November, on the motion of the Treasurer, and by the recommendation of the Committee, it was increased to Five Shillings, a change of some slight interest to one individual.

A disastrous fire having occurred on the 3rd of May, which partially destroyed the Grand old Hall, it was in course of restoration at the period of the Annual Festival, consequently the brethren assembled in the "Crown" room at the *Freemasons' Tavern* for the lodge business. The sale of tickets had necessarily been restricted owing to limited accommodation, the number present therefore was unusually small, only amounting to 169, including 71 visitors, 32 of whom were proposed to become members.

Bro. Thomas Fenn presided in the Lodge, with Bros. R. C. Sudlow and W. A. Dawson as Wardens.

The Second Lecture was worked by the following brethren:—Bros. F. T. Bennett, No. 211; J. T. Tanqueray, S.W. No. 1965; Albert Marvin, W.M. No. 1768; J. T. Black, No. 1564; and G. F. Marshall, No. 96.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Prinsep, District Grand Master for Bengal, presided at the banquet. In the course of the evening several lengthy speeches were delivered, some of which, at all events from the writer's point of view, might have been curtailed with advantage, especially so to those brethren living out of town.

We cull the following from the address of Bro. J. C. Parkinson, Past Grand Deacon, in proposing the toast of the "Working Officers of the Evening," as being worthy of perusal and preservation:—

"Speaking as an old working officer of the Lodge, as a Mason of 25 years' standing, and as a member of this Lodge for more than 20 years, it gave him profound gratification to be able to congratulate the brethren present and the Craft at large upon the unimpaired efficiency of this great Masonic Institution. And looking back on that lapse of time to which he had referred, it seemed to him on anniversaries of that sort that it was fair to himself, and fair to those by whom he was surrounded, fair to those to whom they might hope in some sort to give an example, or at all events to point a moral, to ask oneself what was the outcome of the long period, of the great absorption of time and of other forms of expenditure—what was the outcome of 25 years of Masonic life? First, Masonic life taught minutely and intimately the advantages and the working of constitutional government. Secondly, it enabled the brother who entered the Craft to at once feel the enormous advantage of association—the great boon of rubbing shoulders with his fellows, of ascertaining where he was, and what he was, in his own little world, perhaps of lessening his self-esteem, or of increasing his confidence. Thirdly, it gave the inestimable boon of all the reverence and knowledge of one of the most beautiful rituals that had ever been created since language was formed.

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He would ask them to picture to themselves a youth or young man belonging to no public school, having the advantage of no university education, belonging to no powerful family, having no strong connections and few friends; such a man entering a Masonic Lodge, from the moment of becoming a Master Mason and knowing his brethren, from that moment that friendless young man had opportunities which would have been denied him by the circumstances of life, and become a possessor of those great advantages which his fellows in the struggle of life had from family, education, or other circumstances. In that sense Masons were deeply indebted to their Order for a training and education which fitted them in a great measure for the battle of life. Coming to the last point—the great advantage of maintaining pure and unsullied that beautiful ritual which had been handed down to them, and which he prized and cherished as one of his most valued privileges—they all knew one of the greatest of living orators owed much of his power over his fellow citizens to his close and intimate study of the Sacred Volume. Next to that Sacred Volume, as a mere matter of literary style—and he put it no higher—next to the Sacred Volume and

the English Prayer Book he knew of no ritual and no variety of language in which the English tongue was set before them so purely or grandly. As a mere study of style for a man who had a taste for literary exercises, there could be no better study than the stately ritual of Freemasonry. In the race and



THE EARL OF LIMERICK, PROV. G. MASTER, BRISTOL,
Chairman of the Festival in 1876.

work of life, in the trials which beset us all, in the hours of temptation, whether in prosperity or adversity, there were times when the word in season came in, and the language they had learned in the Masonic Lodge, though we might not have thought of the application of it when we heard it, had come home to us, and it would come home to the youngest brother, whether in trials or success. There was no more powerful teaching or stronger appeal to the human heart than in our Masonic ritual. The brethren, the working officers of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, were the conservators of that magnificent ritual. Long might it be preserved by them and their successors, and might the principles and tenets of Freemasonry, which they had all been taught, be transmitted pure and unsullied through these brethren and those whom they had taught from generation to generation."

1884. The year 1884 may be described as uneventful, nothing appearing in the minutes of the Lodge beyond the records of the ordinary weekly meetings, the Committee and permanent officers being all re-elected for another year.

The Festival was held on the 29th of November, in the Grand Hall, and was presided over by Bro. Thomas Fenn, as W.M., who, since the preceding Festival, had been promoted to the distinguished office of President of the Board of General Purposes. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Sudlow and Dawson.

The First Lecture was worked by the W. Master, assisted by Bros. W. Hicklin, W.M. No. 1261; G. L. Kennaby, D.C. No. 1420; N. Goodwin, No. 1768; H. Pritchard, S.D. No. 1415; J. J. Black, S.D. No. 1564; and A. C. A. Higerty, No. 1714.

At the conclusion of the business "A letter was read from Bro. Alderman R. N. Fowler, M.P., J.G. Warden, who was to have taken the Chair, expressing his regret that he was prevented from attending," and Bro. Fenn announced that Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, had kindly consented to act in his stead. The attendance of members and visitors was considerably in excess of the previous festival, 235 being present, including 24 joining members.

1885. No change was made this year in either the Committee or executive officers, Bro. John W. Freeman, P.M. of No. 147, was elected Tyler on the retirement of Bro. Henry Sadler.

On the 6th of November, the following resolution was proposed by Bro. Thomas Fenn, seconded by Bro. W. A. Dawson, and carried unanimously:—

"That the Treasurer be empowered to pay over from the funds of the Lodge to the Trustees of the 'John Hervey Memorial Fund' a sum not exceeding £8 os. od., for the purpose of bringing up the amount of that Fund so as to enable the Trustees to purchase £1000 Stock in the New Three per Cents." The Festival was postponed to the last Friday in February, 1886, probably on the recommendation of the Committee, as I find no mention of such postponement in the minutes of the Lodge.

1886. The Festival was held on the 26th of February, and was fairly well attended, 219 being present, including a number of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, who were invited as guests of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Fenn presided over the Lodge, with Bros. Sudlow and Dawson as Wardens. The Second Lecture was worked by the following brethren:—C. Bassano, P.M. No. 66; A. Marvin, P.M. No. 1768; A. Gibbings, W.M. No. 63; C. W. A. Trollope, W.M. No. 1826; and J. E. Hunt, W.M. No. 1768; 50 propositions for membership were received. The Marquess of Hertford, Senior Grand Warden, presided at the banquet table.

On the 14th of May "It was proposed by Bro. Thomas Fenn, seconded by Bro. F. R. Spaul, and carried, that the sum of Ten Pounds be given from the funds of the Lodge, Five Pounds to the third highest unsuccessful Candidate for election on the 21st of May, 1886, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the remaining Five Pounds to the third highest unsuccessful female Candidate." It will be remembered that the first and second unsuccessful Candidates benefitted by the Hervey Memorial Fund.

On the 11th of June it was resolved that By-Law 15 be altered so as to include the first Friday in April as one of the nights on which the ceremony of Installation should be worked.



THE EARL OF DONOUGHMORE, PAST SENR. G. WARDEN,
Chairman of the Festival in 1877.

On the 18th of June a letter from Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was read, acknowledging the receipt of the before mentioned grants, in which the writer says: "I need hardly say how much this gift was appreciated by the recipients, coming so unexpectedly to them and alleviating, to some extent, the feeling of disappointment at their non success." The letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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