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The Library and Museum of the Grand Lodge of England.

Their Origin and Progress.—(Continued.)

BY HENRY SADLER.

PORTRAITS OF FREEMASONS AND PRINTS RELATING TO MASONRY.

IN 1869 the number of engraved portraits and prints belonging to the Grand Lodge was less than a dozen, they may now be counted by hundreds, some few of which, being rare and valuable, are framed and hung on the walls of the various rooms, but many more are preserved in scrap books and portfolios in the Library.

out of the Library allowance. It has always been a source of deep regret to the writer, that in days gone by, he has been unable to add many others that ought to be in the possession of the Grand Lodge, for want of funds, and that they have now found a home across the Atlantic. Thanks, however, to the liberality of the Grand Chapter, we may



FRONTISPIECE TO THE ACADEMY OF ARMORY AND BLAZON, RANDLE HOLME, 1688. (Photo Hite Portrait Co.)
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No attempt has yet been made to catalogue them, hence it is somewhat difficult to estimate, even approximately, their number. Some of these have been presented by various brethren, but a great majority of them have been purchased

reasonably hope that such cases will be less frequent in the future. We will not attempt a description of any one of these works of art, suffice it to say that the collection includes many valuable old engraved portraits of former

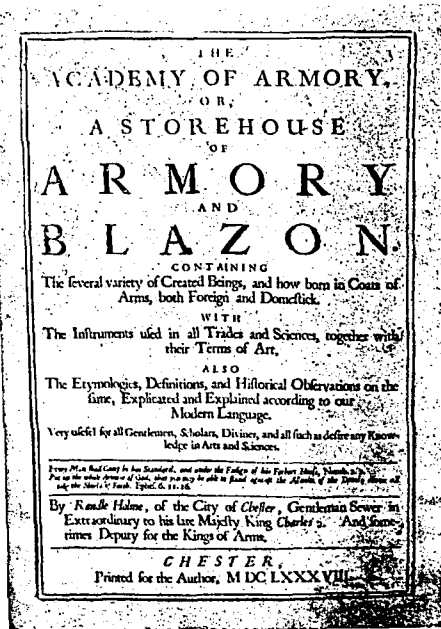
Grand Masters and other Masonic celebrities, a reduced copy of one of which, Charles, second Duke of Richmond, Grandson of King Charles II., has been reproduced as an example for this paper. The facsimile of his signature is from the Grand Lodge minutes of the period. This nobleman, who was Grand Master in 1724-25, was the first, as far

subsequently presented by other Grand Masters. We fervently hope and trust that whoever appropriated them had his reward in the next world if he missed it in this.

OLD MASONIC JEWELS, MEDALS, ETC.

The museum contains a large and valuable collection of masonic jewels and emblems of all sorts, ages, and degrees, not the least attractive of which is the unique collection of founder's jewels presented to Sir Edward Letchworth at various consecrations at which he has presided, consisting of nearly 150 specimens. The large and varied assortment collected by the late Major Irwin, and presented to the Grand Lodge by his widow in 1893, has also many admirers. There is likewise a nearly complete series of original special centenary jewels, mostly presented by the several Lodges they represent, two only out of the 42 being wanting. Amongst the most handsome of these is the jewel of the Lodge Star in the East, Calcutta, the gift of Bro. H. T. Lamb.

The jewels of the Albion Lodge, Quebec, and the Britannia Lodge, Sheffield, we hope to receive at no distant period.



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TITLE PAGE OF THE ACADEMY OF ARMORY AND BLAZON.
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as we know, to make a present to the Grand Lodge, and as a portion of his gift has been preserved down to our own time, it may fairly be considered the oldest relic (apart from books and manuscripts) in the museum. The presentation is recorded in Latin on a silver plate on the lid of the case, but is not mentioned in the Grand Lodge minutes. It consisted of a small shagreen covered case, the actual size of which is shown in the photograph in the last issue of this journal. It is lined with red velvet and fitted so as to contain, without touching each other, a small Square, Level, Plumb,



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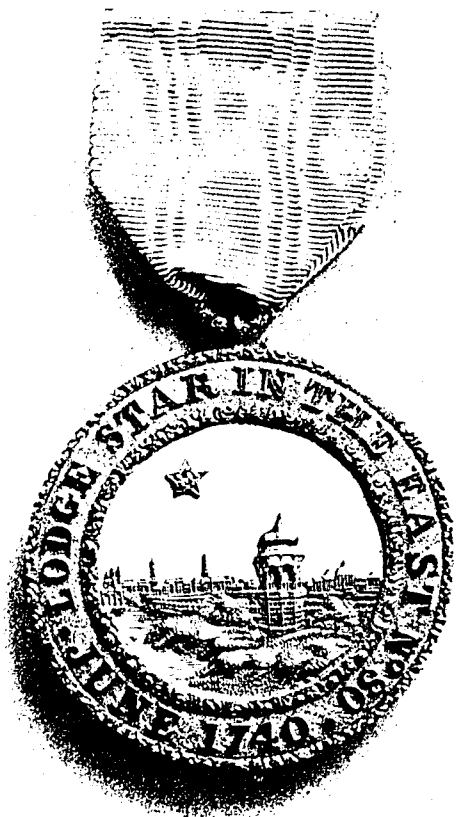
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CHARLES XV., KING OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY, GRAND MASTER

Our masonic medals and tokens struck from dies may be counted by hundreds, nearly every civilized nation, where Freemasonry is practised, being represented, amongst them are many fine and rare pieces dating from 1733 downwards.

A notable feature in this connection is the beautiful series of Swedish Masonic medals, struck from dies in the Royal Mint at Stockholm, for the Grand Lodge Museum, by permission of His Majesty, King Oscar, an illustration of one of the finest of which is given with this article. It is that of the late King of Sweden and Norway, Charles XV., at whose hands His Majesty, King Edward VII., when Prince of Wales, received the light of Masonry in 1868.

The oldest Masonic medal in the museum is a very fine specimen of the "Sackville Medal," said to have been struck in commemoration of the founding a Lodge of Freemasons at Florence, by Lord Charles Sackville, in 1733. This is not only the earliest, but may be numbered amongst the rarest of Masonic medals, only three or four genuine specimens being known to be in existence. We now come to what is believed to be actually the rarest Masonic medal. It is known as the "Minden Lodge Centenary Medal," and was struck about the year 1848. This Lodge was No. 63 on the Registry of Ireland, and was held in the XXth Foot,



(Photo Elite Portrait Co.)
SPECIAL CENTENARY JEWEL OF LODGE STAR IN THE EAST,
No. 67, CALCUTTA.
Presented by H. T. Lamb.

and Compasses. How long the contents remained in the possession of the Grand Lodge it is impossible to say, but as there is no record of their being sold, we must conclude that they were stolen, as, doubtless, were several other valuables

known as the "Minden Regiment." At a meeting of the Lodge on the 28th of July, 1848, "it was resolved that a Medal be struck for each member of the Lodge, showing the names of the Worshipful Master and Wardens to whom the warrant was originally granted, also the present members." This resolution appears to have been subsequently modified, as the names of the first Master and Wardens are not on the medal; probably they were omitted for want of space. This medal is quite unique in design so



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THE SACKVILLE MEDAL, FLORENCE, 1733.

far as we know, no other centenary medal contains the names of the members of the Lodge. As there are but 20 names on the medal, there were probably only about that number struck, at all events the Grand Lodge museum is the fortunate possessor of *two* perfect specimens, while to the best of our belief there is not *one* in any other Masonic collection.

The beautiful pre-union Provincial Grand Master's jewel, the gift of the Earl Amherst, was made in 1794 for Dr. William Perfect, Provincial Grand Master for Kent, 1794-1810. After the Union it was worn by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and eventually came into the market, when it was purchased and presented to the Pro Grand Master, who considered that its proper resting place was the Grand Lodge Museum. It will be seen that it bears the arms of Masonry on the shield to the left, those of Dr. Perfect on the right, and the Rampant Horse of Kent at the bottom.



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THE MINDEN LODGE CENTENARY MEDAL.

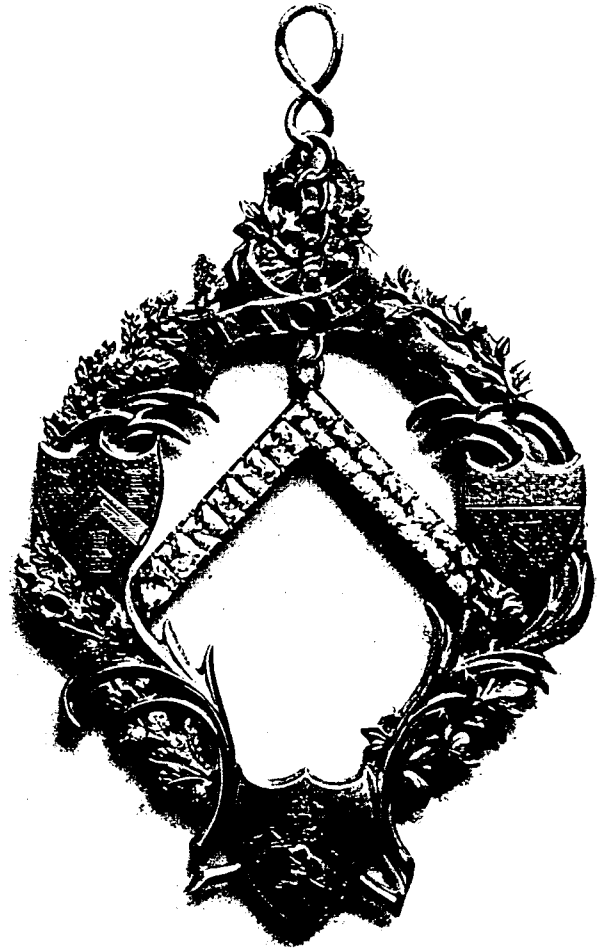
The engraved silver medal, or plate, the gift of Thomas Wakley, Junr., P.G.D., is one of a dozen or so, mostly oval in shape and bearing a family likeness, in our Museum, but there is plenty of room for more. They were commonly worn by Irish Masons, as well as by the "Antients" in England, prior to 1813, and possibly later. It will be observed that Craft and Royal Arch emblems are intermingled with those of the Knights Templar, the two last-named degrees being formerly worked under a Craft warrant in Irish Lodges, also by the "Antient" or Anglo-Irish Lodges. This specimen bears the name of "T. Johnson, Lodge No. 465, A.M. 5806." It was probably an Irish Lodge as the name is not in the list of members of No. 454, on the English register of the period.

The splendid Ark Mariner's collar jewel, ornamented with fine old paste brilliants, is one of a set of six, formerly

the property of the late Major Francis G. Irwin, who describes them in his catalogue as having formerly "belonged to the Grand Lodge of Ark Mariners, presided over by Bro. Ebenezer Sibley."

The pretty oval locket, one of several valuable gifts from Robert Grey, is a superior example of the skill and industry of the French soldiers and sailors who were our national guests during the latter part of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century. Our museum contains many specimens of a similar kind, but the one here depicted is probably the best.

The solid silver medal given by Edmund Coste, P.M. No. 9, bearing date 5784, is an important contribution, it being almost identical with the official medals struck by the "Antient" Grand Lodge of England in 1802, known as the "Medals of



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OLD PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL.

Presented by the Earl Amherst, Pro Grand Master.

the Nine Worthies," seven out of the nine being fortunately preserved in the museum; the other two probably found their way to the melting pot.

The enamelled Past Junior Grand Warden's jewel, mounted in brilliants, is a very pretty specimen of 18th century jewellers art, and is interesting as an historical family relic, being the gift of Sir Lionel Darell, Bart., Past Grand Warden, whose ancestor, the first baronet, to whom this jewel belonged, filled the office of Junior Grand Warden in 1785. The presentation of this jewel was a very pleasing incident, apart from the value of the gift itself, inasmuch as a Past Senior Grand Warden's jewel of the same year, and a Past Grand Master's jewel of similar design, and evidently made by the same hand, were already in the museum, the addition, therefore, of Sir Lionel Darell's jewel, completed the set of three.

The London Masonic jewellers are not unmindful of the claims of our museum whenever a relic of the past likely to be of interest comes in their way, whether it be in the nature of a jewel, of old regalia, or anything else appertaining to the Craft.

(To be continued).

137th Anniversary of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.

Installation of Bro. W. A. Sterling, W.M. No. 2918.

A LARGE and important gathering of Freemasons assembled on the 18th instant at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, to witness the installation of Bro. Sterling, the present W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, as Worshipful Master. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Mustart, the outgoing Master, and was witnessed by quite a hundred brethren, including Bros. P. Colville Smith, M.A., P.G.D., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; H. Times, Dep. G.D.C.; W. J. Spratling, B.Sc., P.G.S.B.; C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Std. B.; W. S. Whitaker, P.A.G.P.; John Iggleden, P.M.; John Bulmer, Mayor of Hove, P.M.; Chas. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Secretary; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M.; Geo. Jones, P.M.; W. J. Higgs, P.M.; Henry Jay, P.M.; W. M. Butcher, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works Essex; J. H. Bulmer, P.M.; W. J. Sowden, P.M.; T. W. Chant, P.M.; H. Meyer, P.M.; Jno. Claus, P.M.; Geo. Jas. Ralph, P.M.; Chas. H. A. Harris, P.M.; W. C. Smith, P.M.; G. Enser, P.M.; J. Endacott, P.M.; S. M. Barry, I.P.M.; Hy. Harbord, P.M.; Saml. Crowson, P.M.; Jno. A. Renwick, W.M. No. 2764; R. Wilson, F. W. Burmester, C. Newell, J. O. Horton, H. S. Stuart, M. H. S. Stuart, R. Chandler, G. O. Duggna, G. F. Wilson, E. J. G. Smee, W. Rickard, G. E. Anderton, H. G. Brew, S. W. Hart, A. Ashworth, W. J. Harris, P. A. Legge, W. A. Vincent, Jno. D. Hawkins, G. Ferry, R. East, G. H. Butcher, E. Biesterfeld, and others.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The Worshipful Master will be assisted during his year of office by the following brethren:—Bros. F. G. Mustart, W. Tidman, E. J. Wallis, E. P. Brokenshire, F. R. King, A. E. Reeve, J. C. Higgs, Chas. R. Naylor, Hy. Coffin, V. J. Reveley, C. J. Fielder, and Samuel Ellis, Tyler.

A very pleasing innovation was made by the Worshipful Master at the banquet table. Bro. Jno. Bulmer, who is rightly styled the father of the lodge, had to leave early in order to reach his home at Hove, of which town he is mayor for the second time. Bro. Bulmer was initiated in 1855,

served as Worshipful Master in 1861, and installed his son, Bro. J. H. Bulmer, in 1902. The Worshipful Master coupled the names of Bros. C. Lacy and C. H. Webb, Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, with that of Bro. Bulmer, and on behalf of the Senior Warden and himself, presented to each of these grand old Freemasons a handsome basket of flowers as a small token of the good work each had done for Sincerity Lodge, and expressed the hope that for many years the lodge would be favoured with their presence and advice. The united ages of these three veterans amounted to nearly 240 years.

Bro. Bulmer, P.M., who first thanked the brethren, remarked that it was because of advancing years that he troubled them with his remarks so early in the evening. He was no "chicken," and it became increasingly necessary for him to get home at a reasonable hour. His activities were many, he was glad to tell them, in spite of the on-come of the years, and in his connection with Hove, as Mayor, and in other ways, he found himself fully occupied. Cheers greeted our veteran brother, who was followed by Bros. Webb and Lacey, the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. Sterling, W.M., called on Bros. W. J. Spratling, P.G.S.B., and C. J. R. Tijou, P.G. Std. B., to reply.

Bro. Spratling, in response, said that when the list of apologies for non-attendance was read, he could not help the feeling that if any of them had been there he should have felt very much relieved. As it was, however, he could only say how delighted he was to be present at the meeting of so old a lodge, and how honoured he felt to be called on to reply for the Grand Officers.

Bro. Tijou followed, and expressed his pleasure at seeing amongst the brethren so many whom he knew, and who were connected with the Southern Cross and Deanery Lodges, at both of which he had acted as consecrating officer.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Sterling, was proposed by Bro. Fredk. Mustart, the I.P.M., who said that their Worshipful Master had revived many good customs of the Sincerity Lodge, he was an able worker and a good man. The toast was received with great enthusiasm and accorded musical honours.

It was a common fault, said the Worshipful Master, in reply, to make many good resolutions at such a moment. One of the resolutions he had made was that they should finish early that night, but that alas seemed one of the first to be broken. He became a member of the lodge six years ago, and he thanked them for electing him their Master. He had endeavoured to carry out his duties during the six years he had been amongst them faithfully and honestly, and he looked to them for assistance in the duties he should now have to perform, and hoped that at the end of his year of office he would have merited their approbation.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next responded to, and the new member having returned thanks for the toast of his health, Bro. P. Colville Smith, M.A., P.G.D., responded for "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," giving some interesting facts and figures concerning it.

Bros. Meyer, Harris, and Stuart replied for "The Visitors," and that of "The Officers of the Lodge" concluded the proceedings.

Musical selections by Misses Rose Dallow, Edith Turner, Dorothy Bull, and Bro. Robert Dennant, under the direction of Bro. William Derby, P.M., agreeably interspersed the proceedings.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.

THE festival of this lodge was held in accordance with long established custom on Monday the 23rd inst. at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus. Amongst those present were :—Bros. W. M. Stiles, P.G.T., Treasurer, Acting W.M. (Bro. T. Nicholson, W.M., being absent on account of indisposition) A. J. Tapling, S.W., W.M. elect. ; W. T. Laurence, J.W. ; Major C. J. Knightley, P.G. Stwd., Secretary ; W. Rogers, S.D. ; W. S. J. Staples, Acting J.D. ; E. Martgut, Acting I.G. ; J. A. Balzer, D.C. ; S. A. Staples, A.W.S. ; C. Staples, Organist ; H. Passenger, Tyler ; with Past Masters W. Sparks, I.P.M. ; G. Pratt and J. H. Adcock ; also Bros. A. C. Norman, E. Coop, J. M. Schaub, F. G. Jeans, T. A. J. Gornoit, A. L. Brown, R. T. Smith, W. Bowen, H. Poole, H. Ward, and Percy Yorke Lowther. Amongst the



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

visitors were :—Bros. Henry Stiles, P.M. No. 1507 ; E. L. Beal, No. 2957 ; W. Smith Rose, P.M. No. 6816 ; Councillor C. M. Bevan, P.M., M.A. ; T. Bauber, No. 1215 ; A. Gale, No. 2361 ; B. Nagel, No. 193 ; W. Yeo, P.M. No. 2743 ; T. French, No. 1260 ; J. R. Pitcher, No. 1693 ; P. T. Rozenberg, No. 862 ; A. Williams, No. 193 ; J. Wynman, W. Jenkins, etc.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting had been confirmed, the auditors report was accepted. Mr. Percy Yorke Lowther was successfully balloted for. Bro. A. J. Tapling was then inducted into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom as ruler of the lodge. The Worshipful Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows :—Bros. W. T. Laurence, S.W. ; John Staples, J.W. ; William Mason Stiles, P.G.T., Treasurer ; Major C. J. Knightley, P.G. Stwd., Secretary ; Arthur Staples, S.D. ; Charles Staples, J.D. ; J. A. Balzer, I.G. ; A. L. Brown, D.C. ; F. G. Jeans, W.S. ; Dr. E. Coop, A.W.S. ; A. Boyce, Org., and W. Passenger, Tyler. The Worshipful Master next proceeded with the initiation of Mr. Percy Yorke Lowther in a very impressive manner, after which the lodge was duly closed.

At the banquet, followed by a capital musical entertainment, Bro. Stiles, P.G.T., Acting I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," expressing confidence that Bro. Tapling would reflect infinite credit on the lodge during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Stiles for his kind remarks, and the brethren for receiving that toast in such a cordial manner. He was pleased to hold the high position in his mother lodge. He had gained that position by hard work and by attending lodges of instruction. He would fulfil the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of the brethren.

"The Health of the Installing Officer" was introduced by the Worshipful Master, who said he was delighted and proud of being installed by such a popular Past Grand Officer as Bro. Stiles.

In responding, Bro. Stiles remarked that he was the only founder of the lodge left, that night being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration. He was exceedingly sorry Bro. Nicholson, the I.P.M., was unable to attend on account of indisposition, they all deplored his absence. He wished the Worshipful Master a happy and prosperous year of office.

"The Health of the Visitors" was heartily pledged, and Bros. Henry Stiles, P.M. No. 1507 ; Councillor C. M. Bevan, P.M. No. 1414, M.A., and Yeo, P.M. No. 2743, were the replicants.

In introducing the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. remarked that the lodge always wanted new blood, and strongly advised the candidate to attend lodges of instruction, and particularly impressed upon him never to forget the obligations.

Bro. P. Yorke Lowther briefly responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a most successful evening to a conclusion.

Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.

ONE of the most successful meetings of this well known lodge since its consecration, took place at Anderton's Hotel on Thursday, January 26th, when Bro. W. W. Robinson was installed Worshipful Master, no less than ten Past Masters and some sixty brethren attending, and unmistakably showing the high respect in which he is held.

The outgoing Master, Bro. H. C. G. Hollingshurst, and Bro. C. Lorkin, performed the ceremony, the latter being especially impressive.

In presenting a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., the Worshipful Master said it was a pleasant duty to perform. He had done his duty thoroughly and well. He was delighted to express to him the love and esteem of the brethren, and to assure him that the memory of his year would live long after him.

The I.P.M., in reply, in expressing his thanks, said he accepted it as a permanent reminder of a pleasant year of office.

The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows :—Bros. H. C. G. Hollingshurst, I.P.M. ; A. S. Black, S.W. ; P. Thompson, J.W. ; A. M. Archer, Treasurer ; C. Lorkin, Secretary ; B. J. Kench, P.M., S.D. ; R. Wagner, J.D. ; G. Trapps, I.G. ; W. Saunders, D.C. ; R. T. Robinson, Organist ; R. A. Kendrick, W. W. Croft, and E. Cope, Stewards ; and E. Williams, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then initiated two candidates into the Order.

The lodge is to be congratulated on the auditor's report, which showed a balance to the lodge account of £159 11s. 9d., and of the Benevolent Fund £147 14s. 8d.

A banquet afterwards took place, the visitors being Bros. W. Bean, W.M. No. 2147; F. Stanzer, P.M. No. 2147; and W. Cowell, I.P.M. No. 276; and twenty-one other brethren.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," Bro. Willes said it was only those who had visited Grand Lodge that knew the work they did and the way they did it. He vouched they did it well. All might aspire to, but all could not attain that eminent position, yet, none the less, could appreciate.

Bro. Hollingshurst, in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said: Knowing the Worshipful Master as they did, they were sure to be well satisfied with their choice, for he was not only capable, but able and willing to work. He was brim full of good temper and tact. Probably he would be the most popular Master the lodge had known. He was sure he would follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him, and at the end of the year they would be proud of him.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to reply, was received with enthusiastic applause. He said he had known for some time that the I.P.M. could say a thing or two, but he now began to wonder what it was he wanted to borrow, in fact, he began to feel in his pockets to see if he had anything. He had been looking through the list of members and found they were a very representative lodge. They had a "brand" of rare quality, another passing "rich," they could "cope" with any on either "day" or "knight," and they also had their religious side in their "Moody and Sankey." He assured them he should do his utmost to carry on the work to the best of his skill and ability.

In proposing "The Initiates," the Worshipful Master said without them the lodge would soon succumb. He was proud of those admitted that night, as he had known them for some years, and he was sure they would become ornaments of the lodge. He hoped to live to see them in the position he then occupied. They were both good men, so he had no fear.

Bro. Dingwall, in reply, said it was an old saying, "an empty cask made most noise." He sincerely hoped to be something more than an ornament—a credit to them. It gave

him great pleasure to be with them, for he had been looking forward for some months, and now had attained one of his ambitions.

Bro. Woodhead also briefly replied.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The I.P.M.," said that in him they had had a Master who had done his work well, and left nothing to be desired. Knowing him to be one of the busiest men in the city, with telephones to right of him, telephones to left of him, and telephones in front of him, he wondered how he had succeeded in carrying on his Masonic work, which he had done in a thorough and magnificent manner.

The I.P.M. replied. He had finished his year, and it would remain a happy memory, a life long mark to the end of his life. He thanked them heartily for their cordial reception of his toast.

Bro. Turnbull, in proposing "The Visitors," gave them a hearty welcome. The lodge desired to be criticised, but he found the brethren chosen to reply were likely to deal gently in their criticism. It was by visiting other lodges they learnt to work properly themselves.

Bros. Cowell, Allen, and Greave, briefly replied.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" followed.

Bro. Archer, in reply, said the lodge was in a flourishing condition, having a good balance at the bank.

Bro. Lorkin thanked the Worshipful Master for his kind remarks. He remembered him joining the lodge of instruction and took a great interest in him. They had had an exhibition of what he could do, and that showed what could be done by regular attendance. He might, had he chosen, been Master five years ago, but undertook the duties of Organist. His son relieving him, he was now able to take the position which he was sure was very gratifying to the brethren.

"The Past Masters" was replied to by Bro. Oakley, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical programme was much enjoyed. The songs by Miss Robinson, the Worshipful Master's daughter, being particularly well received.

The First Ladies' Night in connection with the Duke of Connaught Lodge will take place in October next.

A Portrait of Bro. H. H. Robinson, W.M., appears on page 101.

Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79.

THE installation meeting of this very old lodge was held at "The Ship," Greenwich, S.E., on Monday evening, January 30th, 1905, and a large number of members and visitors were present.

After the minutes had been confirmed and the report of the audit committee taken and approved, and which showed the lodge to be in a very prosperous condition, the Worshipful Master installed as his successor W. Bro. Henry Roberts, P.M., P.Z., Secretary, who afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz., Bros. F. W. Ledger, I.P.M.; S. Clayton, S.W.; Alexr. Wilson, J.W.; G. H. Dowsett, Treasurer; Vivian Orchard, P.M., Secretary; H. C. Parker, S.D.; G. J. Haynes, J.D.; A. T. Waring, I.G.; A. Lewis, P.M.; D. G. Walter Percival, Asst. D.C.; G. H. Dowsett, W.S.; W. Taylor, Organist; F. Neary, F. W. Page, F. Bottomley, and W. Tharp, Stewards; and G. A. Ball, Tyler.

The Worshipful Master then, in graceful terms, presented the retiring Master, Bro. F. W. Ledger, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, voted to him 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.

R.W. Bro. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.S.G.D., P.M. and Treasurer, No. 1, replying for the officers of Grand Lodge, congratulated the Pythagorean Lodge on the choice they had made in re-electing W. Bro. Henry Roberts, P.M., P.Z., as Master for the ensuing year, and he was sure that under the ruling of their old Master (1874), the Pythagorean

Lodge would lose none of its former reputation, but would continue to prosper under his guidance.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. F. H. Ledger, who congratulated the lodge upon the choice they had made, and from the interest that W. Bro. Roberts had taken for so many years in the working of the lodge during the twenty-five years which he had been Secretary, he felt sure that it would continue to prosper.

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

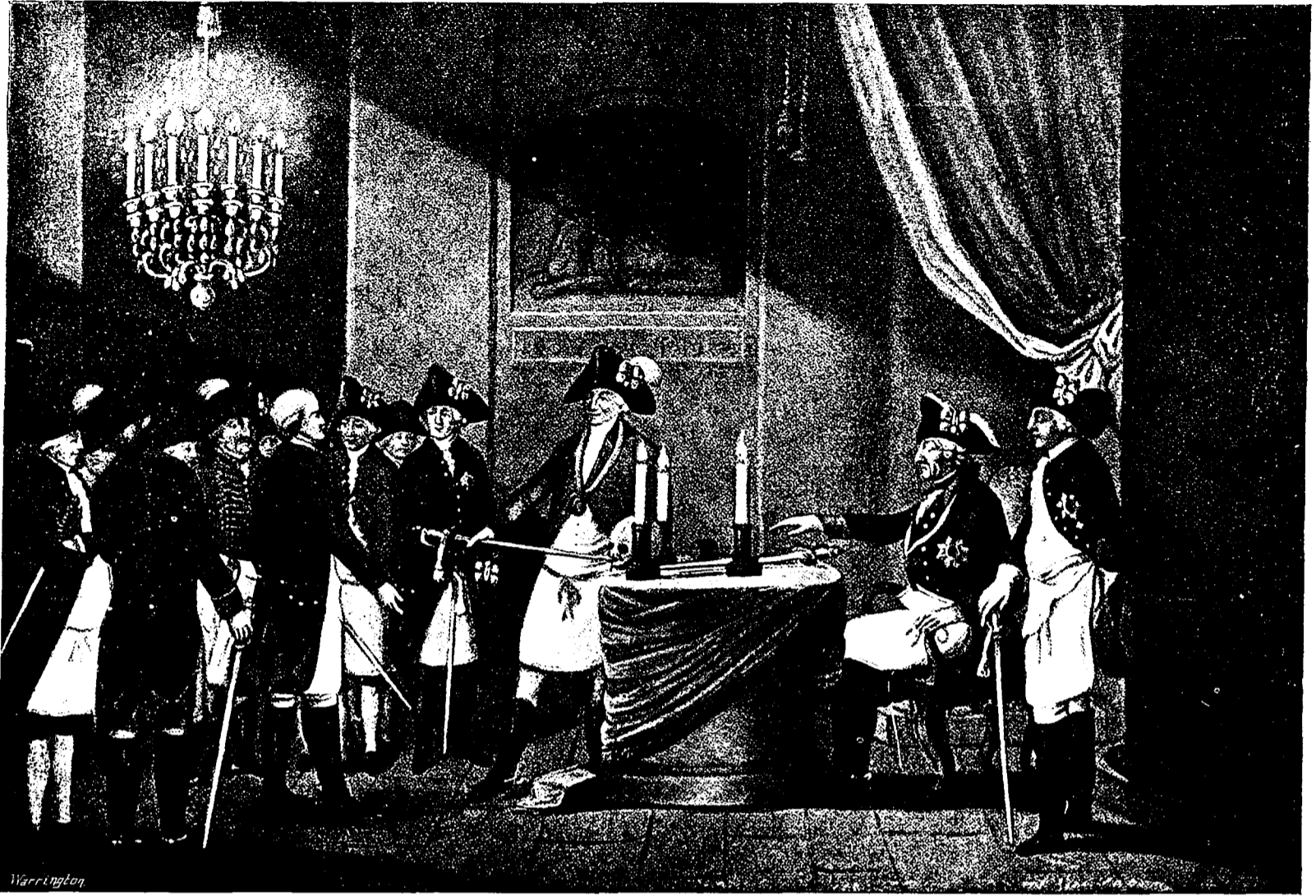
The Toast of "The Visitors," of whom there were from twenty-five to thirty, followed, and was responded to by Bros. S. Walsh Owen, P.M. No. 901; W. Powley, W.M. No. 2332; and Lewis G. Bell, No. 1651.

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

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

The banquet and toasts were interspersed with a capital musical programme under the direction of Bro. Walter Taylor, Organist, assisted by Bros. Abel C. Noakes, P.M. No. 79; R. A. Clark, Miss Jessie Jolly, Bro. W. Taylor, and Mr. Wal. Briscoe.

A Portrait of Bro. Henry Roberts appears on page 101.



THE RECEPTION INTO FREEMASONRY OF THE MARQUIS OF BAYREUTH
BY FREDERICK THE GREAT IN 1710.

DIE AUFNÄHME DES MARKGRAFEN VON BAYREUTH DURCH FREDERICH
DEN GRASSEN 1710

After an Oil Painting in the possession of the Zur Verschnungenbert at Bayreuth, Bavaria.

Bro. C. F. Forshaw, LL.D., sends the following item to the editor of *Notes and Queries*:—Blind Freemason.—I have taken the following item from "Biography of the Blind," by James Wilson, published at Birmingham by J. W. Showell in 1838:—"Though Blind from his birth, Mr. Francis Linley became a most excellent performer on the organ.....he went to London, and was the successful candidate among seventeen competitors for the place of organist of Pentonville Chapel, Clerkenwell..... He died.....at his mother's house at Doncaster, on 13th September, 1800, at the age of twenty-nine. Being a Freemason, by his own request he was attended by the Master and brethren of St. George's Lodge in that town." Can this latter statement be correct?



The question of bodily perfection in candidates for initiation into Freemasonry is one that has long ceased to be a matter for serious discussion, it being agreed on all sides that if a candidate possesses the requisite moral and mental qualifications, he is a fit and proper person to become a Mason, but we still find it difficult to understand how a man who is blind can comply even partially with the requirements of the ceremony.



Somersetshire Masons will deplore the death, which occurred on Saturday, December 31st, at Clifton, of Bro. R. C. Else, Past Grand Deacon. Bro. Else was appointed Grand Deacon in 1882, and for over a quarter of a century occupied the position of Deputy Grand Master of Somersetshire, in which province he was held in the highest regard and esteem. He was formerly Mayor of Bridgewater, and as an engineer more than half a century ago, had been associated with the celebrated Mr. Brinell in the construction of the Bristol and Exeter Railway, and also in the building of the great bridge spanning the River Tamar at Saltash. He was a liberal contributor to Masonic Charities, and when, on his retirement from Masonic work, he was presented with the sum of 500 guineas. He devoted this sum to the purchase of votes, now known as the "Else" votes apportioned among the three Masonic Charities.

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RULERS IN THE CRAFT

BRO. G. Tapley-Smith's connection with the Craft dates from 1895, in which year he was initiated in the Broad Arrow Lodge, No. 1890, St. George's, Bermuda. On his return to London he joined the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, of which he is now J.W. He is a founder of the Eyre Lodge, No. 2742, of which he was elected to occupy the chair this year as the sixth Worshipful Master.



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BRO. G. TAPLEY-SMITH.

He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614, in 1902, and is a founder of the Eyre Chapter, No. 2742, and at present holds the office of Scribe E. He has served Stewardships at both the Boys' and Girls' Schools.

BRO. Henry Roberts was initiated in December, 1865, in the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79. Three years later he was put into office as D.C. and worked through the different offices, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1874. In 1879 he was appointed Secretary, and has remained Secretary till the present time. The brethren of the Pythagorean Lodge and Chapter, on March 25th, 1901, presented him with a very handsome and massive gold lever watch and chain as a mark of esteem and regard, after twenty-one years service as Secretary.

In 1870 he was exalted into the Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, as one of its first members after the consecration, becoming M.E.Z. in October, 1878. On October 16th, 1884, he was elected Acting S.E., and has remained in that office up to the present time. On March 20th, 1884, Bro. Roberts founded the Boro' of Greenwich M.M.M. Lodge, No. 2332, was installed Worshipful Master in 1886, and in November of the same year was installed in the Invicta Conclave, No. 148, a Knight of Rome and Red Cross of Constantine, was M.P.S. in 1890, and is S.G. in the Division of Kent and P.G.A. (1896) in the Imperial G. Council. He is P.G.S.W. for Kent in the Mark Degree, and is a Life Governor of all the Masonic Charities, and has served for many Stewardships.



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BRO. HENRY ROBERTS.

BRO. W. W. Robinson was initiated in the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, in 1891, and held the position of Organist for three years, in which office he was replaced by his son, who was initiated in 1901, and who has been reappointed annually. Bro. Robinson was also a member of the Commercial Traveller's Lodge, No. 2631, in which lodge his musical abilities were also called into



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BRO. W. W. ROBINSON.

requisition as Organist during 1901. After filling the minor offices in the Duke of Connaught Lodge, he was installed in the Master's chair on the 26th January, and under Bro. Robinson's genial rule a successful year may confidently be anticipated.

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BEFORE we again address our readers, the 79th Annual Festival of the Benevolent Institution will have been held under the chairmanship of R.W. Bro. Lord Stanley, Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. Whilst the Craft always throws its weight on the side of peace and concord, there is one direction in which strife and emulation are not only permissible, but even afford a gratifying spectacle. It is surely edifying, not only to Freemasons, but

also to the uneducated and popular world, to behold the strenuous efforts made, as each year passes by, to excel in the illustration of that truly Masonic ornament, benevolence. What a healthy feeling is the sense of dissatisfaction that is experienced if one year's totals fail to surpass those of the year before, and there is nothing to account for the lack of increase. And, too, what a gratifying reflection it is, that without any friction, without any feeling of being "taxed," something like £80,000 can be raised every year for the central Charities. We will not say without work, because no one outside the Secretary's office can understand what work is involved, but even if hard work is entailed it is free from the discouragement of ungrateful and unappreciated labour. The problem that confronts Bros. Lord Stanley and Colville Smith this year, is how to collect more than £25,363 11s. 6d., which was the sum realized by the festival last year. Without entering upon a financial analysis, it may suffice to state that the wants of no less than 560 annuitants have to be provided for, besides, of course, the cost of administration. In the last published balance sheet the total receipts were £35,421 15s. 11d., and this included a legacy of £550 and nearly £6000 interest on investments. Of that sum, £17,993 went towards the support of the Charity, annuitants, and asylum, establishment charges were very nearly £3000, including three pensions amounting to £950, and the balance, together with some £4500 of the sum brought forward from the previous year, was invested.

The total amount of stock now possessed by the Institution, held in Government and other approved securities, is £239,610 2s. 1d., yielding an annual income of between £6000 and £7000. To the outsider this may seem to be a highly satisfactory state of things. There are not a few similar institutions whose funds have increased beyond their power of applying them, by reason of the appreciation of landed property, for instance, where the singular method of dealing with surplus income, such as providing highly salaried posts, etc., has invited the attention of the Charity Commissioners. But we venture to think that if the attention of the Charity Commissioners was ever invited to the Benevolent Institution, the result would be very unstinted admiration. The question always before the committee is how they may increase the benefits. How to diminish the list of disappointments. Some there must always be. There is not a fixed number of vacancies to be competed for every year. There can only be a fixed total, and it is conceivable that there might be no vacancies in any one year. Then the committee would most probably create vacancies, and, in fact, they do so every year. Now, the Benevolent Institution differs from the schools in this interesting particular. Every new vacancy created in the latter is a charge for a limited number of years, and, therefore, the committee know exactly the additional liability they have incurred. But annuitants are proverbially long lived. The freedom from that care and anxiety which shortens the life of the ordinary man promotes longevity, and for anything they know to the contrary, every new candidate admitted to the benefits of the Institution may prove to be a very Methuselah. We by no means suggest a form of happy dispatch, such as that practised by the filial Hindu when he thinks his aged parent would be better off in another sphere, but we venture to point out that very considerable caution has to be exercised in admitting new claims, that is, outside the list of vacancies created in the course of nature. The committee are, in fact, incurring unlimited liability.

Whilst the Freemason pays his poor rate with little more than a sense of duty, he makes his contribution to the Benevolent Institution with cheerfulness and pleasure. In spite of the best organization there are many recipients of help who have not the slightest claim or desert.

Masonic Charities, however, are very highly organized, and we should say that only an infinitesimal proportion of those who profit by them are undeserving. Those who are chargeable to the Benevolent Institution, are, in nearly every case, those who have once enjoyed a comfortable position in life, the change in whose circumstances has been brought

about by no fault of their own. They must have arrived at a time of life when the prospects of work are remote, or when it would be unreasonable to expect a renewal of labour. A full statement of the circumstances has to be made by those brethren who have the best means of knowing all about them, and, most important of all, it has to be certified that at the time of his initiation the applicant was in a position of life which justified him in entering the Order. The petition, with all evidence which bears upon it, is, in due course, sifted by a committee which has behind it the traditions and experience of seventy years to guide it, and when finally the candidate becomes one in fact as well as in name, brethren may be assured that the case is a worthy one. One other point of administration is worthy to be recorded. Annuityants are not labelled as such. Their portions are conveyed to them in a way that does not wound their susceptibilities. They do not receive charity but pensions, and as far as outside knowledge goes they might be Civil List pensions for honourable conduct. And surely a life spent in upholding the principles of the Craft is an honourable record. The precautions taken are exactly the same as obtain in the case of a Field Marshal receiving his pension.

At the commencement of this article we referred to the honourable rivalry that prevailed, and the fact of the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire being this year's chairman, reminds us that the Wars of the Roses are not yet over. The last time the two neighbouring provinces met in friendly rivalry was in the years 1879-80 and 1881. In 1879 Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, then P.G.M. of E. Lancashire, announced £14,386. In 1880, the P.G.M. of N. & E. Yorkshire, announced £12,280, and in the following year W. Yorkshire had the pleasure of hearing its P.G.M. give out £14,360.

Bro. Starkie's total was the highest up to that date, and we accept the augury, and trust that a similar remark may be made about Lord Stanley on February 22nd.



The appointment of Bro. Col. Henry Platt, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master for North Wales, was a fitting and deserved recognition of his long and strenuous services to the Craft of his province and to Freemasonry generally. The present vacancy has occurred through the lamented death of Sir William Grenville Williams, Bart., who succeeded the late Lord Harlech so recently as 1883. Bro. Col. Platt held the position of Deputy Grand Master for many years up to 1903, when he was succeeded in that office by the then Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Roberts, M.A., who, until the formal installation of Bro. Col. Platt as Provincial Grand Master, remains in charge of the province.

Bro. Col. Platt was born in Oldham in 1842. He was High Sheriff of Camarthenshire in 1877, High Sheriff of Anglesea in 1889, and the first Mayor of Bangor in 1883. He is the senior partner in the banking firm of Williams and Co., Chester and North Wales (now Lloyd's Bank, Limited.) Bro. Col. Platt's long and eminent services in the Militia earned for him the decoration of C.B. He is an authority on cattle breeding and sport generally, and has written several essays on these subjects.

The question of the mode of election of Grand Treasurer is now before the Craft in the form of a circular issued by the Grand Secretary, in which the lodges are asked to express the views of the members on the subject. Until these opinions have been gathered, the question to some extent is *sub judice*, and we do not propose to offer an opinion on the matter, more

especially in view of the fact that the arguments, *pro* and *con*, have been ably summarised in the circular referred to. We may observe, however, that the necessity for the holding of special meetings to consider and vote on the subject within a month is not very apparent, at least in regard to lodges in England, seeing that the subject cannot come up for discussion until the June Quarterly Communication, and that the views of lodges in distant colonies and India, necessary to complete the returns, cannot be received earlier than April, and in many cases later. Whatever may be the result of the voting, we earnestly trust it may have the effect of putting an end to the unseemly exhibitions which have characterised the elections on many previous occasions.

A large number of brethren, including some distinguished Grand Officers, gathered at the Criterion Restaurant on the 26th ult. to greet Bro. Cuthbert Wilkinson on his induction as the twenty-first Worshipful Master of the Chiswick Lodge. The honoured member of the evening was naturally Lord George Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, who subsequently reminded the brethren that he first passed the chair in the Chiswick Lodge, and, in consequence, bore a very kindly feeling towards them.

In the course of his amusing speech, Lord George said he was very much struck by the juvenility of some of the older members of that Lodge, notably Bro. George Everett, the veteran senior member of the lodge. Dr. Lawrence was another old member whose face was ever fresh amongst them, and there were many others. Amongst the visitors were to be noticed many Past Masters, including Bros. A. F. Robbins, Jackson, and Elliott. The new Worshipful Master, Bro. Cuthbert Wilkinson, is to be congratulated on so successful a twenty-first anniversary of the existence of the Chiswick Lodge.

Freemasons in London and the Provinces who take an active part in promoting the Masonic Charities, will recall the familiar figure of Bro. John Geeves Stevens, lately the chief clerk at the head offices of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Freemasons' Hall, who passed away on Monday, 23rd January, at his residence at Ilford, after two years of failing health, at the age of 75. As an old Freemason of the East of London and a Past Master of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, he, with the late Bros. Thomas J. Barnes, P.M., Berry, P.M., and Hugh Cotter, P.M., of the same lodge, for many years worked with the utmost energy in promoting feelings of benevolence and establishing charity as a foremost duty of the brethren.

The dedication of the new Masonic Temple recently at Madras attracted a large and distinguished gathering, Bro. Sir William Burkitt of the Allahabad High Court, the recently appointed District Grand Master, conducted the proceedings, Bros. the Rev. W. K. Firminger, Canon A. G. Luckman, and the Rev. H. B. Cogan assisting. The new building contains two spacious lodge rooms and two large banqueting halls.

The annual meeting of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association was held at Stafford recently, Bro. F. Thompson, of Burton, President of the Association, occupied the chair. The treasurer's report showed a total increase of £315 in the payments made to the Masonic Institutions during the past year, and also an increase of £143 in the payments made from the benevolent fund. The president congratulated the Association upon a year of progress, in which the subscriptions to all their funds had steadily increased, and in which the grants made had also been proportionately larger. Bro. F. Thompson was unanimously re-elected president, Bro. Ashwell was re-elected hon. treasurer, Bro. Wormall, secretary, and Bros. W. Baker and A. L. Harber, auditors. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Bro. G. H. Stanger, who for seventeen years had been Charity Steward of St. Peter's Lodge, Wolverhampton. It was reported that about £90 had been subscribed as a testimonial to Bro. H. Percy Smith (now of Hong Kong), in recognition of his services for thirteen years as Secretary of the Association, and that subscriptions had yet to come in from several lodges.

During the "sixties" there was a revival of an Order that, since the early part of the nineteenth century, had dropped out of remembrance. We refer to the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, with its appendant grade of the K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist. Although the revival was fairly under way, in 1868, when the late Earl of Beveie (at that time Lord Kenlis) was elected Grand Sovereign, it was two years later ere the Order began to gain popularity by leaps and bounds. But there can be no doubt that the new era was very much contributed to by the discovery of an important document amongst the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, namely, the declaration of the principles of the Order, written in 1806, by Judge Walter Rodwell Wright, its then ruler and Provincial Grand Master of the Ionian Isles, under the Grand Lodge of England.



All at once conclaves were chartered in many parts of England and Scotland, as well as in the United States, Canada, India, Australia, and New Zealand. Eventually, however, Scotland and the United States established independent Grand Conclaves, which depleted the subordinate conclaves under the authority of Lord Beveie to the tune of sixty-six. Still there remained a strong following, and for some years all was *couleur de rose* in the fortunes of the Order, till, at last, the tide of prosperity began to ebb, and last year's official returns show only nineteen Conclaves in "good standing." It is difficult to understand the second decline in interest, inasmuch as the ritual is ornate and beautiful to a degree. The present Grand Sovereign is the Earl of Euston, and his lordship's predecessors, following Lord Beveie, were Sir Frederick Martin Williams, Bart., M.P., and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.



It is now very rarely that one sees in the Masonic papers any account of the doings of Conclaves in connection with this particular Order of Freemasonry, indeed, we were mainly induced to comment on the foregoing incidents through a notice of the recent meeting of Dykes Conclave, No. 36, at the Masonic Hall, Millom, in Cumberland. This conclave was opened at Cockermouth, in the same county, in 1870, and, though it has had its vicissitudes, like many others in different parts of the country and abroad, it is clearly very much alive at present, thanks to the energy of one of its earliest rulers, V. Ill. Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, the Recorder, who, in 1891, was made Grand Senior General in Grand Conclave in recognition of his services. At the meeting in question three candidates were admitted to the Order by V. Em. Sir Knight Chas. Gowan, Past Grand Sword Bearer in Grand Conclave, and an interesting feature of the proceedings was the receipt of fraternal greetings from Ill. Sir Knight W. F. Lamonty, Intendant-General (unattached), who is one of the very, very few original members of the conclave left to tell the tale of events that happened thirty-five years ago.



The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, as usual, promptly issued its statement of accounts for the year 1904, which shows that the income for 1904 amounted to £35,401 14s. 8d., this being the second highest in the history of the Institution apart from the centenary year. The Board of Education grant on science and art examination has yet to be received. The number of boys receiving benefit in 1904 was 335; the numbers will be increased to 340 this month, and there will be a further increase in August next. The total invested capital in 1904 amounted to £133,208 7s. 6d., and there was on deposit with the bankers £8,000, these figures showing an increase of £123,708 7s. 6d. in 14 years.

An interesting dual function took place recently at the Masonic Hall, Halifax, under the auspices of St. James's Lodge of Freemasons, No. 448. This was the presentation to W. Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, of an illuminated address, followed by a complimentary banquet, in recognition of the large hearted support he had given, during a series of years, to charitable and philanthropic institutions, especially to those belonging to the Masonic Order. W. Bro. Whadcoat was initiated into Freemasonry, as a member of St. James's Lodge, in 1880. A few years afterwards, for business purposes, he left Halifax for London, where he was eminently successful, with the result that, some years back, he was enabled to retire into private life into Dorsetshire a wealthy man. Evidence was soon afforded that he had not realised an abundance for himself alone. The Masonic charities benefited greatly by his munificence, and generous financial support was received from him for orphanages and similar well-deserving organisations, national education and research societies, and commercial and industrial associations. Besides doing what he could for Masonic charities, he was very active in advancing the cause of Freemasonry generally, and appreciation of his efforts was befittingly shown by his appointment as a member of Grand Lodge. In municipal and country work, too, he became prominent, obtaining election, whilst a non-member of the Council, as Mayor of Poole, and securing a return as a member of the Dorset County Authority. He is a Justice of Peace both at Poole Borough and for Dorset County. Some of the Masonic benefactions have been given through his Mother Lodge of St. James's, which he some time ago re-joined, and generous donations to the Halifax Infirmary and the Tradesman's Benevolent Institution have also been received from him in its name.



Bro. John H. Salter, P.G.D., whose appointment as Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Essex we announced in our last issue, has been duly installed in that office, and both



BRO. J. H. SALTER, DEP. PROV. G.M. ESSEX.

the province and its popular Provincial Grand Master are to be congratulated on having such an efficient officer and so excellent a Mason to take part in the administration of affairs.

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The formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge in Queensland and its recognition or otherwise by other supreme bodies will, we fear, form a fruitful source of Masonic contention for some time to come, as was the case on the establishment of the Grand Lodges of New South Wales, and later that of a Grand Lodge of New Zealand. But the circumstances are widely different inasmuch as the brethren of New South Wales were practically unanimous in their desire to sever their connection with the Grand Lodge of England, and the New Zealand brethren were at least a substantial majority, whereas as far as the English Masons are concerned these brethren remain solidly compact in their desire to maintain the *statu quo*.

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The Grand Master of New South Wales appears to consider that the action of that Grand Lodge, in so readily according recognition, needed some explanation, and on the occasion of the inaugural ceremony in which he officiated as Installing Master he delivered himself of his *apologia*.

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Addressing the newly-installed Grand Master, he said:—
“It may be worth while repeating it for the benefit not only of this great assemblage, but of our brethren in other parts of the world—that there was nothing savouring of undignified haste in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales on being appealed to for recognition by your newly-established Grand Lodge. On the contrary, we took no steps without very careful consideration and inquiry, the results of which are on record in our published reports. When you first wrote, in March last, detailing what you proposed doing, and applied to our Grand Secretary for advice, he gave it with full details as to the information our Board of General Purposes would probably require before they would report to our Grand Lodge. The correspondence which followed has been set forth substantially in your reports, and it was not until the 14th of last month that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales adopted the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, and recognised the Grand Lodge of Queensland as a Sister Grand Lodge.

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“I realise fully our responsibility in so doing, for I have no doubt time will prove in this instance, as it has already done in two other of the Australasian Masonic territories where Sovereign Grand Lodges have been established, that the other Grand Lodges of the world will rely to a great extent upon New South Wales to have duly considered the circumstances with a full knowledge of all the facts before she granted recognition. If not incumbent on me, it is therefore at all events desirable, that I should, as briefly as possible, set forth the considerations which guided us in thus deciding. We had to be assured that a reasonable proportion of the lodges already existing in Queensland had joined in the establishment of a Grand Lodge. How many this should be is one of the arguable points, which the circumstances of each case must decide. We should hardly have been disposed to act upon the late Dr. Mackey's well-known dictum that “three lodges are sufficient,” unless, indeed, they were the only ones existing in the territory. But, on the other hand, we decline to agree with the assertion that there must be an absolute majority of the existing lodges in agreement to establish a Grand Lodge, and still less with the contention that there must be a majority of those holding under each constitution. The former condition would probably, and the latter almost certainly, prevent the establishment of any more new Grand Lodges anywhere.

“What we had to decide was whether, seeing that thirty-nine lodges had actually declared the Grand Lodge formed, their proceedings had been according to Masonic precedent, and, further, seemed likely to lead to more complete union of the Craft in Queensland. Comparison of the facts with experiences of the past having satisfied us on both points, we granted recognition, and I gladly accepted your Grand Master's invitation to perform the duty of installing him to-night.

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“The answer from the Grand Lodge of England is not favourable: how could it be? I beg you not to be discouraged by the fact that the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, does not at present see fit to ask his Grand Lodge to extend recognition to you. The position taken by England towards Queensland is exactly the same as it was towards New South Wales over a quarter of a century ago, when the first Grand Lodge established in Australasia appealed for recognition, and the District Grand Master under the English Constitution protested. The reply he received from the Grand Secretary of England was, ‘so long as you desire it, you will receive all the support which this Grand Lodge can afford.’ I deduced from that at the time, and I was then and continued for ten years afterwards a loyal member under the English Constitution, that the converse held true—namely, that the moment the lodges felt strong enough to walk alone, the Mother Grand Lodge would say, ‘Go in peace,’ without attempting any restrictive measures, or resorting to threats of which nothing ought to be heard in Freemasonry.

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The case here is almost exactly parallel. The lodges under the English Constitution have, as we had in New South Wales, a venerable District Grand Master, universally respected by the craft, who is naturally not in favour of any alteration of the *status quo*; and the Worshipful Masters and members of his lodges are equally naturally indisposed to do anything having even the appearance of disloyalty to their aged chief, whatever may be their private opinions as to the value and importance of a union of the craft. What happened in New South Wales was that the swelling tide of a brotherly desire for unity proved too strong for even lifelong prejudice, and our old District Grand Master, the late John Williams, early in 1888 expressed to Lord Carnarvan, then Pro Grand Master of England, who was at that time in Sydney, his willingness to resign his position, which he subsequently did, hoping to be succeeded as District Grand Master by His Excellency Lord Carrington, even though he knew that distinguished Freemason had also been nominated as Grand Master of the old Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with the expressed intention of bringing about a union of the craft, which, as you know, was consummated a few months later with even greater success, and with completer unanimity than its most sanguine advocates had ventured to anticipate.

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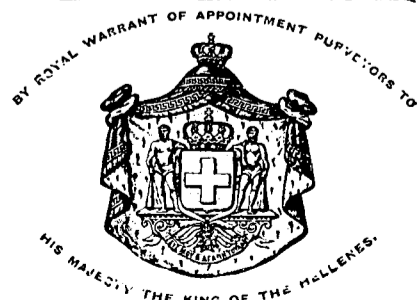
We cannot admit that the comparison with the circumstance obtaining in New South Wales a quarter of a century since, holds good, and the suggestion that the members of the District Grand Lodge of Queensland only remain loyal to the English Jurisdiction out of respect for the aged District Grand Master, will, we believe, be found wholly devoid of foundation. When they are desirous of cutting themselves adrift, even by a bare majority, by all means let them go, but until that desire is expressed we maintain our opinion that it is non-existent.



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The Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.

THE installation of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342, was held on January 17th (by dispensation) at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsmouth. It was rendered more interesting than usual, as it was the first time the son of a Past Master of the lodge was installed in the chair of K.S., the incoming Master being Bro. Maurice Friedeberg.

There was practically a record attendance. Grand Lodge of England was represented by W. Bro. J. W. Gieve, G.A.D. of C., while other Past Grand Lodge Officers included W. Bros. H. G. Giles and G. F. Lancaster. There were also many present and Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and a full representation of Worshipful Masters of neighbouring lodges.

W. Bro. S. A. Lillington completed a very successful year of office with an able rendering of the installation ceremony, at the conclusion of which he was thanked heartily for his efforts, and in recognition of his services during the year was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

W. Bro. Maurice Friedeberg appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—W. Bro. S. A. Lillington, I.P.M.; Bros. W. H. Andrews, S.W.; P. W. J. Treleaven, J.W.; the Rev. J. Watson, Chaplain; W. Bro. A. W. Hewett, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Bro. A. R. Samphire, Sec.; W. Bro. F. W. Evans, P.S.G.D., D. of C.; Bros. W. Pearce, S.D.; H. Billingham, J.D.; J. Stapleton, I.G.; R. J. Dash, Org.; S. Salter and W. E. C. Sperring, Std.; and J. Exell, Tyler.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER,

At the conclusion of the ceremony, by kind permission of the Mayor (Bro. G. E. Couzens), who attended, an adjournment was made to the banqueting room in the Town Hall, where about 130 sat down to a recherché repast.

Afterwards, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being brief and interesting.

During the dinner, a string band, conducted by W. Bro. H. E. Lidiard, performed an admirable selection of music, and items that interspersed the speeches were songs by W. Bros. G. Beves, J. J. Bascombe, C. J. C. Long, H. A. Friedeberg, Bros. R. J. Dash, Siebert, W. E. C. Sperring, and Scott-Russell, a violin solo by Bro. E. Grosso, and a recitation by W. Bro. H. Triggs. Bro. A. E. Saxby was the accompanist.



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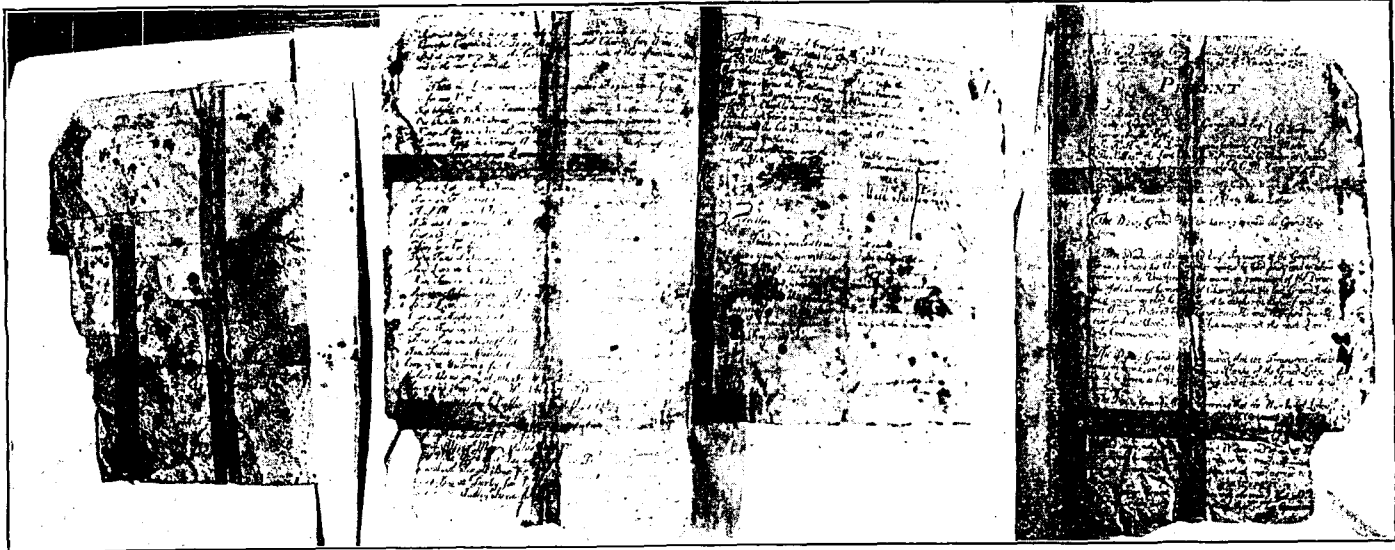
A Unique Masonic Manuscript.

THE record of a Grand Lodge Quarterly Communication, photographic reproduction of which accompanies this article, is believed by the writer to be absolutely unique, there being no other known copy in existence.

As will be seen, it is dated 21st of November, 1732, and is in the handwriting of the then Grand Secretary, a certain Bro. Will Reid. Accompanying it are two letters from the latter, dated respectively December 2nd, 1732, and January, 20th, 1733, both of them addressed to the first Master of

After the announcement that the Communication was held at the "Devil's" tavern within Temple Bar on Tuesday the 21st November, 1732, the record gives a list of those present and a short account of the proceedings. Then follows a roll of lodges who had paid their contributions to the Charity and other funds, and the various items of the latter, the total number of lodges being 33, and the amount contributed £46 10s. 0d.

A record of a complaint against a certain Bro. Calcot for



Anchor and Hope Lodge, now No. 37 on the roll of lodges (English Constitution).

This lodge was founded at Bolton-le-Moors in the year 1732, and has continued to work in the same town, without interruption, down to the present time; and the two letters, above referred to, relate to the payment of certain fees due to the Grand Lodge for entering the new lodge on the books of the latter.

making reflections on the conduct of the Grand Stewards, and his apologies for same then follows, and after stating that the usual healths were drunk with "greatest unanimity," the Deputy Grand Master closed the lodge in form. The record is signed "Will Reid, Secretary."

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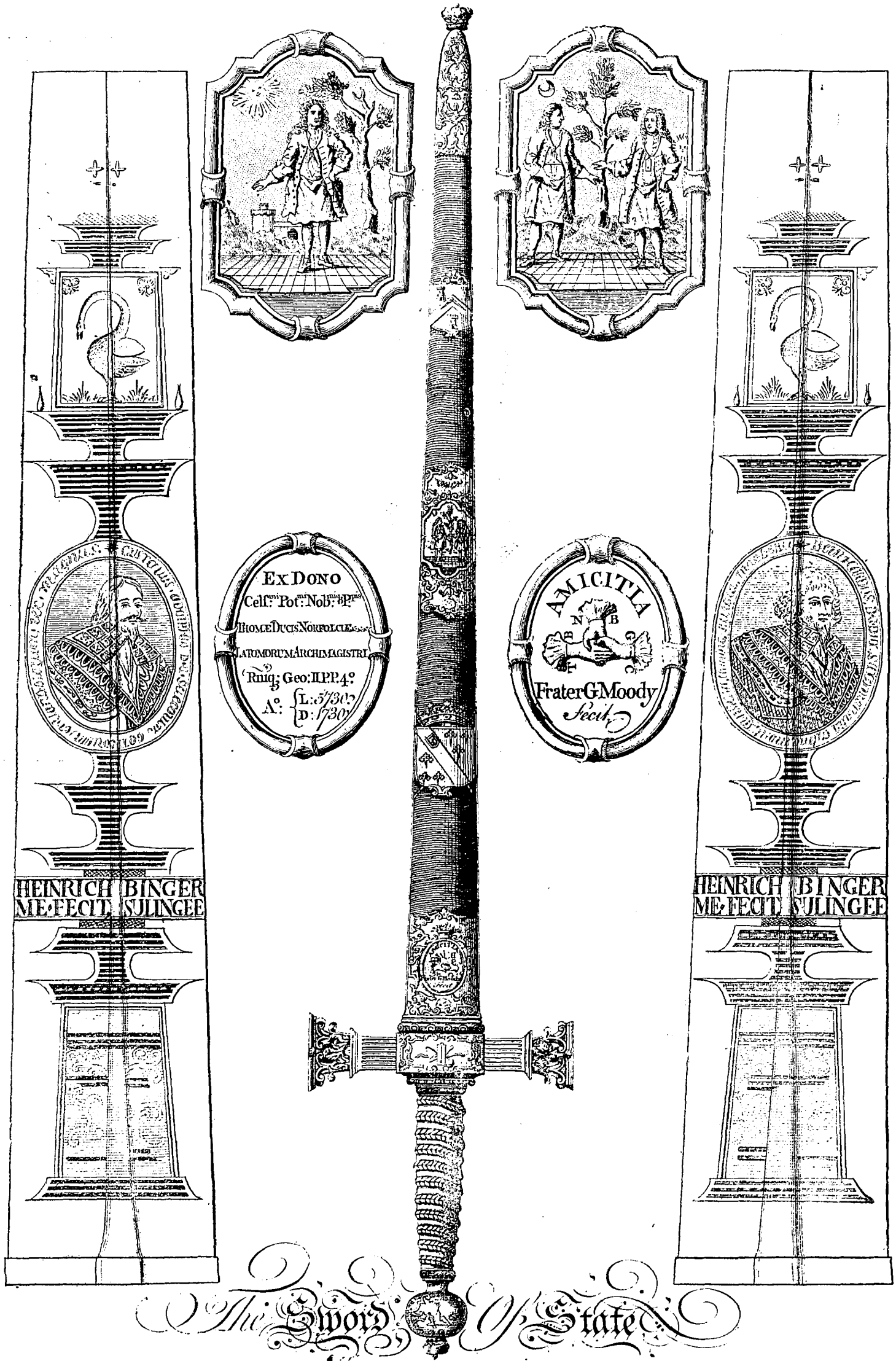
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Bernard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar.

A Masonic Votes Association for London.

MORE than one attempt has been made to form in the metropolis an association having for its object the organisation of the voting power for the three Masonic Charities. Whether the Londoner, unlike his provincial brother, possesses no spirit of clanship, or that London is too huge to admit of that concentration of effort necessary for the purpose, remains a question, but certain it is that the votes for London candidates are often wasted on cases which have no chances of success.

The Jubilee Masters' Lodge, membership of which, as our readers are aware, is restricted to Masters and Past Masters of London lodges, is obviously a representative body and eminently qualified to undertake the task of regulating the disposition of the votes of London brethren. In a circular recently issued, the joint Secretaries, Bros. Algernon L. Collins and Alfred F. Robbins have set forth the reasons for the formation of such an association, from which we extract the following:—

"It is well known that almost all the provinces, through a committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, organize their voting power, so that cases supported by them are, in nearly every instance, successful on the first application, whereas, at present, London as a whole is sadly lacking in such organization, and, in consequence, the London votes are often wasted or, through inadvertence, misapplied. To remedy this, the Jubilee Masters' Masonic Votes Association has been formed under the auspices of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge, No. 2712, the members of which are all Masters or Past Masters of London Lodges, and we append a full explanation of its objects and method of working.

"Up to the present the Association has supported two cases, viz., Bro. Charles Henry Theiss, who was elected on his first application to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in May, 1904, and Theophilus Jarvis (a first and last chance) who was elected for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in October.

"Every London lodge of which any member is a member of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge is eligible for representation in the Association, and may appoint a representative, not necessarily a member of the Jubilee Masters' Lodge.

"The lodge representatives meet as required, and any representative of an associated lodge may bring forward the case of any member or widow or child of a member of the lodge he represents, and, if the case is a fit and proper one, it is adopted by the votes of those present, each representative being entitled to one vote. If there be more than one candidate, they are adopted in sequence according to the merits, by the votes of the representatives; and the Association then, with the assistance of the lodge specially interested, collects the Charity votes, and, after applying those necessary to secure the election of candidate No. 1, applies the balance to the next, and, if any still remain, to No. 3, and so on.

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*Bro. Sadler's Memorials of the Globe
Lodge, No. 23.*

BRO. HENRY SADLER, the esteemed Grand Tyler and Sub-Librarian of the Grand Lodge of England, is the author of "Some Memorials of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England, with a Sketch of the Origin and History of the Red Apron," copies of which may now be obtained from his two London

publishers (Messrs. Warrington and Co. and Spencer and Co.), or of any booksellers, for the absurdly small charge of *four shillings pro tem.* It is quite likely, however, that the price will be advanced almost immediately, as the volume is tastefully and appropriately bound (scarlet cloth, gilt), and is abundantly illustrated.

The work is of an attractive and instructive character, containing as it does a mass of "out of the way" information not to be met with elsewhere, not only respecting the venerable lodge, but also regarding the origin and early history of the Grand Stewards and other related subjects.

The fact of the records of the "Globe" having been lost for the first seventy years of its existence, does not appear to have been an insuperable difficulty to Bro. Sadler. From other sources he has supplied numerous interesting particulars concerning the lodge and its members during the eighteenth century, and thus made known to the brethren and students a mass of curious facts of a noteworthy character. It would not be fair to do more than hint at these whilst the book may be subscribed for, but the biographies of distinguished Craftsmen on the register of the lodge, and graphic details as to the progress of the Craft generally for nearly two centuries, are special features of the "Memorials," which are alike valuable and noteworthy. Of its kind the volume is a *sui generis*, and cannot fail to be both popular and useful for ordinary and critical members of the Fraternity.

Several prominent brethren were connected with the "Globe" prior to the "Union," as well as subsequently, to whom Bro. Sadler does justice in his characteristic sketches, and, moreover, gives his opinion on many questions which will be welcome to enquiring and perplexed Craftsmen who have not the opportunities that the author has to acquire correct information, and are quite in a maze as to not a few points, which are satisfactorily explained in this handsome and attractive volume.

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Some Notes on Freemasonry in Australasia.—(Continued).

By Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.D.G.M. of Victoria, and P.A.G.D.C. of England.

WHAT may be fittingly termed the *cause célèbre* of English-cum-Australian Masonry may now be detailed and discussed, by which is meant the long-pending case of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, in effect the only lodge that preferred to remain under the Grand Lodge that gave it birth in the year 1855. The facts are very simple up to a certain point. An informal meeting of the members was held in the early part of June, 1888, to decide whether the lodge should, or should not, go over to the coming New South Wales Constitution. The voting was



LORD CARRINGTON, G.C.M.G., FIRST GRAND MASTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

equal—ten on each side—and the chairman gave his casting vote in favour of severing the lodge's connection with the Grand Lodge of England. The absolute figures, apart from the result of the meeting referred to, were twenty-five for joining the new body and twenty against, the remainder of the sixty-three members on the roll expressing no opinion.

Meanwhile two regular meetings of the lodge had been held, at the first of which a W.M. was elected for the ensuing year, and the following month installed, these two actions being under the English Constitution. Then came the inauguration of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales in August, and in September the installation of Lord Carrington as Grand Master.

The situation, however, will be here more clearly understood, when it is observed that as recently as the latter part of 1903, we have the Grand Master of New South Wales reading in his Grand Lodge, from a précis prepared for him, that, on the 23rd of June, 1888, "twenty other members of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia applied to R.W. Bro. Stokes"—at that time Acting District Grand Master—"for the return of the warrant, which he refused." The two letters which here follow do not at all square with the foregoing statement, as will be seen by the respective dates:—

Solway, Cross Street, Forest Lodge,
Aug. 9, 1888.

Right Worshipful Brother Stokes,

Acting District Grand Master, E.C., Sydney.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,—It having come to my knowledge that a letter, purporting to be the decision of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, E.C. (of which lodge I am a subscribing member), to give in allegiance to the proposed new Grand Lodge of New South Wales, will be sent to you in a day or two, I hereby enter my emphatic protest against any such letter being received and acted on as the decision

of the said Cambrian Lodge, for the following, amongst other reasons viz. :—1st, that the mis-called decision was given at an informal meeting at which less than one-third the members was present. 2nd, that votes were recorded and counted improperly and illegally.

You will see, Right Worshipful Sir, that the objection I take is a valid and just one, and would not have been taken had the proceedings been carried out in a proper and legal manner; and I contend, with all due respect, that the Cambrian Lodge of Australia has not expressed any opinion, as to the advisability or otherwise, of making any change in its Constitution, and I most strongly object to my Masonic rights and privileges being taken away by any illegal vote. I have the honour to be, Right Worshipful Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE ROBINSON, M.M., No. 656, E.C.

District Grand Lodge (English Constitution).

Freemasons' Hall, York Street, Sydney,

Aug. 11, 1888.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., I am instructed by the Acting D.G. Master to inform you that no notification has been received from the Cambrian Lodge in reference to the question referred to in your letter, and in any case the Acting D.G. Master will take all precautions that the constitutional law is adhered to.—Yours fraternally,

A. H. BRAY, D.G. Secty.

Bro. G. Robinson, Forest Lodge.

Next came the carrying away of the lodge charter, which was handed over to the authorities of the new régime, who some time after cancelled it in accordance with instructions from England. It may be noted that this procedure was



Warrington.

THE EARL OF JERSEY, G.C.M.G., SECOND GRAND MASTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

irregular, as it was and is laid down in the Constitutions that warrants must be returned to the Grand Master. Had this line been adhered to, the worry, correspondence, ill-feeling, expense, and injustice of many years would have been avoided. It will hereafter be observed that warrants henceforth must be returned to the Grand Master.

However, to resume, the brethren of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia who adhered to their allegiance as English Masons, made divers applications to the New South Wales executive for the return of their warrant, which in each case was refused, it being then in the keeping of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 10, New South Wales Constitution. In November of 1888, the English brethren appealed to their Grand Lodge, but the document did not reach London until some days subsequent to the December meeting of Grand Lodge, at which the Grand Lodge of New South Wales had been recognised. After an interval of three years (in January, 1892), the Grand Secretary of England notified the New South Wales Grand Lodge, in effect, that the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, remained and would continue to work under the English Constitution. An application for the return of the warrant was refused. In the very same year, though, the (at that time existing) Colonial Board in London rescinded the order previously promulgated, that the lodge should continue its working under England, whilst the granting of a warrant of confirmation was also refused.

It should be explained that the English brethren claimed their right to the warrant, and to continue working under the English Constitution, by virtue of Article 219 of the Constitutions, which at that time read as follows:—

“Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members; but should the number of members remaining be less than three, the warrant becomes extinct.”



SIR ROBERT DUFF, G.C.M.G., THIRD GRAND MASTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

In the 1863 edition of the Constitutions, the reading after the words “rest of the members” was, “who adhere to their allegiance; but if all the members of a lodge withdraw the warrant becomes extinct.”

It is opportune to here quote the reservation laid down by Lord Carnarvon, in moving the recognition of New South Wales as a sovereign body:—

“It is right, and it is in accordance with all our practice up to this time, that we should reserve the full right of any who may chance to dissent from the

vote of the majority. It is my duty to mention it, and to insist on it.”

And the words of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, in seconding the resolution, were, if anything, more emphatic—

“That the limitation which the Pro Grand Master has expressed is a wise one, it is our duty to accede to. No establishment of a new body, however lawful it may be can for one moment be held to render unlawful that which was lawful before its creation—to invalidate acts to which we ourselves are committed, by granting warrants and accepting the allegiance of brethren and of lodges which have been faithful to us, and which we view with feelings of gladness, a unanimous movement in which all join. At the same time we are bound to protect those who should not feel themselves enabled to join the majority.”

Long before this, the Earl of Zetland had spoken with similar force in moving the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, whilst the following deliverance from the Grand Master of Canada, in 1864, on the Quebec trouble deserves quoting:—

“I have ever held, and frequently expressed the opinion, that any subordinate lodges preferring to continue under their English warrant, had a perfect and undoubted right to do so, and were entitled, not only to recognition from us, but to all their Masonic privileges.”

In 1893, the cause of the Sydney (Cambrian) brethren was resolutely taken up by brethren in England, and at the June Communication of Grand Lodge the Colonial Board submitted a lengthy report traversing the entire situation from their point of view. But a notice of motion in the following terms had been lodged by the late Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, whose eloquent advocacy carried the day by a vote of two to one:—

“That this Grand Lodge declares that the conclusion of the Colonial Board, viz., that Article 219 did not apply to the case of the Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, of Australia, is totally opposed to the uniform practice of Grand Lodge since 1779, and that the correct construction of the law is that laid down by the V.W. Grand Registrar, Bro. Philbrick, and the V.W. the President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. Fenn, on the 3rd June, 1885, by the late M.W. Pro Grand Master, Lord Carnarvon, on the 5th December, 1888, and by the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and by the V.W. Grand Registrar, and the V.W. President of the Board of General Purposes on the 2nd December, 1891, and adopted by Grand Lodge on those dates.”

“And that the alleged cancellation of the warrant was in direct contravention of the terms on which Grand Lodge granted recognition to the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales.”

“And that those brethren who adhere to their allegiance to this Grand Lodge are therefore entitled to recognition as the lodge.”

The next phase of the controversy was the service of a writ on the Master and Wardens of the New South Wales Cambrian Lodge, No. 10, for recovery of the books, furniture, &c., belonging to No. 656. It had originally been intended to include in the claim the accumulated funds of the dissolved District Grand Lodge, amounting to some £20,000. After a lapse of two years, the case came before the Supreme Court of the colony, and was referred to arbitration. A commission, lasting eleven days, also sat in England to take evidence on both sides, Bro. John Strachan, K.C., subsequently and now Grand Registrar, being for the plaintiffs, and Bro. W. English Harrison, K.C., now Past Deputy Grand Registrar, for the defendants. The intimation that the large sum mentioned would also form part of the claim excited some ridicule in high quarters; but the plaintiffs at any rate were only unconsciously anticipating the decision of

the House of Lords of 1904 in the matter of the rival Scottish churches and the property appertaining thereto, indeed, the two cases are analogous.



BRO. J. C. REMINGTON, FIFTH GRAND MASTER OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

About this time, however, the plaintiffs had regained possession of their lodge warrant, and they resumed working, which action met with the disapproval of the Colonial Board. It should be here explained that nothing had been done in London to give effect to the resolution of

Grand Lodge in June, 1893, if we except the reinstatement of the lodge in the official *Freemasons' Calendar*, from which it had previously been deleted.

In the meantime the New South Wales Grand Lodge had periodically issued notices warning its lodges and their members of pains and penalties should they admit as visitors any members of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, or visit that lodge, which, in point of fact, was declared an irregular lodge.

In 1899, the Colonial Board having meanwhile been abolished—a Colonial Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of General Purposes, taking its place—the Board of General Purposes, in a recommendation to Grand Lodge (strenuously opposed by Lord Carrington), reported as follows:—

“This Board, while regretting the irregularities which occurred in the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, from June, 1894, and the cause thereof, acknowledges the great emergency under which these irregularities were committed, and resolves to recognise the several elections and initiations of members, elections, and installations of Worshipful Masters, appointments of officers and other acts supervening thereon, and confirms in their respective rank and Past rank all such Masters and officers. All returns by the said lodge to be recognised in the usual course.”

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