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R. W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth,
 Provincial Grand Master of Staffordshire.

Freemasonry in Staffordshire.

THE original Grand Lodge of England, long known by the absurd name of the "Moderns," authorized a lodge in Staffordshire so early as 28th March, 1732. Lodges at Bath and Bristol were started in the same year, and others at Norwich, Chichester, Chester, Carmarthen, Gosport, and Congleton, but only one of these lasted so late as the union of the two rival Grand Lodges, and was struck off in 1838, its last place of meeting being the Mitre Tavern, Portsea.

Some were also formed at Salford (1727), Warwick (1728), Oxford, Scarborough, and Lyme Regis (1729), Chichester, Canterbury, Lincoln, and Northampton (1730), Bury St. Edmunds and Macclesfield (1731); then follow Leigh, Wolverhampton, Ipswich, and Derby, of 1732. All these, however, have long been numbered with the past; the senior provincial lodges on the present Roll (omitting No. 20, Chatham, of 1723, which was first of all in the Metropolis) being No. 37, Bolton, and No. 39, Exeter, of the year 1732.



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BRO. J. DUNBAR STEEN, PROV. GRAND SECRETARY.

The lodge held at WOLVERHAMPTON from 1732 to 1754 met at the "Bell and Raven" (variously designated "Bell and Black Bird," "Bell and Magpie," "Bell and Dove," and "Bell and Raven"), until its erasure, 29th November, 1754, and paid for its Constitution, 8th June, 1732, the numbers being eighty-eight from its start and seventy-seven from 1740. The next that reached this town, in 1768, singular to state, took the same number as the last held by the former lodge, viz., No. 77, only in a different enumeration, and assembled at the "Swan." It was founded at GATESHEAD, A.D. 1736, erased 1760, reinstated, and finally struck off in 1768, when the sum of two guineas was paid for the vacant number, as already noted; but the brethren failed to keep it alive, the last payment to the Grand Lodge being in 1801. It was removed from the list ten years later as No. 42 of the 1792 enumeration. Still another reached the same town in 1766, as No. 69, from BIRMINGHAM, which began in 1736, paying for its Constitution in the following year. In 1772, however, it was removed from the register. This is the lodge mentioned by Bro. T. Wood Chalmers, P.M. 726, in his "History of Freemasonry in Staffordshire" (1882), as transferred from Birmingham in 1780, but the date he cites is

much too late. The only one of "Ancient" origin was No. 130, of 1764, which ceased to work in the following year, but the warrant was not returned to that Grand Lodge until 1800. Five years later it was opened at BURSLEM.

Of other extinct lodges, the following should be recorded: The "Unity" was warranted in 1787 at the "Three Crown's Inn," Bread Market Street, Lichfield, as No. 502. The last payment to Grand Lodge bears date 21st September, 1806, but in 1811 it was transferred to the Town End of Lognor, as No. 411, under the same name, but was finally struck off in 1829.

Another, which reached Lichfield in 1833, was constituted at Leek in 1814 as 657, and called the "Jedediah Lodge," but changed in 1820 to St. John's. Its erasure occurred in 1850, when meeting at the Guildhall, and numbered 431. The warrant is in Grand Lodge.

The "St. Bartholomew," which was held originally at Fazeley in 1795 (Number 547), was removed to Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, in 1803, but twenty-five years later it expired, and the "Harmony," No. 558, Dudley's Coffee House, Tamworth, met with a similar fate in 1809. The "Fortitude," No. 652, of the year 1814, appeared to make a successful start at the "White Lion," Stafford, and for a time did well. The name was altered to the "Royal Chartley Lodge of Fortitude," in 1833, but even that long title failed to ensure its permanence, for in 1850 it was removed from the roll, and its Charter rests in the muniment room of Grand Lodge. Still another lodge, domiciled at Stafford from 1836, as No. 626, with the appropriate name of the "Staffordshire Knot," succumbed in 1851, not having met since 1839.

Of "ATHOLL" or "ANCIENT" Lodges only one has survived the "ravages of time." The senior of these, in respect to its number, was 109, opened at Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1763; but it failed to show any signs of life after 1765, though it was apparently restored in 1799, and known as the "Friendly Brothers," the 5th March, 1828, however, ended its days as No. 133 by vote of Grand Lodge. Two others should also have been noted of "Modern" origin, viz., one held at the "Crown," of A.D. 1767 (Nos. 398 and then 333), removed from the List in 1775; and the other, with the revived name of the "Friendly Brothers," No. 523, of 1793, erased in 1801, both of Newcastle-under-Lyme. The last attempt at the establishment of a lodge in that town has happily been successful.

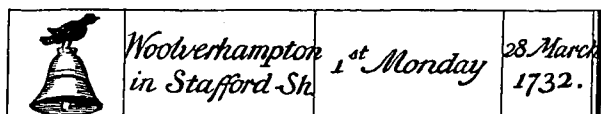
An "Atholl," Lodge was also tried at Lichfield in 1784, as No. 220, but with little success, though its advent made fuss enough for an extraordinary function, and led to two warrants being used, numbered 220 and then 224. It is thus referred to in the Minutes of that Grand Lodge—

"1784. March 29th. Warrant No. 220, filled up for the City of Lichfield, the D.G.M. remarked, should have been No. 224, whilst the G. Secretary had insisted that the last mentioned should be 220 and no other, he having laid it bye for the Masons of Lichfield, who had their jewels marked with that number. Resolved that No. 220 should have been dated previous to No. 221" (viz., 1 March, 1784).

There were two lodges of the same Grand Lodge in the county, under military auspices. No. 216 was held in the 1st Reg. East Devon Militia from 1781, and was at LICHFIELD in 1813 for a short time; its erasure occurred in 1835, and the Charter is preserved in Grand Lodge. No. 285 also assembled in the same city in 1801, before going to Manchester, where the regiment appears to have been stationed until its departure for India (viz., the 17th Regiment of Light Dragoons); but though it was on the United Roll of 1814 as 361 it collapsed some fourteen years later. According to a warrant in the Grand Lodge, No. 246 was issued for Dudley on the 26th February, 1788, but was removed to TIPTON, Staffordshire,

in 1813, the following year being numbered 310; but its removal from the Roll took place the same year as the previous lodge referred to of "Ancient" origin, viz., 1828. Still another must be mentioned of 1805, being a revival of No. 134 of 1764 (originally chartered for 4th Batt. R.A., Fort George), and met at the "White Lion," LANE END, where it flourished for a time as the "United Pottery (or Potters) Lodge"; the year 1839, however, witnessing its removal from the Roll as No. 160.

The Province of Staffordshire dates from the year 1791, when the Hon. and Rev. Francis Egerton was the Prov. G.M. His successor was the Right Hon. Earl Ferrers, in 1831, followed by Colonel the Hon. George Anson, M.P., in 1837, by Colonel George A. Vernon in 1853, and Bro. William K. Harvey in 1864. In 1871 the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot became Prov. G.M. (who joined No. 526 in 1871), but died in 1877. Major George S. Tudor was appointed his successor in 1881 (initiated in 526 in 1860), who resigned in 1888, and died in the year 1899; seven years earlier, witnessing the decease of his immediate successor, Colonel A. C. Foster Gough, LL.D., who was installed in 1889 (also an initiate of 526 in 1855). The Right Hon. the Earl of Dartmouth, P.M., No. 1838, Wolverhampton, became Prov. G.M. in 1893, and is a very popular and most successful Ruler of the Province.



FACSIMILE FROM "PINE'S ENGRAVED LIST OF LODGES."

The Prov. G.M. was installed at the Drill Hall, Wolverhampton, in the presence of 700 brethren, by the lamented M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, in 1894, and since then has been indefatigable in the discharge of his numerous duties. In the same year his lordship laid the foundation-stone of the chapel at the Orphan Asylum, WOLVERHAMPTON, in due Masonic form. Also, similar functions were observed in 1896 in respect to the enlargements of the nave and chancel of old church, WILLENHALL; the new church of St. Barnabas, at STOKE, in 1899; and another new church at Smethwick in 1900.

On the 7th of January, 1897, the foundation-stone of the Sutherland Institute was laid at Longton in ample form by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (now His Majesty King Edward VII.), as M.W. Grand Master. The Earl of Dartmouth acted as D.G.M. on the occasion, and fully one thousand brethren took part in the interesting proceedings.

Under his Lordship's Presidency there are thirty-six lodges having about 2,000 subscribing members. The senior lodge on the Roll is the St. Martin's, BURSLEM, previously mentioned as No. 98 (originally 130) of "Atholl" origin, and

assembles in the Town Hall of the Borough. The next is the "Noah's Ark," No. 347, Tipton, which first of all assembled at Wolverhampton in 1815, and then at Bilston from 1828, finally reaching Tipton in 1853. The third on the local register is the "Menturia," No. 418, Hanley, of A.D. 1834, in which town it met in various places (some ten in all) until it was located at the Freemasons' Hall in 1880. An epitome of its history was written by Bro. E. V. Greatbatch in 1884, on the occasion of the celebration of its Sixtieth Anniversary. "St. Peter's," No. 419, Wolverhampton, was started in the same year, its senior P.M. of A.D. 1865 being Bro. C. A. Newnham, the Prov. Grand Treasurer. The No. 451 Burslem ("Sutherland") completes the trio of A.D. 1834.

The Foresters of 1838, No. 456, Uttoxeter, has for its senior P.M., Bro. the Hon. W. Warren Vernon, M.A. (P.G.W. of England, 1876), and although the membership is small, there are just half the number P.M.'s. of the lodge. The following year, the "Sutherland Lodge of Unity," No. 460, Newcastle-under-Lyme, was chartered, having a goodly array of P.M.'s.; and in 1842, the "St. James" was established, being now No. 482, Handsworth. The ninth on the register is the "Honour," No. 526, Wolverhampton, of A.D. 1846, having, like its immediate predecessor, No. 482, quite a galaxy of P.M.'s. The senior is Bro. Charles Fendelow, P.G. Std. Br. of England. The Deputy Prov. G.M. (Lieut.-Col. G. W. Walker, P.G.S.B. Eng.) being also a P.M. Its history has been written by Bro. T. J. Barnett, P.M., &c., from 1846 to 1896 (Wolverhampton, 1896), and deserves careful perusal. The Prov. G. Sec. is Bro. J. Dunbar Steen, a P.M. of 526, whose official duties cannot fail to prove onerous, though lightened because of his interest taken in the Craft. As to the rest of the lodges, are they not to be found described in the excellent Calendar edited by the same indefatigable Brother, and is a credit to the Province.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was formed in 1849, the Provincial Grand Masters being the Grand Superintendents until 1892, when the esteemed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley, became the successor to Col. Gough, LL.D. There are eleven chapters. For the Mark Degree Staffordshire is grouped with Shropshire, and the Knights Templars are united with Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Derby, and Nottingham. The former has the R.W. Bro. J. F. Pepper as Provincial Grand Mark Master, and the latter enjoys the presidency of the V.E. Knight Charles Fendelow, G.C.T.

Other Grand Officers of England belonging to the Province are Brothers the Rt. Hon. Lord Burton (P.S.G.W.), Lieut.-Col. J. A. Bindley (P.G.D.), and Bro. W. H. Bailey (P.G. Treas.), Past Masters of 624, Burton-on-Trent, John Bodenham (P.A.G.D.C.), P.M. 726, &c., Thomas Taylor (P.G.D.), P.M. 2149, &c., George C. Kent (P.A.G.D.C.), P.M. 546, and possibly more, but this sketch is already rather long, so other remarks must be reserved.

Knighly Gift to King Edward.

THE Sir Knights of California are preparing a gift to King Edward of England, as a souvenir of the Conclave which is to be held in San Francisco next month on account of the King sending a delegation as his personal representatives to the Conclave. The Sir Knights, appreciative of the honour bestowed upon them by a foreign potentate, and this being the first instance that a delegation of distinguished Knights representing the highest Masonic bodies crossed the ocean to attend a Conclave, will send their token to Britain's King by that very delegation, as a souvenir of the Templar Conclave held at San Francisco. The gift is to be such that the King will appreciate and treasure it among the most valued in his possession. Under

the auspices, and with the sanction of the Triennial Committee, a volume will be printed containing the history of the twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave, with all the incidents of that most memorable event. It will contain a complete and accurate record of the Conclave. The book, which is intended for all Sir Knights as a souvenir of the Conclave, will combine all that the best of the printer's, engraver's and binder's art can produce. Neither skill, effort nor cost shall be spared to make it a volume of such exceptional merit and attractiveness that it will convey a correct impression of what San Francisco is capable of in that line.

The volume which will be sent to King Edward is to be

printed on the choicest vellum, nine by twelve inches in size, 800 pages, and bound in the highest art. The cover for the precious volume is now being made by Shreve & Co., of San Francisco, of California silver. The designers, apparently imbued by their important task, have evinced exceptional taste and true artistic sympathy in making a dignified and appropriate dress for the royal volume. Filled with the spirit of the Craftsmen of old, they have departed from the conventional lines and supplemented the binder's work by the silversmith's art and skill. The cover is entirely of hand-wrought silver worked into a rich, yet simple, scheme of fourteenth century bands, graceful scrolls and silver studding. The dimensions of the cover are such as

to permit ample space for an imposing figure of a golden knight, suggestively backed by a crimson cross, and an underlay of morocco of the same colour. The balance of the background for the silver work is of black morocco, a rich and appropriate combination of crimson, black and silver. The reverse cover is bordered with a silver band massively studded by wrought silver nails over uniform black morocco, relieved by a centre plate upon which is engraved the Seal of California. The two covers are held, as were the tomes of old, by a clasp of heavy wrought silver. The volume resembles two massive doors covering the records of the noble knights, and to be opened to one of the most exalted of the Fraternity.—*Masonic Sun*, Toronto.

Consecration of the Rostrum Lodge, No. 3037.

THE consecration of the Rostrum Lodge, which took place recently, adds another to the many class lodges that have during the last few years become such a marked feature in London Masonry. This lodge, as its name suggests, is composed of auctioneers, and its founders have been drawn from both London and the provinces.

The consecration took place at the Hotel Cecil, the ceremony being performed by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Sir Edward Letchworth, F.S.A., assisted by other Grand Officers. Bro. Lewis Beale, P.M. of Lodges 276 and 1767, was installed as the first Master, and he appointed his officers

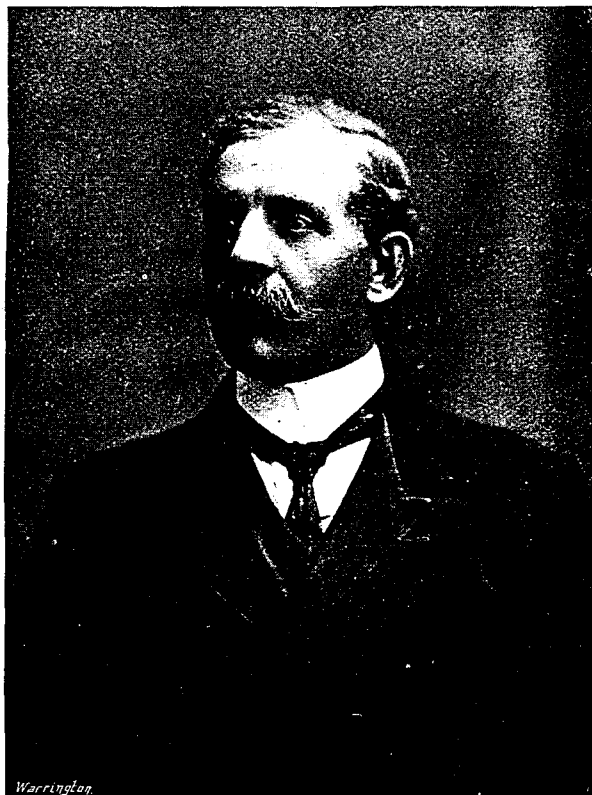


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BRO. LEWIS BEALE.

as follows:—Bros. Colin Oliphant, P.M. 1708, S.W.; Herbert Riches, I.P.M. 95, J.W.; Charles D. Levy, P.M. 20, Treas.; John Sulley, P.M. 1804 and 2663, Secretary; Wm. Thirsk, 250, 1511, S.D.; Geo. Ernest Nye, 1716, J.D.; H. C. Eardley-Brook, 195, D.C.; W. R. Phillips, 534, I.G.; and T. H. Currie, Thos. Thorne, and J. C. Scrivener, Stewards. In addition to the officers, the founders of the lodge include Bros. H. T. Hill and Wm. Eydmann, jun.

The banquet, at which a large number of brethren were present, took place at the conclusion of the ceremonies, and was followed by some excellent speeches, interspersed with a capital musical programme, thus winding up a most interesting and enjoyable evening.



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BRO. COLIN OLIPHANT.



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BRO. HERBERT RICHES.

Several propositions for membership have already been received from various parts of the country, and the Rostrum Lodge bids fair to become a pleasing and fraternal bond of



BRO. CHARLES D. LEVY.

union between the members of this very ancient and honourable profession.

Special praise is due to the D.C., Bro. Henry Times, D.G.D.C., for his able work, the duties of which he under-

took at short notice, owing to the unavoidable absence of Bro. Frank Richardson, as we believe it is the first time he (Bro. Times) has officiated as D.C. at a consecration.



BRO. JOHN SULLEY.

The lodge is to be complimented upon securing such a worthy and energetic brother as its Secretary, to whom the excellent arrangements are due, and we wish it cordially and heartily the success it deserves.

Royal Arch Masonry in Western Australia.

SOON after the secession of all the lodges under the Grand Lodge of England, with the exception of one, and the formation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, steps were taken to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter, but the constitutional difficulties which presented themselves in forming an independent sovereign body out of the one private English chapter in the District meeting at Fremantle were insuperable, and the project fell through. Under the auspices of the chapters holding under the Grand Chapter of Scotland, however, the object has been accomplished. It appears that on Wednesday, 15th June, a conference of duly accredited delegates of R.A. Chapters was held in Perth, for the purpose of giving effect to the resolutions previously passed by the chapters to form a Grand Chapter of Western Australia. Comp. E. Casper presided over the meeting. The report submitted stated that the discussion in the chapter had extended over a period of six months, and that six out of eight chapters under the Grand Chapter of Scotland were in favour, and two opposed to a local Grand Chapter. The one chapter under the Grand Chapter of England was favourable, and was represented at the conference.

The chairman, in a short address, drew attention to the great importance of the business for which the conference had been called. The chapters had entrusted them with a great responsibility, and he trusted that the result of the day's proceedings would be to advance Royal Arch Masonry.

Several delegates asked if the Grand Superintendent could state whether the Grand Chapter of Scotland would recognise a Grand Chapter of Western Australia.

The Chairman, in reply, said that Grand Chapter had been fully informed upon all that had taken place in the

chapters. In acknowledging these reports, Grand S.E. had expressed the assurance that Supreme Grand Chapter would not place any obstacles in the way of the chapters following what they considered the best to do in the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Western Australia.

After a full discussion it was resolved unanimously, on behalf of the several chapters represented, to declare and constitute a Supreme Grand Chapter for Western Australia having control over the Royal Arch, Mark Master, R.A. Mariner, and the Red Cross Degrees. Comp. Michael Samson, P.Z. of the Fremantle Chapter, No. 1033, was unanimously elected First Grand Principal of the new Grand Chapter.

A Supreme Committee was appointed with full powers until the first meeting of Grand Chapter, and the Laws and Constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, as far as practicable, were for the present adopted. A resolution was also passed expressing regret that the Goldfields Chapter had not fallen in line with the other chapters, and the earnest hope that the matter will be reconsidered at an early date.

After passing a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, the conference closed.

We are informed that at a meeting of the Supreme Committee, Comp. H. B. Joseph, Z. of the Lee Bryce R.A. Chapter, was appointed G.S.E. It was also decided to officially intimate the formation of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia to the Grand Chapters of Scotland, England, and Ireland, with an application for recognition.

The first meeting of Grand Chapter was fixed for the last week in August. At this meeting all the remaining officers will be elected, and the Grand Principals installed. A large amount of other executive business was transacted.—*The Craftsman* (Perth, W.A.).

*Death of the Dean of Rochester,
The Very Reverend Thomas Reynolds Hole,
Past Grand Chaplain.*

IT is with much regret we announce the death of V.W. Bro. Dean Hole, which occurred on Saturday, August 27th, at the Deanery, Rochester. He had been failing in health for some months past, and although it was generally known that he had had a relapse, it was not thought that he was in immediate danger. Shortly before daylight, however, a change was observed, and Mrs. Hole was summoned to his bedside. He did not become conscious, and died in his sleep soon after 3 o'clock. He was born in 1819 and was educated at Newark Grammar School, from whence he proceeded to Brasenose College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1844, and soon after undertook the curacy of his ancestral parish of Caunton, where he was afterwards to labour as vicar for forty-four years.

It was at Caunton that he established himself as an authority, perhaps *the* authority on rose culture, and was the author of several books dealing with the garden. His delight in the pleasures of a country life, however, was only one side of a delightful character.

In 1858 he published his first book in conjunction with his friend John Leech, and in "Memories," published in 1892 and "More Memories" in 1894, the Dean shows his well-known skill as a *raconteur*, and he carried those gifts to the highest uses. In his own diocese he filled many offices, all of which he resigned on becoming Dean of Rochester in 1887.

In 1895, at the age of 76, he undertook a lecturing tour in the United States with the object of devoting the proceeds to the restoration of the cathedral tower. He brought back a great many stories, but only enough in the way of proceeds to carry out some minor improvements. In the following year he received from some Masonic friends whom he met in America a processional cross for the cathedral, and in 1899, to his great gratification, certain members of the Craft provided stained-glass windows for the choristry in memory of the Dean's appointment as Grand Chaplain. The Dean

was very popular in the City, as he was in every community in which he appeared. In him the Church of England loses from her ranks a fine old English gentleman, whose honour and earnestness had done much to commend her message to all classes.

Dean Hole's career as a Mason dates from 1842, in which year he was initiated in the Alfred Lodge, No. 340, Oxford, in the days when the Earl of Sussex was still Grand Master. In the following year our brother joined the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, and in 1847 he joined the Royal Sussex Lodge, Nottingham. He was also a member of the Antient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

In 1896 a very interesting ceremony took place in Rochester Cathedral, when a reverend brother, a Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, who was the bearer of the processional cross above alluded to, presented it to the Dean as a gift from the citizens of Rochester, New York. At the invitation of Dean Hole, the visitor occupied the pulpit and preached a very eloquent sermon in the presence of the officers and members of our Rochester lodges, who attended in Masonic clothing and regalia.

After the service the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where a banquet was held, at which the Mayor was present, and the Rev. Bro. Hubbard was presented by the Dean, on behalf of the Gundulph, No. 1050, and other lodges, with an address, in which he referred to the great kindness and cordiality with which he had himself been received when visiting the United States, especially from the brother whom they had met to welcome.

In 1897 the M.W. Grand Master recognised the long and eminent services of Dean Hole by appointing him Grand Chaplain, and his appearance at Grand Lodge was warmly welcomed by the brethren. The funeral took place on Thursday, September 1st, at Caunton, Notts.



THE LATE BRO. DEAN HOLE.

The Ironworker and King Solomon.

AMERICAN Art has had no more talented exponent in the domain of steel engraving than the famous artist, John Sartain 33^o, whose connection with Masonry, and ardent services to the Order will long be remembered by his American brethren, and in a lesser degree by many English Masons in this country. Bro. Sartain's first visit to this country was in connection with the American Exhibition in London some years since, when he occupied the position of Director of the Art Sections. His genial and attractive personality brought him hosts of friends, and a subsequent visit only served to increase the regard felt for him by his brethren of the Craft.

Bro. Sartain's works were numerous and of high artistic merit, but there is no finer example of his art as an engraver than "The Ironworker," which has obtained the approbation of all art critics.

In the interesting volume entitled, "Reminiscences of a Very Old Man," published in 1899, two years after the artist's death, he tells the story of the origin of the picture—

"The last plate I engraved before leaving (for Europe) in 1862, was from West's large picture known as 'Christ Rejected,' which had been brought to this country by Joseph Harrison. A few years later Mr. Harrison gave me a com-



We have much pleasure in reproducing in the pages of "THE MASONIC ILLUSTRATED" one of his most famous pictures, which, in the original, has the following legend printed at the foot:—"When the Temple at Jerusalem was completed, King Solomon gave a feast to the Artificers employed in its construction. On mounting the Throne it was found that a smith had occupied the seat of honour on the right of the King's place, not yet awarded; whereupon the people clamoured and the guard rushed to cut him down. 'Let him speak,' commanded Solomon. 'Thou hast, O, King, invited all craftsmen but me. Yet how could these builders have raised the Temple without the tools I have fashioned?' 'True,' decreed Solomon. 'This is his of right—all honour to the ironworker.'"

mission to engrave another plate of the same size, as companion to 'Christ Rejected.' It was from a picture painted for him by Christian Schussele, entitled 'King Solomon and the Ironworker,' illustrating a rabbinical legend that at the dedication of Solomon's Temple a blacksmith occupied the seat of honour at the right of the King. While a boy, working in a machine shop, Harrison had come across this legend, and it appealed strongly to him as upholding and typifying the dignity of manual labour. After the successful completion of his contracts with the Russian Government for building railways, he realised a life-long project in giving the order for this picture, and the commission for the engraving followed."

The late Provincial Grand Master for North Wales.

WE regret to record the death, on Monday, the 29th August, after a very short illness, of R.W. Bro. Sir William Grenville Williams, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of North Wales, whose appointment to that office, in succession to Lord Harlech, was so recently made.

Sir William Williams, the fourth baronet, born in 1844, was the son of the late Sir Hugh Williams and brother of the Bishop of Bangor. He was educated at Eton, and served for some years in the 1st Life Guards, from which regiment he retired as Captain in 1873. He was afterwards Colonel

of the Montgomeryshire Yeomanry. Sir William Williams only survived his venerable predecessor, Lord Harlech, in the office of Provincial Grand Master for a few weeks.



THE LATE BRO. SIR WILLIAM GRENVILLE WILLIAMS.

The Masonic Calendar for North Wales, edited by Bro. W. Price-Smith, P.M., gives the following account of the late Provincial Grand Master's Masonic career:—"The R.W. Bro. Sir William Grenville Williams, Bart., of Bodelwyddan and Pengwern, Rhuddlan, was initiated into Freemasonry at Denbigh, at the Royal Denbigh Lodge, No. 1143, on the 17th day of January, 1878, and in the years 1891-92 and 1892-93, was Worshipful Master of that Lodge, and was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of North Wales in the year 1892, and having been appointed by the M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., &c., was, on the 25th day of September, 1903, at Colwyn Bay, duly installed Provincial Grand Master

for the Province of North Wales in succession to the R.W. Bro. Lord Harlech, of Brogyntyn, resigned.

"W. Bro. Sir Wm. Grenville Williams, Bart., was elected the Chairman of the North Wales Masonic Charitable Association upon the demise of W. Bro. C. K. Benson, of Wrexham, and takes a warm interest in the doings of this important and worthy organisation."

For an account of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who is now in charge of the province, we are indebted to the same source:—"W. Bro. Edward Roberts was initiated into Freemasonry at Segontium Lodge, No. 606, Carnarvon, on the 21st February, 1883, and on the 17th October, 1888, was installed Worshipful Master. In February, 1894, he became a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, and in 1896 a joining member of the Bala Lodge, No. 1369, and is an honorary member of Lodges 1113, 1488, 1988, 2423, and 2569 within the province. On the 1st October, 1885, he was exalted in the Segontium Chapter, No. 606, and in March, 1892, was installed First Principal. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. Grand Steward of North Wales, and in 1890 Prov. Grand Secretary, while in 1896 he had conferred upon him the rank of Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden for meritorious services. In 1892 he was appointed Prov. Asst. Grand Sojourner, promoted to Prov. Grand Registrar, and in 1898 to Prov. Grand Scribe N. In 1899 he was appointed Dep. Grand Sword Bearer of Grand Lodge, and Grand Standard Bearer in Supreme Grand Chapter. He has assisted in the founding of the London Welsh Lodge, No. 2867. He is a Vice-President of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. He is now Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of North Wales, besides he has been Worshipful Master of the Elffin Mark Lodge, No. 321, upon three occasions; and is a Past Prov. G.S.W. of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Wales.

"W. Bro. Edward Roberts is held in high esteem by all who know him, and his great services to Masonry have been recognised in many different ways, and on many occasions in the province."

The Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832 (E.C.).

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Kimberley, Cape Colony, on Thursday, the 11th July, the occasion being the induction into the chair of King Solomon of Wor. Bro. John Jeffrey, P.M. No. 420 (S.C.), S.W.

There were about 150 brethren present, including Rt. Wor. Bro. C. A. Blackbeard, D.D.G.M. Central South Africa; the Wor. Masters and Past Masters of the Cosmopolitan, Richard Giddy, and Henry B. Loch Lodges (E.C.); the Athole and Union Lodges (S.C.); and Peace and Harmony Lodge, (N.C.); also brethren representing lodges in various parts of the globe.

Wor. Bro. A. H. Jenkins, the retiring Master, conducted the installation ceremony in an impressive manner, and was ably assisted by Wor. Bros. A. Nicholson, J. Gifford, J. Russell, J. Johnston, J. J. McCullagh, and T. B. Tinson.

On the completion of the installing ceremony, the Wor. Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:—Bros. A. H. Jenkins, I.P.M.; G. Roulston, S.W.; W. Johns, J.W.; the Rev. J. Gifford, Chaplain; J. J. McCullagh, Treasurer; A. Nicholson, Secretary; J. F. Proudman, S.D.; T. Looney, J.D.; J. J. Smith, D.C.; J. B. Mumford, I.G.; S. C. J. Hawthorne, J. Easterbrook, J. Leck, and T. Foote, Stewards.

In graceful terms the Wor. Master then presented to Wor. Bro. A. H. Jenkins, the retiring Wor. Master, the Past Master's jewel, collar, and gauntlets voted by the lodge, and after the usual business had been completed the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given.



BRO. JOHN JEFFREY.

Rt. Wor. Bro. C. A. Blackbeard, replying for the Rt. Wor. D.G. Master (who was absent through indisposition), congratulated the Charles Warren Lodge on the choice they had made in electing Wor. Bro. Jeffrey as Master, and he felt assured that under the ruling of the new Master the Charles Warren Lodge would lose none of its former reputation. Wor. Bro. Blackbeard also tendered an apology for the absence of the D.G. Master.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. A. H. Jenkins, who congratulated the lodge upon the choice they had made, and from the interest that Wor. Bro. Jeffrey took in the working of the lodge during

the number of years which he had been Secretary, he felt sure that it would continue to prosper.

The Wor. Master, replying, thanked the brethren for the proud position they had placed him in, and he hoped that during his Mastership the lodge would lose none of its former splendour, and that he would be able to give every satisfaction.

The other toasts were "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," "The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren," and "The Officers, Present and Past," which were all duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast terminated a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Freemasonry in Australia.

It would appear from an address delivered by the state governor, R.W. Bro. Sir Harry Rawson, P.G.W. Eng., on the occasion of the installation of the Grand Master for New South Wales at Sydney, that the Charities are now occupying the attention of the brethren of that jurisdiction in a very marked degree. He gave some interesting figures with respect to Masonic benevolent funds. In 1891, the Grand Lodge and Benevolent Funds amounted to £5306; to-day, a sum of £13,234 was at credit. The Freemasons' Benevolent Fund increased from £1400 to over £8000. The funds of the Freemasons' Orphan Society progressed from £16,926 to £25,619 in the period under review. Reference to the numerical strength of the Order showed that when

Lord Carrington vacated the Grand Master's chair in 1891, there were 182 lodges in active work, with a membership of a little over 8000. In May last the number of lodges had increased to 198, with a membership of over 10,000. The Grand Master, dealing with the question of Masonic Charities, said that a perusal of the accounts disclosed that an annual subscription from the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was—apparently an archaic custom, evidently a tradition for long passed years—made to only one metropolitan hospital. He suggested an increase in the vote from the General Purposes Fund to such an extent as would enable subscriptions to all the leading hospitals of the city, and particularly the endowment of a cot in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

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IT is a well worn adage that a man is known by the company he keeps. Judged by this standard, Freemasons have probably less reason to be ashamed of themselves than any other section of the community. Not that we suggest for a moment that every member of the Order is a credit to himself, a testimonial to the Order to which he belongs and an ornament of the community in general. Far from it. But we can claim two things in this connection. First of all no purely social body exacts so many safeguards and guarantees from those who seek to become members of it. That there are those who survive the ordeal, and then do us little credit, is deeply to be regretted; but the Apostolic College even was not free from taint. The other consideration is that when once a brother has begun a downward course, he quite naturally foregoes his active connection with us. There is nothing in

our ritual nor our lectures that can appeal to such an one—in fact, lodge meetings become irksome, and even if he keep his name on the lodge books, his visits become infrequent and soon cease altogether. Some such consideration as this is at the bottom of the oft repeated injunction to young Masons, to be diligent in attendance.

Continual contact with earnest and well-meaning men is bound to exert a steadying influence. And he is further steadied by the inheritance of tradition into which he has stepped. Perhaps the lodge has traditions. Certainly the Craft has, and very noble ones. And it has more than tradition. It has its roll call of the illustrious dead, and St. Paul tells us of a glorious cloud of witnesses whose presence and whose sympathy ought to be a spur and incentive to noble action.

We do not of course allude to the fables current among those brethren of vivid imagination, who from the time of Dr. Anderson downwards have invested the Craft with an antiquity coeval with the *Fiat Lux*. These brethren will talk of the disasters that resulted from the unauthorized intrusion of a cowan into the Eden Lodge, No. 1, and Dr. Anderson gravely tells us that the only three Grand Officers saved at the time of the flood, were the three sons of Noah. All this we may dismiss with a smile, feeling that we have quite as much in the way of antiquity as is good for any one, when we have accepted K.S., H.A., and H.K.T.

We want to get on to practical ground, however. In gathering a list of the names of those whom we are proud to think have been brothers in our Order, and have taken the same obligations as ourselves, and worked the same ceremonies, we are compelled to restrain ourselves from going back further than the last three centuries, if we want to deal in facts only. It has been the fashion among Masonic archaeologists, to regard the dabbling in the occult sciences which distinguished the learned men of some six hundred years ago, as being in some way connected with the Craft as it might then have been. Possibly so. And therefore the names of Albertus Magnus, Paracelsus, Raymond Lully, Roger Bacon, Hermes Trismegistus, Cornelius Agrippa, and even Dr. Faustus, find places in Masonic literature. With more show of reason such men as Euclid, Pythagoras, Thales, and Archimedes have been preserved, not only in Masonic antiquarian literature but in our lectures, and even in our jewels; and, it may be added, in our lodge nomenclature. But even with such respectable names as these, we are still in the regions of romance.

But the succession is worthily kept up in the regions of fact. There has been George Washington, initiated in 1752, in the town of Fredericksburg, and nominated for Grand Master of Virginia in 1777. The New World has also given to Freemasonry, Benjamin Franklin, Worshipful Master of a lodge in Philadelphia in 1734, and afterwards described, though on perhaps insufficient grounds, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Another distinguished son of America was "Stonewall" Jackson, initiated in 1805, in the Cumberland Lodge, No. 8, at Nashville. In 1833 he was Grand Master, at the end of his tenure of office as President.

Coming nearer home, the illustrious Duke of Wellington, and his great rival, Napoleon, arrest our attention. The latter conquered Freemasonry as he was accustomed to conquer other things. The Duke was initiated in No. 494, in December, 1790, but truth compels us to state that he did not take a very active interest in the Order, having other things to occupy his attention. Yet who shall say that he was not as true a Mason as was ever initiated. Some further particulars of his career are to be found in the *Masonic Magazine* for January, 1875. Other warriors on our roll are Lord Nelson, Sir R. Abercrombie, Sir John Moore, Sir J. C. Napier, Earl of Moira, and Gustavus Adolphus, and in our own day, Lords Roberts, Wolseley, and Kitchener. Among great physicians we have Jenner, the discoverer of inoculation, Arbuthnot, B. W. Richardson, Simpson, the discoverer of chloroform, Mungo Park, Lavater and Guillotin. Among musicians, the names of Haydn and Mozart are pre-eminent,

and the latter is with us at almost every lodge meeting where music takes a prominent part, by reason of the spirited march he wrote, the strains of which are often heard in the lodge room. Of lesser note are Humel, Sullivan, and a host of others. Of literary eminence, it is difficult to draw up any representative list of names. Perhaps the most notable are Voltaire, Burns, and Goethe. The first named was initiated in the Lodge of the Nine Sisters in Paris, in 1778. This was a lodge not unlike, in its objects, our own Quatuor Coronati, and it is interesting to note that the historian was introduced by Franklin, who was then U.S.A. Ambassador in Paris. Sir Walter Besant must not be forgotten in this connection not only as to his immense literary merits, but also as an exceptionally keen Freemason, being one of the founders of the literary lodge referred to. Herschel and the Earl of Rosse have also to be mentioned. It will be noticed all this time that we have not yet named the man who in the opinion of many was the greatest Freemason of them all, Sir Christopher Wren. We have no wish, however, to introduce debatable matter, and the omission is due to the fact that whilst there are many who enrol him amongst the English Grand Masters, there are others no less eminent as historians who say he was not a Mason at all. He is said to have been a member of the Lodge of Antiquity, and the maul and trowel used at the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Paul's were certainly presented by him to the lodge.

Living names, other than those already alluded to, we have no space to chronicle, but enough has been said to show the young Mason that he has not joined a society of which there is nothing to be said. What the Order owes to our predecessors is one of our most precious possessions, and the serious question for all of us is in what way we personally and collectively are proposing to add to the lustre already conferred upon the body with the maintenance of whose traditions we are now entrusted.



The quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 4th August, Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., of Newhailes, M.P., presiding. By a majority of 94 to 52, it was agreed to grant a charter to Lodge St. Kentigern, Glasgow. Bros. Benjamin Rogers, junr., James Paxton and Andrew N. M'Kinnon were appointed representatives from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Montana and New Jersey respectively; and Bro. his Excellency Lord Lamington, Governor of Bombay, was appointed Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India. Bro. Robert Kirk, M.D., Past Master of Lodge Torphichen Kilwinning, Bathgate, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Linlithgowshire, in room of Bro. Colonel Thomas Hope, of Bridgecastle, resigned. Representations having been made to Grand Lodge that certain brethren in Queensland had seceded from their lodges, and had carried away the charters, books, jewels, papers, clothing, and paraphernalia of their respective lodges, it was recommended that Grand Committee be instructed to authorize the District Grand Master of Queensland to institute, at the proper instance, actions in the Civil Courts of Queensland, and to carry them to a conclusion, whereby the charters and other articles, the property of the lodges there, may be recovered, and that Grand Lodge should undertake to bear the expense incurred in such actions, and to pay any expenses for which the pursuers in these actions might be found liable—the recommendation was approved of. During the quarter

grants amounting to £310 16s. were made from the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund, and annuities amounting to £535 were voted to 51 applicants.

The secession of lodges from the Grand Lodge of England and the erection of sovereign bodies in many of our colonies has not been unattended by differences, and in some instances by prolonged strife and contention, but time and a truer Masonic spirit have happily combined to bridge over the fissure temporarily created, and harmony now prevails. In some cases, however, recognition was long delayed and a good understanding only reached by mutual concession and compromise. It is difficult, to realise the possibility of such an understanding being arrived at with the body styling itself "The Grand Lodge of Queensland."

That the District Grand Lodge of Queensland, which is now the only District in the Australian Commonwealth under the Grand Lodge of England, will eventually form part of an independent and sovereign body we may take for granted, but, in the opinion of those best qualified to judge, events are not ripe for such a change. The present movement is referred to in the report of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the meeting on the 21st of July.

At this moment the District Grand Lodge of Queensland is almost solid in its desire to retain its Masonic connection with the mother country, and when the time comes for the formation of an independent Grand Lodge the movement will emanate from a strongly representative combination of English, Scotch, and Irish Masons, and not from such an insignificant portion of one jurisdiction as the present so-called "Grand Lodge of Queensland" appears to be composed of.

"The Mallet," whose Masonic contributions to the *Glasgow Evening News* are a feature in that paper, has some remarks in a recent issue condemnatory of a practice which is permitted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of permitting an unlimited number of candidates to be initiated at one meeting.

It appears that at a recent meeting of the County Kilwinning Lodge, No. 370, in addition to the twenty-one candidates from the Wild West Show, there were eleven others initiated at a midnight meeting, making in all thirty-two initiates. Can there be any reasonable claim that these initiates got justice, or that there could be that decorum in the ceremonial which lends impressiveness? Another lodge in the same province had an experience of the kind on a former occasion, and initiated on the one night thirty-one candidates. There is certainly room for limitation, and it is to be hoped that Grand Lodge will in time receive with favour a proposal on the lines of the motion made by Bro. Cochran at a recent meeting in Edinburgh.

It is unnecessary to observe in this connection that no such latitude is permitted in lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. Rule 192 of the Constitutions limits the number that may be initiated into Masonry in one day to five, unless a dispensation be obtained from the Grand Master or Provincial or District Grand Master, and we have reason to believe that such dispensations are rarely granted.

Apart from the difficulty—and we might say the impossibility—of properly investigating the antecedents and determining the fitness of such a large number of

candidates for the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the ceremony, which should be a decorous and solemn one, is necessarily robbed of all solemnity and impressiveness by such an indiscriminate and wholesale addition to the ranks of the Order.



In a piquant new book, "Society under the New Reign," the author says:—"If Sir Edward Letchworth be an organiser for the craft (Freemasonry) in society, a noticeable populariser of it is to be found in one whose dark, imposing figure, worthy of a Venetian Doge, is seldom missed from its most important functions. Pageants and ceremonies of that sort have become part of the life of shrewd, genial, versatile, and energetic J. C. Parkinson. In early youth the discipline of Somerset House taught him habits of business and methods of routine; under the greatest master of literary technique, as well as of fiction, whom the last century produced—Charles



BRO. J. C. PARKINSON.

Dickens—he graduated in journalism; marriage made him the son-in-law of Sir George Elliot—a name historic from its associations with the Atlantic cable—and gave a new turn to his pliant energies. Capitalist, territorialist, and public diner, he combines with business aptitudes tastes which have made him a considerable traveller. During his tours he has acquired property and picturesque costumes in several parts of the world, notably in Austria-Hungary, where he has a vineyard, and is a naturalised grandee privileged to wear, on State occasions, a costume indescribably superb."



The stories that have gathered round the late Dean Hole, of whom a biographical notice will be found on another page, are legion. He used to say that many of them had been told about his predecessor, Dr. Scott, and passed on with the Deanery; the following, however, may be accepted as the Dean's own:—"An extraordinarily corpulent clergyman at a City dinner, being called upon to return thanks as a Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, began, 'Attached as I have been for so many years to this great corporation.' His proem induced a perplexity among his audience which was very painful. They wished to laugh, but durst not, there was a battle between mirth and manners. At last, happily, the gentleman uttered a feeble joke, which was regarded as an outlet. The reservoir burst, and that man never before knew what a breadth of humour he had—larger even than his breadth of person."

Another favourite story with the Dean, who maintained well into his eighties the high spirits of an Oxford undergraduate, was one which illustrates how the demon of universal drunkenness haunts the imaginations of those who have to do with drunken persons—"One of the saintliest bishops on the Bench was sitting one afternoon in a public park, and got into conversation with a little maid of about six. After ten minutes of the childish prattle the benign old gentleman said, 'Now, my dear, I must be going. But you must help me to rise from this seat. I am afraid you will find me very heavy.' 'Oh, that's all right,' responded the little girl, with cheerful confidence; 'you ain't 'alf as drunk as wot father often is.'"



A special gathering of Freemasons attending the forthcoming Church Congress at Liverpool will be held at Liverpool on Wednesday, October 5th, and will be followed by a banquet, over which the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master for West Lancashire, will preside. It may be recalled that the Lancashire Freemasons have undertaken to build the Chapter House of the new Liverpool Cathedral at a cost of £10,000. The gathering on October 5th, which is quite unique in connection with the Church Congress, has no direct connection with the Chapter House Fund, but has been arranged in order to give an opportunity for a meeting of members of the Craft attending the Congress from all parts of the country.



The installation, for the sixth year in succession, of M.W. Bro. J. C. Remington as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales took place at Sydney last month in the presence of about 3000 brethren of the Craft, including his Excellency the Governor, R.W. Bro. Sir Harry Rawson, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and a number of distinguished Freemasons from the various States. On behalf of the 198 lodges in the State, Sir Harry Rawson presented the Grand Master with an illuminated address and a portrait of himself, painted in oils, accompanied by a diamond tiara for Mrs. Remington. During his address, the Grand Master gave some interesting statistics with reference to the progress of Freemasonry in the territory, and these were supplemented by facts and figures quoted by his Excellency. Anthems were rendered by a Masonic choir of 200 voices, and the proceedings were marked by much enthusiasm.



In celebration of the golden wedding of Comp. Joshua Hocken, P.Z., the members of St. John's Chapter, Liverpool, subscribed to a beautiful testimonial which was presented to the venerable member at the usual meeting in August. The presentation took the form of a large size massive gold inkstand, complete with a solid gold desk pen. The inkstand was of special design, having a heavy rail at back and sides of entirely hand-saw pierced tracery, with a gadroon border. The gold mounts of the two cut crystal bottles bore the monogram of Comp. and Mrs. Hocken respectively, and on the stand was suitably engraved the inscription:—"Presented to Companion Joshua Hocken, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., and to Mrs. Hocken by the Principals, Past Principals, and Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 673, on the occasion of the celebration of their golden wedding. August 8, 1904."



Bro. Wilson Frederick, of Plainfield, who was almost scalded to death in the wreck on the Jersey Central Railroad at Graceland in January, 1903, has had his life saved by the brethren of his lodge. When the brethren heard of his plight they volunteered to furnish skin for grafting purposes. Night after night they bared their arms at the Muhlenberg Hospital and had pieces of skin removed. This process was continued for nearly a year with complete success. On the 14th of July last Bro. Frederick attended his lodge to thank the brethren for the sacrifice they had made for him.

In order to give expression to the general feeling which has arisen that the time has arrived wherein to recognise the long and consistent services freely given to Hampshire Freemasonry in all its phases by Bro. George Felton Lancaster, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary, &c., the Provincial Grand Master and M.E. Grand Superintendent has authorised the issue of a circular to the brethren and companions in the province, to give them an opportunity of marking, in a tangible form, their appreciation of Bro. Lancaster's services. Since the year 1870 he has devoted the greater part of his leisure time to the affairs of Freemasonry, and has ever been ready and willing to help in any Masonic work whenever appealed to. He is a Past Master of nearly thirty years' standing, a founder of three lodges in the province (two of which were started on his initiative), and in each he laboured long, either as Master or officer, to consolidate them and promote their prosperity.



In the Provincial Grand Lodge records it is seen that since the year 1872 Bro. Lancaster has assisted continuously in the administrative work of the province, either on committees or as a Provincial Grand Officer. In Royal Arch Masonry he has been particularly active, being a P.Z. of three chapters, of two of which he is a founder. In the year 1901 he was honoured by appointment to office in the United Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. He has rendered eminent service in other degrees of the Craft, and is a Life Governor and past Steward of each of the Masonic Charities. A committee has been formed, with Bro. Edgar Goble, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, as chairman, and Bro. Commander H. G. Giles, R.N., as secretary and treasurer, for the purpose of raising a fund as a testimonial to Bro. Lancaster, in appreciation of his long and useful services to the craft.



One of the largest gatherings of Masons ever seen at Poona took place on the 23rd July at the installation of Captain Holbrook as Master of Lodge Orion in the West, which is the oldest lodge in the Presidency and the largest lodge in India. R.W. Bro. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, District Grand Master, and his officers came from Bombay, and Masons from different parts of the Presidency were also present. Sir Lawrence Jenkins expressed pleasure at seeing so many present, and gave an earnest and eloquent address on the principles and tenets of the Order, and commented on the admirable manner in which the lodge was worked.



The plans for a Masonic Hall for the Freemasons of Coventry have been passed by the Town Council, and a suitable building will ere long be erected in Little Park Street. The building will have an elevation in the French Renaissance style, and is expected to prove not only a credit to the Craft but also to the city itself.



The grand parade of the Knights Templar, to take place on Tuesday, September 6th, says "The Keystone," is destined to be the most imposing pageant and the greatest display ever seen in the streets of San Francisco. It is confidently expected that fully 10,000 Sir Knights will be in the parade, making a line about four miles in length.



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This phase of Masonry is somewhat startling to the prosaic Craftsmen on this side of the pond; but if, as it appears evident, our American brethren find pleasure in this brave display, we have neither the right nor the inclination to criticise or question their methods.



We are pleased to learn that Dr. Lunn is organising another of those delightful Masonic cruises on the steam yacht "Argonaut" to Athens, Jerusalem, Egypt, &c., which for several years in succession have afforded so much pleasure and satisfaction to the large number of Masons who have availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting lands so closely associated with the traditional history of the Craft. As on previous occasions a dignitary of the church will accompany the party as Chaplain, this time in the person of the Rev. Canon Bullock, Past Grand Chaplain, whose knowledge of the Holy Land and the historic places of interest to be visited he has kindly consented to place at the disposal of his brother Craftsmen.



A series of excursions will be made to the Acropolis and to all the principal places of interest in Athens and to Eleusis, passing the Grove of Daphne. At Jaffa a visit will be paid to the reputed house of Simon the Tanner and to the Orange Groves. At Jerusalem the principal holy sites will be visited, including Bethlehem, Bethany, the Mount of Olives, Jericho, the Jordan, and the Dead Sea. The trip extends to twenty-seven days, and the "Argonaut" leaves London about the 8th of November, and is due back on the 6th of December. All information may be obtained from the Secretary, 5, Endsleigh Gardens, N.W.



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THE annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire was held at Kidderminster Town Hall on August 24th, under the banner of Hope and Charity Lodge. In the absence, through illness, of R.W. Bro. Sir A. F. Godson, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, his place was taken by Bro. W. T. Page, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. G. W. Grosvenor, the oldest Provincial Senior Grand Warden, acting as Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Amongst the visitors were:—Bro. Threlfall, Senior Grand Warden of Ireland; Bro. A. Green, P.G. Purst. Eng.; and Bro. F. R. Hedges, P.G.S.B., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

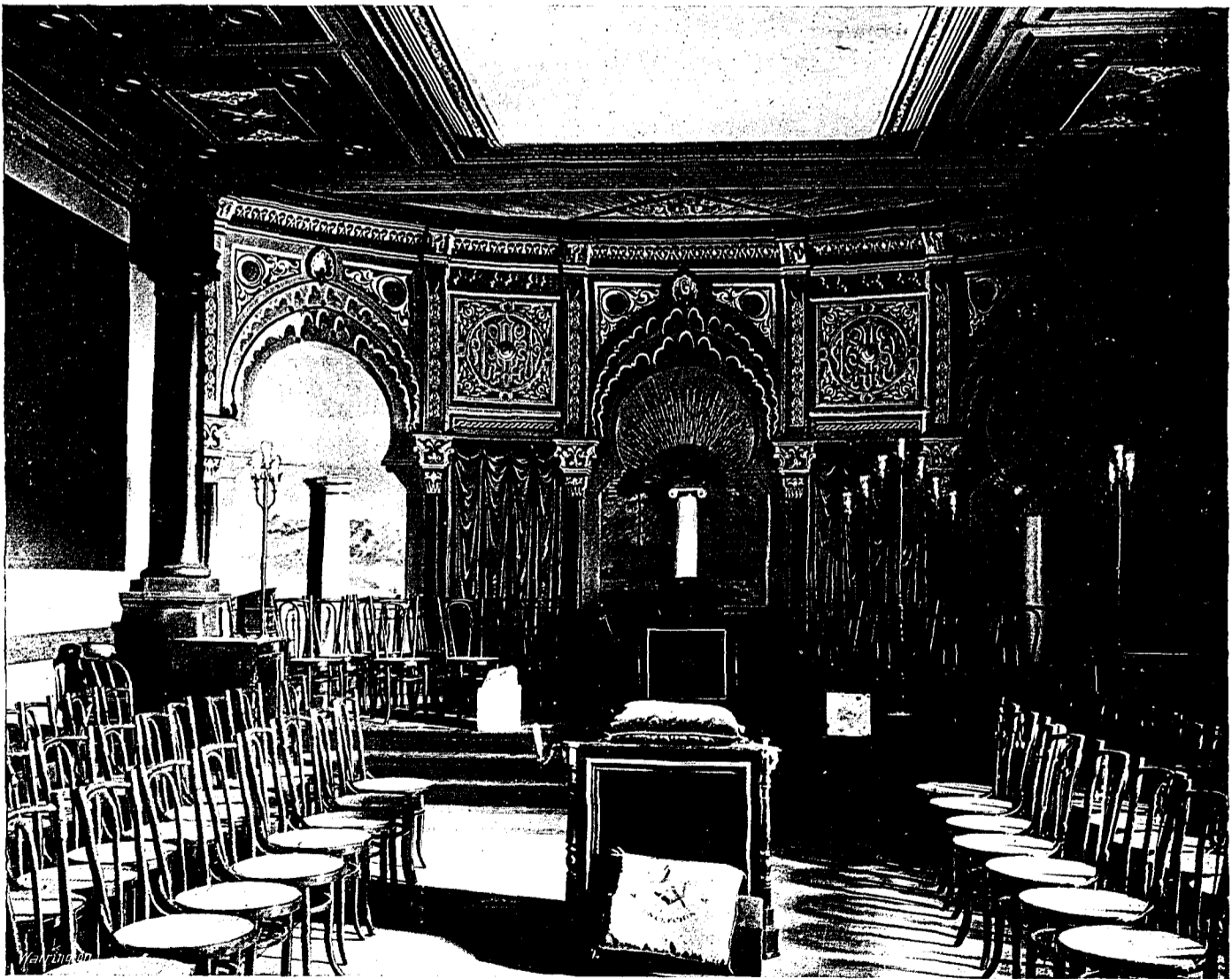
The officers appointed for the year were:—Bros. W. T. Page, P.A.G.D. of Cers., P.P.G. Sec., Deputy Provincial Grand Master; S. Southall, Provincial Senior Grand Warden; W. E. Williams, Provincial Junior Grand Warden; the Rev. G. F. Hough, Provincial Grand Chaplain;

J. Millington, Provincial Grand Treasurer; Edwin Parry, Provincial Grand Registrar; Edward Collens, Provincial Grand Secretary; H. E. Newey, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon; S. S. Somers, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon; R. W. Rusby, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works; W. H. Hand, Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies; H. Scandrett, Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies; T. Williams, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer; W. G. Robins and F. W. Phelps, Provincial Grand Standard Bearers; C. Turner, Provincial Grand Organist; Frederick Vale, Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary; B. Richardson, Provincial Grand Pursuivant; C. H. Averill, Provincial Assistant Grand Pursuivant; Henry E. Purkis, John Lowe, Charles Drew, Henry Thorneloe, Joseph Ray, and Frederick Perkins, Provincial Grand Stewards; and F. W. Knott and J. Dugard, Tylers.

Freemasonry in Chili.

THE magnificent Masonic Temple recently erected in the Calle Commerico, Concepcion, Chili, has been duly inaugurated by the three lodges—Chilian, English, and German. This imposing building must be classed amongst the finest Masonic Temples in South America, and is indeed well worthy of the object for which it was

The Temple, with its gorgeous decorations, was seen at its best during the various ceremonies which were rendered in Spanish, English, and German, while the number of brethren assembled within it was a striking witness to the prevalence of harmony and brotherly love, as well as to the strength of the Craft in the capital of the South.



THE TEMPLE.

designed. The festival of its inauguration produced much enthusiasm among the Craft in the south of the Republic, and may be characterised as a great social event in Concepcion.

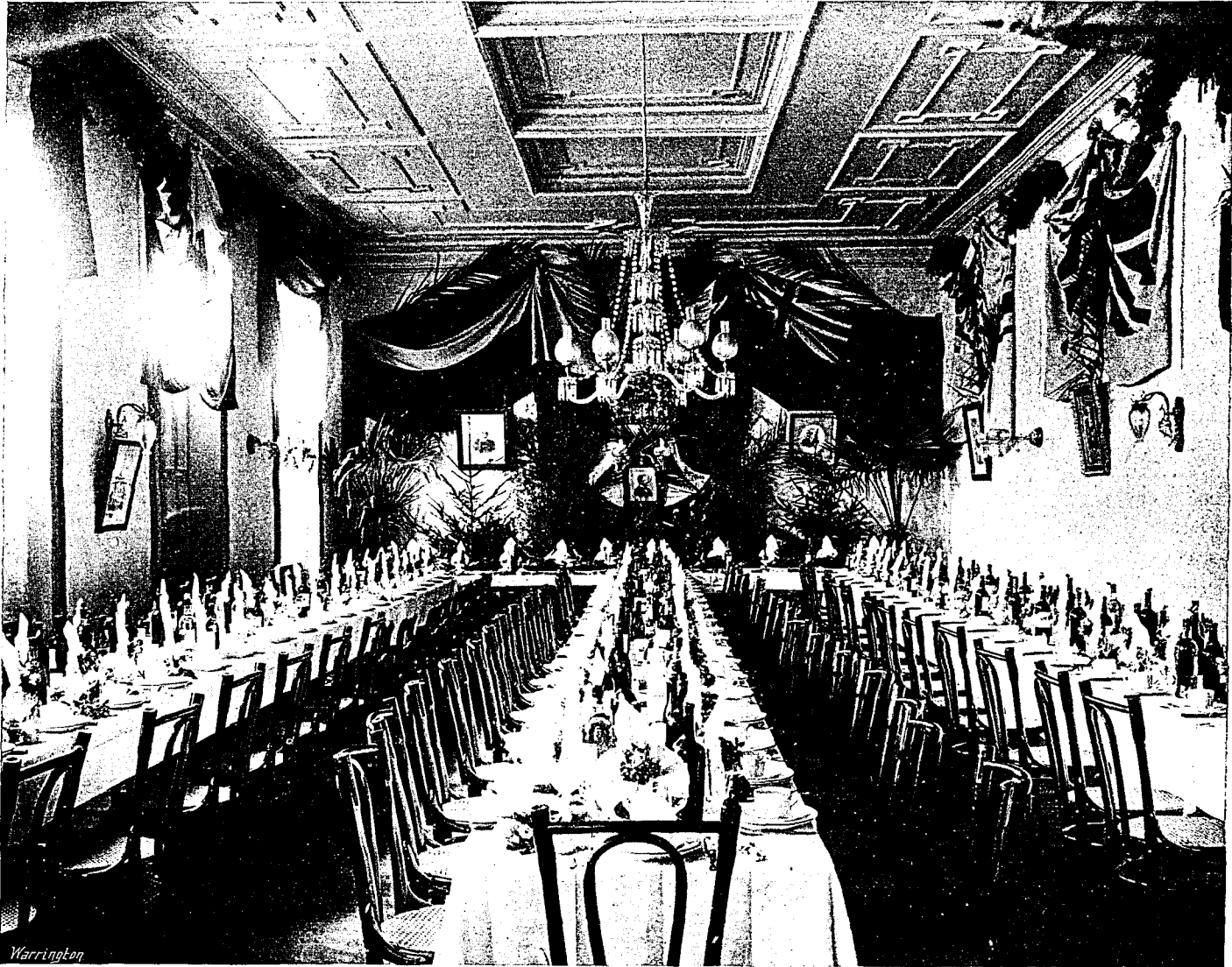
From Valparaiso came a special delegation of the Grand Lodge of Chili, and many other lodges, both foreign and native, were represented.

The solemn dedication of the new Temple was performed in due and ancient form on the following Monday, under the auspices of St. John's Lodge, the representatives of all the lodges who had witnessed the ceremony of inauguration being again present, in addition to the brethren of other lodges. This was another grand gathering of the Fraternity, there being not an empty seat in the Temple when the

procession from the Grand Lodge arrived at its doors. The dedication ceremony was faithfully and correctly carried out, in accordance with the beautiful ritual prescribed for such occasions.

No. 13, was established under the Grand Lodge of Chili, and has been successfully working without interruption since that time.

St. John's Lodge was formed in March, 1885, by the



THE BANQUETING HALL.

After a short recess, the instalment of officers for the current year was proceeded with. The lodge was then closed, after which the delegates were conducted by the brethren to the banqueting hall. During the banquet, toasts were given and appropriate speeches were made, and a hearty rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" brought the proceedings to a close.

Freemasonry in Chili has made steady progress during the past half century. The first lodge we hear of in Concepcion was La Estrella de Chili (the Chilian Star), under charter of the Grand Lodge of Peru, which was consecrated in September, 1836; La Aurora de Chili (under charter of the Grand Orient of France) followed in 1860. Both these lodges soon died out, and there remains little or no record of their doings. In June, 1883, the Astrail Lodge,

English-speaking members of the "Pas y Concordia," under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and now contains about sixty members. Lodge "Glück Auf" works under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and was founded by the German members of Lodge Pas y Concordia in 1890, the members at present numbering thirty-four.

These three lodges hold their meetings in the new Temple, generally weekly, and their relations with each other are on a very fraternal footing.

From the Pas y Concordia have also lately sprung some five or six lodges that work in different towns in the south of Chili, and we are glad to say that the zeal and enthusiasm of their members promise greatly to advance the interests of our Order in Chili.

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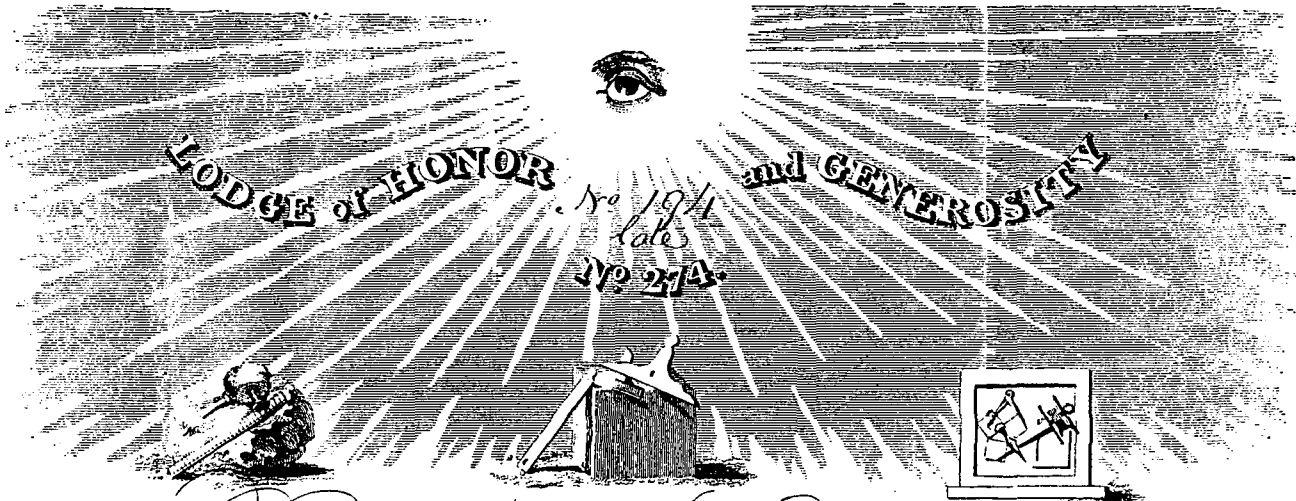
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An Old Summons.

SEVERAL of the summonses issued early last century were of a very artistic character, and any of them traced of late years are assuredly worthy of reproduction. The present specimen is from a plate which was drawn and engraved by Bro. Debauser, of Creed Lane,

The founders started this successful lodge at the "Sun and Punch Bowl," High Holborn, since which period the meetings have taken place at the "Crown and Cushion," Lincoln's-Inn-Fields; the "Bedford Head," Bloomsbury; the "Turk's Head," King Street; and in 1834 the "George

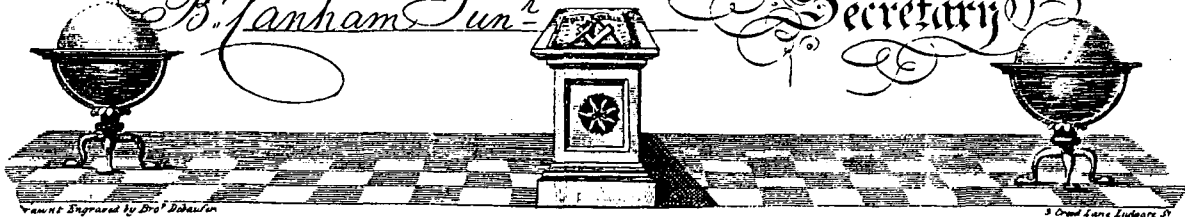


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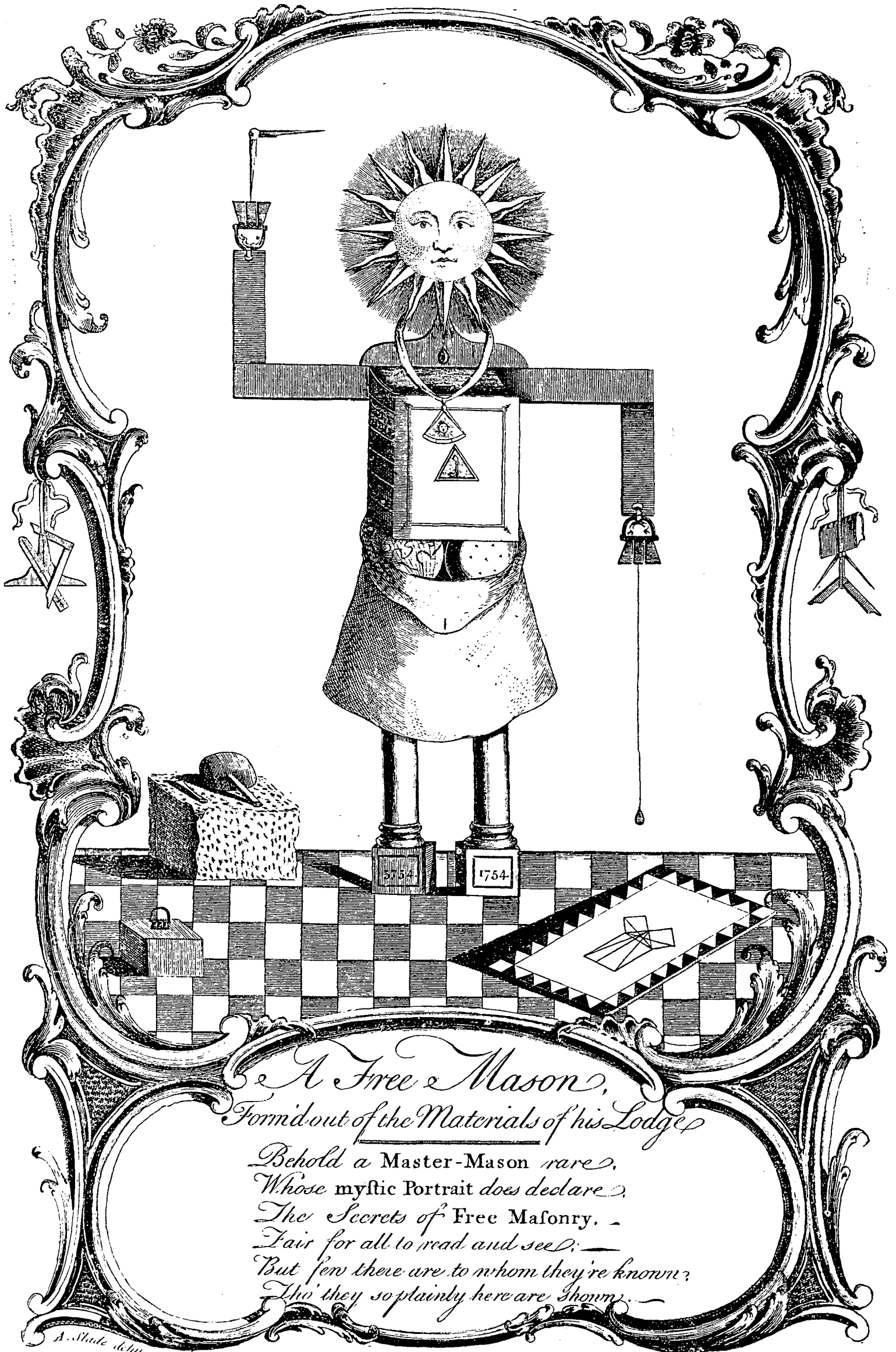


Ludgate Square, and was issued by the Lodge of "Honour and Generosity," No. 165, now held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields. The Warrant dates from the 17th June, 1767, and there is also a Centenary Jewel Charter of the year 1870. The original number was 394, and there were six other numbers until the existing one was reached in 1863, and it is to be hoped it will long remain at that position on the roll.

and Vulture," Cornhill, was patronised; then the "London Tavern" in 1837, and finally the "Inns of Court Hotel." The name of the lodge is believed to have been selected in 1789.

All the lodges warranted prior to existing No. 155, in 1767, by the regular Grand Lodge, or "Moderns," have been removed from the register.

W. J. H.



A CURIOUS OLD MASONIC PRINT, PUBLISHED IN 1751.

The Knights Templar Mission to America.

ALTHOUGH the important deputation of Knights Templar which left London on the 13th August for America, cannot, strictly speaking, be considered as representing English Freemasonry, it is not devoid of importance, inasmuch as that body has attained an importance, and possesses an influence, amongst our transatlantic brethren, largely in excess of its sister organisation in this country. It is, however, progressing steadily in England, where its beautiful ritual and impressive symbolism appeals to an increasingly large number of Craftsmen. Such a representation, headed as it is by the Great Prior of England and Wales, cannot fail to promote the interest of Masonry generally, and help to weld into one harmonious whole the fraternal interests of the two great English-speaking Nations.

The following interesting circular is issued with the "Provisional Itinerary" for the 29th Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar, at San Francisco, 6th September, 1904:—

"Chicago, July, 1904.

"In sending you pamphlet (under separate cover) containing the itinerary and arrangements of the distinguished visitors who are coming from Great Britain to attend the Twenty-ninth Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar, to be held in San Francisco, September 4-9, 1904, there is nothing more I can add of interest other than the following brief biography of the Earl of Euston:—

"The Right Honourable Henry James, Earl of Euston, G.C.T., Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master, Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown.

"The Rt. Hon. Henry James FitzRoy is the eldest son of His Grace the Duke of Grafton, K.G., born 8th November, 1848, London, England. Entered the Army in the Rifle Brigade, 1867, serving in Canada during the 'Fenian Raid,' for which he received the medal. For five years he commanded the Adelaide Volunteer Rifles in South Australia. He is now and has been for twenty-two years the Colonel Commandant of the 1st Volunteer Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment, and has received the V.D.. Has served as Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty King Edward VII. He is a widower, having but recently lost his wife, and has no children.

"Lord Euston is one of the most prominent and well-known Freemasons in England, and among the many Masonic and other offices he holds, we may name the following:—

"Colonel the Right Honourable Henry James, Earl of Euston, Colonel Commandant of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk, Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Suffolk and Northampton, Provincial Grand Master and Grand Superintendent for Northampton and Huntingdon, Grand Master and Knight Grand Cross of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Grand Sovereign and Knight Grand Cross of the Red Cross of Constantine, Provincial Grand Master of Mark Master Masons for the Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford, also for the Province of Leicester and Rutland, Grand Master of the Allied Degrees, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters, etc., is appointed and installed Pro Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies.

"Of this visitation, William J. Hughan, the distinguished Masonic writer, says:

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"From Chicago they will go to San Francisco in the private car of President Stickney of the Chicago Great Western Railway. The party will be in charge of J. P. Elmer, general passenger agent of the road, who is a thirty-second degree Mason, and he will act as their host on the trip to San Francisco and return.

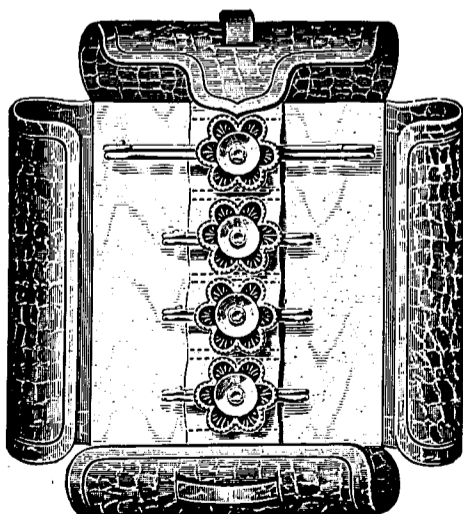
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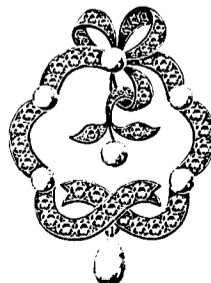


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MARSEILLES	Wednesday, November 9, morning	Wednesday, November 9.
CATANIA	Saturday, November 12 (call to embark passengers)	
PIRÆUS (for Athens)	Monday, November 14, morning	Tuesday, November 15, afternoon.
JAFFA (for Jerusalem)	Friday, November 18, morning	Friday, November 18, afternoon.
PORT SAID (to land passengers for Egypt who are omitting stay in Palestine).	Saturday, November 19, morning	Tuesday, November 22.
JAFFA (to embark passengers from Jerusalem)	Wednesday, November 23, morning	Wednesday, November 23.
ALEXANDRIA (for Cairo)	Thursday, November 24, afternoon	Tuesday, November 29, afternoon.
NAPLES	Saturday, December 3, evening	Sunday, December 4, evening.
MARSEILLES	Tuesday, December 6, morning	Tuesday, December 6, afternoon, <i>via</i> Paris.
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At Jaffa passengers land, and, subject to the train arrangements permitting of it, time is generally allowed either on the outward or the return journey for a visit to the reputed House of Simon the Tanner, to the orange groves, and for a walk through the town. Special train is taken to Jerusalem, and during the stay there the shore arrangements include visits to all the principal Holy sites in and around Jerusalem, including Bethlehem, Bethany, and the Mount of Olives. An excursion will also be made to Jericho, the Jordan, and the Dead Sea.

Any who do not wish to visit Palestine may go on to Port Said with the *Argonaut*, and will then have from the 19th of November until the 29th for Egypt. This amount of time is amply sufficient to allow for a visit being made to Thebes and Luxor, as well as Cairo. Such passengers would leave the *Argonaut* at Port Said on the 19th, and rejoin her at Alexandria on the 29th.

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