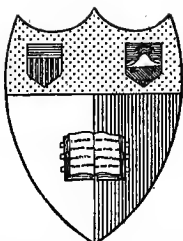




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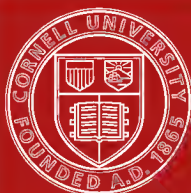
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"over any subordinate Lodges"
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"eleven Lodges in Yorkshire,
"Lancashire and Cheshire, and"
"the Lodge of Antiquity in London"
"during its secession" and it
finally &c .

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For
"they appear however never
to have held rule over any
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individual body recognising
no superior" Read "they"
"appear to have warranted"
"two Lodges in London only"
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To

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Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of
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“Brother to a King, Fellow to a Prince, and Companion to a Peasant if a Mason,”

THESE PAGES ARE RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED,

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Introduction.

THE original intention of the Compiler of this Memoir was to embrace only the History of the Lodge of Brotherly Love, with a short paper, by way of an appendix, on the Lodges, past and present, in the Province of Sussex; but as time went on much interesting matter came to hand, and I have therefore considered it best to place that part of it which will be most acceptable to the brethren in the Province first, and leave the History of my Lodge to fill a subordinate place. The early records of that Lodge having been lost, as is the case with the majority of old Lodges, I must plead want of material for not being able to give more of the early history of its proceedings, a review of which would doubtless have thrown some light on the working of a Lodge throughout the greater part of the last century, as it was constituted only nineteen years after the birth, in A.D. 1717, of the MOTHER GRAND LODGE OF SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY throughout the world, and about the period when dissensions first commenced which finally led to the formation of the rival Grand Lodge in 1750-1, the founders of which took the name of "Ancients," at the same time dubbing the original Grand Lodge as the "Moderns." Such being the case I have considered it a fitting opportunity to give a "Brief Sketch of Freemasonry" in the Province of Sussex, the chief interest of which is a list of Extinct Lodges before and since the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813, with their dates of constitution, and their numbers as altered from time to time.*

* Since drawing up the list of Lodges with their dates and numbers, Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. of England has compiled two very interesting works ("The Four Old Lodges," and "The Atholl Masons," London, Spencer & Co.) which will save much time and expence to those who may be searching for old Lodges, as the first-named contains lists of all the Lodges constituted by the Grand Lodge of "Moderns" from 1717, and the other a list of Lodges constituted by the Grand Lodge of "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons" from 1751 to 1813.

The only cause for delay in issuing a Memorial of the Centenary Festival of the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love" which was celebrated in 1878, was the difficulty in getting together the various notes respecting the Province; that delay however has given me an opportunity of making some additions by way of an Appendix, which I trust will be of interest to the reader; I refer more especially to the article on Royal Arch Masonry, and the reprint of "An Ode to Masonry by a member of the 'Lodge of Friendship,' 624," Chichester, 1811, dedicated to His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Lennox.*

I must here take the opportunity of acknowledging the assistance of those brethren who have so readily supplied me with information which the materials in my possession failed to furnish. To Bro. V. P. Freeman, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who has kindly given me encouragement by forwarding valuable information which otherwise would have been out of my reach; also to Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary of England, who has spent some time in searching the records of Grand Lodge in response to my numerous questions; and lastly to that luminary of Masonic lore, Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon of England, the author of many Masonic works, both historical and archæological, as well as a constant contributor to the Masonic periodicals of the day, I am greatly indebted for many favors; to each of whom, and to others who have kindly aided, I tender my thanks and hearty good wishes.

T. F.

April, 1883.

* His Grace was the Master of this Lodge and was no doubt one of the founders. He was also for several years a member of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, Brighton; as "the Hon. General Lennox" he was elected its Master in 1805, and was annually re-elected to that office until 1815, when he was appointed Prov. Grand Master.

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HISTORY OF THE "HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE," ARUNDEL

Corrections and Additions.


Page 19. "Wellington" Lodge, Rye.—The Warrant for this Lodge was granted by the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M. dated April 25th, 1814, No. 651, being the fourth that was issued by the United Grand Lodge, to the following brethren :—Samuel Gill (to be the first Master), John Easton (to be the first S.W.), James Gill (to be the first J.W.), William Colebrook, James Crowhurst, James Crowhurst, Junior, Edward Chatterton, George Staffell and others—to be opened in a private room in the above town; the meetings were held at the "London Trader Inn" from April, 1823, to May 27th, 1836; then at the "Queen's Head;" from thence the Lodge was moved on June 30th, 1837, to the "Lamb" Inn, on January 26th, 1844, after being dormant nearly four years to the "Union" Inn; for a few years the records are missing, but on June 13th, 1856, it appears that the Lodge was located at the "Crown" Inn, whence it moved to its present quarters the "Cinque Ports Arms" Hotel, on December 16th, 1858.

Pages 39 and 47. Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M. 38, in the "Freemason" of the 10th March of the current year, furnishes the following information :—"The fifth Duke when Earl of March was on October 15th, 1812, ballotted for, accepted, initiated, passed, and raised in the 'Lodge of Friendship,' 624."

Page 40. Bro. Thomas Reade Kemp died at Paris 20th December, 1844, aged 63.

Description of Plates.

THE FRONTISPIECE.

 THE Frontispiece is a reduced copy of a Tracing Board, unique and peculiar, not however in the figures and emblems displayed upon it, for these are all well-known to the generality of the Craft, but more so in respect to the material of which it is composed.

The size of the original is sixteen inches by twelve, the part within the border being of iron cast in bold relief; at the bottom is a row of three steps of tessellated pavement, on the top of which are distributed the three lights, the rough and smooth ashlar, and the mallet; in the centre is the volume of the Sacred Law, opened at the 4th Chap. 1st Book of Kings, on which rest the Square and Compasses; behind this are the Wardens' Columns, the Level, Plumb and Rule, with the Sun in the centre above, and the Ladder, Moon and Seven Stars on either side, surmounted with the All Seeing Eye, the whole being supported on one side by a figure representing Hope, and on the other by a figure representing Faith, the entire being painted in emblematical colors.

The indented border of Red and Blue of a little more than an inch in width, is part of a solid oak slab of an inch in thickness, into which the Tracing Board proper is sunk and fastened with screws.

There is no doubt it is of some antiquity and may probably have been copied from an earlier specimen of an oil cloth; it however bears no date or name which can give any clue as to the period of its manufacture.

PLATE 1. Page 5.

This is a very neat group of Masonic Emblems, evidently of some antiquity ; it was formerly the I.P. Master's Collar Jewel of the Lodge of "Brotherly Love," Arundel.

PLATE 2. Page 9.

This plate represents what we have no hesitation in deciding as the Prov. Grand Master's Jewel of the last century ; it has for many years been in the possession of the "South Saxon" Lodge, Lewes.

PLATE 3. Page 11.

This is also an old Jewel of the Prov. G. Lodge, of a type somewhat similar to those in use in other Provinces during the latter part of the last century, but to what officer it belonged we are unable to decide ; it has for many years been in the possession of the "Royal York" Lodge, Brighton.

In the "History of Freemasonry in Oxfordshire," by Bro. E. L. Hawkins, M.A., a drawing is given of what appears to be an engraved silver Jewel of the same design as above, but much smaller in size ; it is in the possession of the "Alfred" Lodge, No. 340, Oxford.

PLATE 4. Page 108.

This plate represents the First Principal's Jewel, of a Royal Arch Chapter, "Moderns," a drawing of which was given in the R.A. Regulation of 1793, as well as the Second and Third Principal's Jewels, which had in the centre an "Irradiated Eye" and a "Mitre" respectively, within the square and compasses only ; the original from which this sketch is taken is in the possession of the "Union" Lodge, No. 38, and no doubt formerly belonged to the Chapter of "Love and Harmony," or to the "Cyrus" Chapter, No. 624.



A HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY

IN THE

PROVINCE OF SUSSEX.

Lodges Past and Present.

IT would be out of place in this sketch to speculate on the origin of Freemasonry or its earlier history. Modern writers of the History of Freemasonry have established, with little doubt, that the Speculative Masons of the seventeenth century were the offspring of the Mediæval Guilds of Masons which were connected with the different ecclesiastical structures of that period; there is also good evidence that these Associations of skilled craftsmen were framed much after the manner of the Roman Sodalities which were instituted during the Roman occupation of this country.

In the early part of the last century there was discovered at Chichester, (*Regnum*) in the North Street near to the site of the present Council Chamber, part of a stone tablet bearing a Roman inscription to the effect, that a COLLEGIUM FABRORUM, or College of Workmen, had been

erected there about 56, A.D., and dedicated to NEPTUNE and MINERVA ;* the province can therefore lay claim to an early connection with the Freemasonry or similar institutions of the Romans, eighteen centuries back ; and to come somewhat nearer to the present Speculative system, Bro. William Preston, author of the "Illustrations of Masonry," states that in 1697 the Duke of Richmond, who was elected Grand Master, was Master of a Lodge at Chichester.

There are many instances of Lodges existing during that century in England and Scotland. Elias Ashmole, the antiquary, was initiated at Warrington, with three or four other gentlemen ; the "Grand Lodge of All England," at York, was in working ; and the mere fact of Preston's statement, if true, of the election of "Grand Master," in 1697, would go far to prove there were other Lodges existing ; for it is a time-immemorial custom that the Grand Master must have been the Master of a Lodge. The information respecting Lodges at this period is of such a scanty nature that very little is known of them, and this brief allusion of Preston's is all we know of the Lodge at Chichester.

During the reign of Queen Anne tradition says the Order was much neglected, owing to the infirmities of Sir Christopher Wren, who had held the office of Grand Master for many years ; but after the accession of George I. the ever-to-be-remembered meeting of the members of the Four Old Lodges in London, in February, 1717, took place, for the purpose of appointing one of their number as Grand Master ; and it is from this period, known as the "Revival," that the present Grand Lodge, with its various offshoots all over the world, takes its starting point.

One of the earliest enactments of the new Grand Lodge was that no Lodge should meet, excepting the Four

* For a description of which see "Mason's Goodwood," and Vol I, "Masonic Magazine," London, 1874.

Old Lodges, whose time-immemorial rights exempted them, without a warrant authorizing them to assemble and make Masons. During the Mastership of George Payne, Esq., in 1720, several new regulations were drawn up and presented to Grand Lodge, and approved in 1721; and about this period owing to enquiries being made for old manuscripts which were known to exist, some over scrupulous brethren, fearing that the secrets of the Craft would be exposed to the eyes of the profane, destroyed by burning many of the old records, and copies of ancient constitutions, which have many times been regretted by all lovers of the Fraternity.*

Turning to the early lists of Lodges we find there is none that received a warrant before 1721, and it is not till 1724 that we find any country Lodges being constituted; and it is a remarkable fact that Lodges should have been constituted in those cities which were known to have been important Roman Stations, such as Bath, Bristol, Norwich, Chichester, and Chester; indeed, it would lead one to suppose that there were some members of former Lodges still living, and perhaps in some cases actually holding regular meetings, and that they must have held communication with one another, and so arranged to acknowledge the new Grand Lodge. It was also in this year that the Duke of Richmond, son and successor of the former Duke alluded to, was appointed Grand Master, and during his term of office the Fund of Charity (now the Grand Lodge of Benevolence) was instituted. The Lodge † constituted at Chichester first met at the "Swan" Inn, in the East Street, it was afterwards held at the "Dolphin" where it

* During the last few years many of these old Constitutions have been brought to light, owing to the exertions of Bros. Woodford, Hughan, and others, and doubtless as time goes on more will be discovered.

† The Duke of Richmond was, no doubt, a member of this Lodge, as he presented a copy of Constitutions in 1738 to the members, which is now in the possession of the "Union Lodge," No. 38.

continued as long as it existed. It disappears from the revised list of Lodges in 1770: the numbers which this Lodge bore from 1724 will be found in the list of Extinct Lodges at the end of these pages.

In 1730 another Lodge was constituted at Chichester, and, from its title, a rather significant one, "St. Rook's Hill, near Chichester, from the time of Julius Cæsar," shows that there still lingered some traditions of a bygone age, and in some lists there is added to the above, "Once a year Tuesday in Easter week." St. Rook's (Roche) Hill bears traces of pre-historic man, and as it is the most prominent of hills for many miles round, was probably used as a place for general assembly by our forefathers.* This Lodge was erased with several others at a meeting of Grand Lodge held on November 29th, 1754.

Freemasonry did not make much progress in the Province during the first half of the Eighteenth century, for, with the exception of Chichester, we find no knowledge of any other Lodge till 1765, when a Lodge was constituted at the "Red Lion," Rye, No. 344, which, after a few years,

* St. Roche's Hill, or the "Trundle," is an eminence of the South Downs, about a mile from Goodwood House, and its summit, on which is an extensive circular earthwork, is over 700 feet above the level of the sea; this earthwork has for many years been a vexed question amongst antiquaries, many of whom attribute it to the Britons, Romans, Danes, or Saxons. Camden, in his "Britannia," mentions it as a Danish encampment, and says there existed the ruins of a Chapel in the interior, dedicated to St. Roche, and subsequent writers have generally considered it as a military stronghold of the ancients. Here we venture to differ from them. It is not at all probable that in the time of the Ancient Britons or Romans a fortified camp would be constructed on such an eminence, which is some distance from a stream of water, and that stream liable to be dry for several months in the year; from its position and from the great care bestowed upon its construction, our opinion is that it was used for carrying out the mysteries of some of the former inhabitants of these parts, as well as being used as an observatory, perhaps by these invaders, the Belgæ, who were sun worshippers and had conquered this part of the country some centuries before the landing of Cæsar; and the cell or chapel already referred to was the "dark chamber of probation, where the neophyte had to undergo several days of solitude and fasting;" and are we not told that our ancient brethren held their assemblies on the highest of hills, and in the deepest of vales? Of the latter there is Kingley Vale, a few miles to the westward, well known as containing one of the finest groves of yew trees in the kingdom.

PLATE I.



was moved to Lamberhurst, in the neighbouring Province of Kent.

In 1766 another Lodge was constituted at the "Dolphin Inn," Shoreham, which town was probably then of more importance than Brighton; the existence of this Lodge lasted but a few years, for it is missing in the revised list of 1781. In the same year was constituted a Lodge at the "White Hart," Lewes, numbered 367, the one at Shoreham being 365, and this also was erased in or before 1781.

The next accession to the roll of Lodges in the Province was the removal of the "Lodge of Brotherly Love," No. 55, from London to Arundel, early in the year 1789; this is now the oldest existing Lodge in the Province. It held its meetings at the "Crown Inn," in that town, till 1809, and then moved to the "Wheat Sheaf," where it assembled till about 1838, when, owing to the want of enthusiasm on the part of its members, it ceased to hold communication till 1859, when the three surviving members, with the assistance of some brethren from Brighton, resuscitated it, and the Lodge now holds a respectable position in the Province. This Lodge was

The traditions in connection with the former, doubtless lingered with successive generations for many centuries, and no doubt it was eagerly seized upon by the Christian Missionaries and dedicated to St. Roche, the patron saint of pilgrims, in order to divert the minds of the people from their superstition. It is generally supposed that in the Middle Ages a hermit resided in the cell, and he would direct travellers on their way to and from the city of Chichester, for in close proximity to this spot several hill tracks concentrate, and one of the main ancient trackways, which can be traced for many miles east and west, also passes close by, similar to those known as bridle or pack roads. We have failed to discover for what reasons the Ciceronian Freemasons of last century held their meeting here, or why they should have pitched upon "Tuesday in Easter week." We know that at the time of the vernal equinox the ancients held some of their festivals, and the "diea viola" of the Romans must have been about this time of the year, St. Roche's day being on the 16th August. They were, however, a little out with respect to the affix, "from the time of Julius Cæsar," this addition probably arose from the discovery of the tablet in 1723, already referred to as proving the existence of a Collegium Fabrorum at Chichester, and which was considered the greatest archæological treasure of the last century. This building was, however, not erected for several years after Cæsar's death.

constituted in London in 1736, and was granted a Centenary Warrant by the Grand Lodge in 1878; it is now numbered 56, and if Lodges took rank according to date of constitution it would rank as No. 29. There was a Royal Arch Chapter attached to the Lodge at the Union in 1814, named the "Mount Moriah," and it continued to work irregularly for several years after; no trace of its existence can be found in the Grand Lodge records, and it was very probably a self-constituted body, emanating from a Chapter which existed at Chichester for a few years at the end of the last century. The Lodge has now thirty-eight members on its books, and meets on the third Thursday in every month at the Town Hall. In the same year some brethren residing at Brighton obtained a Warrant from the Provincial Grand Master to form the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, which document is dated August 8th, 1789, and is signed by Samuel Hulse, PROV. G.M., and witnessed by James Galloway, PAST G.J.W., who appears to have acted as Deputy PROV. G.M., and whose name is found on other documents. The original is still in possession of the Lodge, a transcript of which will be found in the Appendix. The first Master and Wardens designate were George Rawlinson, Richard Thomas, and John Ade; the place of meeting being the "White Horse" Inn. The first meeting was held on the 26th August there being present the following:—

Petitioners—William Henwood, Thomas Pryor, (as Tyler) Richard Thomas, and John Ade.

Visitors—James Galloway, P.G.J.W., William Cole, No. 2,* James Stokes, No. 35,† William Henley W. Master, George Picknall, John Pell, No. 55, Arundel, and John Phillips, Prince of Wales Lodge.

* Now No. 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge.

† This was also a London Lodge, constituted in 1732, "King's Arms," Marylebone, Piccadilly; before the Union of 1814 it migrated to Werneth, near Oldham, and was erased before 1863.

A letter was read from Bro. Rawlinson, named in the Warrant as Master, apologising for his non-attendance and desiring that Bro. Galloway might officiate for him, in which desire the brethren assembled joined. Bro. Galloway officiated as W.M., and appointed Bro. Ade s.w., and Bro. Henley J.W. for the evening. At the next meeting, on September 23rd, a ballot was taken for a W.M. in consequence of Bro. Rawlinson declining to act, when there appeared for Bro. White 7 votes, and for Bro. Ade 1 vote. Bro. Spice was appointed Treasurer on September 30th; the W.M. appointed as his Wardens Bros. Shoosmith and Dr. Hall; James C. Michell, Secretary and thanks were voted to Bro. Galloway for his past exertions in establishing the Lodge.

The Lodge was named in honor of Prince William Henry, third son of George III., who had recently been created Duke of Clarence, and on October 12th a letter was read from H.R.H. approving of the title, and on January 11th, 1790, an address of thanks was ordered to be presented to H.R.H.

This was the first Lodge started in Brighton, and it appears to have been early patronised; for at the first meeting in August, the following residents were initiated:—Thomas White, William Lee, Edward Henwood, Robert Spice, Henry Piercy, and John Shoosmith. In September, Bro. Charles Geere, of Newhaven, joined, and the following were initiated:—Richard Tilstone, Surgeon, John Hall, Surgeon, both of Brighton, Thomas Capel, Attorney-at-Law, Lincoln's Inn, James Charles Michell, Attorney, Brighton, and Richard Thornton, Brewer, Steyning.

The records of this Lodge are the most complete in the Province, and in looking down the roll of those brethren who have had the honor of presiding over it, we cannot abstain from remarking how prominent the name of Scott appears; for three generations this family has been honourably connected with the Lodge, its present

representative Bro. John Henderson Scott, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., having held the position of Master in 1859, 1865, and 1877.*

The Lodge on being constituted was numbered 543; altered in 1792 to 452; in 1800 we find it located at the "Old Ship" Inn; in 1814 the number was altered to 511; in 1832 to 338; and in 1863 to 271, since which it has taken up its quarters at the Royal Pavilion, where it assembles on the third Friday in the month, having a muster roll of eighty-two members. The senior Royal Arch Chapter of the Province, the "Lennox," is also attached to this Lodge, having been constituted in 1811.

In 1790 another Lodge was started in Chichester, the "Harmony," meeting at the "Dolphin," and numbered 559, which was altered to 468 in 1792; but its sojourn in the ancient city was a brief one, for after a few years we find it located at the "Fountain" Inn, Shoreham, and in 1814 it was re-numbered as 522; here it lingered for a few years, and was eventually erased in 1832.

On the 5th October of the same year a Charter or Warrant was issued to hold a Chapter at Chichester, No. 71; at this time Chapters were numbered independently of Lodges. Thomas Bull as Z.; William Midhurst, H.; and Alexander Williams, J., were the founders, the first named being a member of the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," Arundel. It was named "Love and Harmony," and used to meet in private rooms, working also the degrees of Kadosh and Knights Templar, as was often the case during the last century; this is the earliest mention of R.A. Masonry in Sussex.

On the 15th October, 1796, the Provincial Grand Master issued a Warrant to the following brethren, viz.—

* Bro. Edmund Scott was Master of the Lodge from 1796 to 1805, and during the Mastership of General Lennox, afterward D. of Richmond, from 1804 to 1815, he was the Acting Master.

PLATE II.



the Rev. Arthur Iredell, A.M., William Lee, John Bray Cator, I. Acton, John Ade, Thomas Pockney, Thomas Hall, and several others, to form and hold the "South Saxon" Lodge, No. 557, at the "Star" Inn, Lewes. The first three named petitioners were nominated as Master and Wardens; the document is signed by Bro. James Galloway, D. PROV. G.M., and Bro. W. Lee, PROV. G. SECRETARY. On the 19th April, 1797, "Major General Hulse, Provincial Grand Master of the Society of Freemasons for the county of Sussex, attended by upwards of two hundred brethren, and richly clothed in the habit and jewels of the Order, laid the first stone of a Freemason's Lodge intended to be built at Lewes"—so says the "Freemason's Magazine" of that period; but we are rather inclined to doubt the statement with respect to the number of brethren present, for such a number would be considered a good muster in these days of rapid locomotion.

How long the meetings of the Lodge were held at the hall we have no evidence to show, for the existing minutes only commence in September, 1821, the place of assembly being in the Eastern Tower of the Castle, and they continued to meet here till July, 1852, when they removed to Bro. Butcher's: they subsequently held meetings at the "Crown" for some time, finally acquiring possession of the "Freemason's Hall," where the meetings are still held. This structure was rebuilt on a more commodious site in 1872, the foundation stone being laid by the Prov. G.M. Lord Pelham. In 1814 the number of the Lodge was altered to 581, and in 1832 and 1863, to 390 and 311 respectively, and there are now seventy-eight members on the books.

The last of the existing Lodges constituted in the Province by the Grand Lodge of "Moderns" before the Union, was the "Royal Cinque Ports," at Seaford; the Warrant authorizing a Lodge to be held at the "Old Tree" Inn, in

that town, was granted by Samuel Hulse, Esq. PROV. G.M. on 28th September, 1797, being numbered 566. The founders were James Cook the younger, William Hamilton, and Nathaniel Beard, who were the first Master and Wardens, John Kinningburgh, Morgan Davies, John McDoll, Henry Reed, William Wood, Ephraim Insket, John Perry, and others, and it was countersigned by James Galloway, D. PROV. G.M. and James Bicknell, PROV. G. SECRETARY. In 1814 the number was changed to 587, and the last meeting at Seaford was held in December, 1822, when it was decided to remove the Lodge to Brighton; and in January, 1823, they were located at the "Royal York" Hotel, and decided to petition the M.W.G.M. to be allowed to alter their title to that of the "Royal York" Lodge, in honor of H.R.H. the Duke of York. Their prayer was granted: their proceedings being considered somewhat irregular by the acting Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. D. Jacques, the Lodge was suspended by the Prov. G. Master, the Duke of Richmond, who had recently been appointed to that office, at a meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, held at Brighton, on 24th July. Bro. C. Bew, P. PROV. G.S.W., the W.M., however lost no time in endeavouring to get the suspension removed, for on August 4th, a petition signed by twenty-eight brethren was forwarded to Grand Lodge, in which they state that they had obtained a dispensation from the Acting D. Prov. G.M., the Rev. S. J. Tufnell, authorizing them to meet at Brighton, and that the charge of purchasing the Warrant was unfounded, and was brought about by three brethren who were not subscribing members of the Craft, who had been previously negotiating for the purchase of the regalia and furniture, with a view to removing the Lodge from Seaford to Brighton. The brethren had previously petitioned for a new Charter bearing their altered title, and this was granted to the following brethren, accompanied by the release of their

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Lodge from suspension, viz.—Bros. Charles Bew, Leopold Altenacher, Henry Watson, William Johnson, James Rice, James Worger, John Barnes, Sake Deen Mahomed, and others, since which the Lodge has had an uninterrupted existence, holding its meetings at the following houses in Brighton: in February, 1822, it removed to the Masonic Hall, St. James' Street; in 1826 to the "Tierney" Arms; in 1828 to the "New Ship"; in 1830 to the "Artichoke"; in 1836 to the "Golden Lion"; in 1841 to the "Castle" Inn; in 1853 to the "White Horse;" and finally to the Royal Pavilion Rooms, where it has at last found a permanent resting place; it has now ninety-six subscribing members; the number of the Lodge was changed to 394 in 1832 and to 315 in 1863.*

The first Lodge constituted in the town of Hastings was the "Harmony" No. 583, in 1799; the Warrant was no doubt issued by the Prov. G.M. General Hulse; the house of Meeting was at the "Swan;" in 1814 it was renumbered 601; in 1817 it met at the "Anchor," and then at the "Crown," and on 29th December of that year it united with the "Derwent," No. 54, now 40.†

A renewal of Masonic zeal appears to have taken place at Chichester, for on March 15th, 1811, the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 624, was constituted, his Grace the Duke of Richmond already referred to in connection with the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, Brighton, being the W.M., the Rev. S. Joliffe Tufnell acting as his Deputy, the Rev. W. Youatt s.w. and Bro. J. Powell j.w.; the place of meeting being at the "Swan" once a well known posting house in

* Just recently Major Carvick, w.m. of the Pelham Lodge, discovered the three candlesticks formerly belonging to the Lodge when meeting at Seaford. Bro. Carvick purchased them, and graciously presented these relics to the "Royal York" Lodge.

† The first Lodge we find meeting at Hastings was a Military Lodge, No. 282, "Ancients," attached to the Wiltshire Regiment of Militia, which was stationed there when the Lodge was constituted, on the 16th May, 1794: it finally settled in Wiltshire, and was erased in or before 1832. This is the earliest record of a Lodge under the G.L. of "Ancients" meeting in the Province.

the East Street, which was converted into shops about thirty years since. The number was altered at the Union to 632, and the Lodge continued to assemble at the "Swan," with the exception of a few months at the "Fleece," whilst the first-named hotel was being rebuilt, until 1828, when the Warrant was surrendered and it united with the "Lodge of Harmony." The "Cyrus" Chapter was attached to this Lodge and probably collapsed when the Warrant was surrendered.

Before proceeding to chronicle the birth of the "Lodge of Harmony," now "Union," Chichester, it will be as well to say a few words with respect to the rival Grand Lodge of "Ancients," which up to this period, 1812, had not obtained a footing in the Province, all the Lodges previously constituted having emanated from the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," of 1717. Till within the last few years much mystification existed respecting the position of several Lodges on the present register of Grand Lodge, and especially with respect to two Lodges in this Province, but thanks to the labors of Bros. W. J. Hughan* and R. F. Gould,† the discrepancies in the dates of the various Lodges existing before 1813 are plainly accounted for.

It was about the year 1738 that the first signs of dissension commenced, and the following is extracted from a note by Bro. Northouck, in the Constitutions of 1784, respecting the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in December, 1739, wherein it was ordered that the laws be strictly put in execution against all brethren who should for the future countenance, connive, or assist at any irregular making:—

"The Grand Lodge justly considered such proceedings as an infringement on the original laws, an encroachment on the privileges, and an imposition on the charitable

* "Memorials of the Masonic Union," & "Masonic Register," Bro. Hughan.

† "The Four Old Lodges," and "The Atholl Lodges," Bro. Gould.

fund of the society. It was therefore resolved to discountenance those assemblies, and to enforce the laws against all brethren who were aiding or assisting in the clandestine reception of any person into masonry at any of these illegal conventions. This irritated the brethren who had incurred the censure of the Grand Lodge, who, instead of returning to their duty and renouncing their error, persisted in their contumacy, and openly refused to pay allegiance to the Grand Master, or obedience to the mandates of the Grand Lodge. In contempt of the ancient and established laws of the order they set up a power independent ; and, taking advantage of the inexperience of their associates, insisted that they had an equal authority with the Grand Lodge to make, pass, and raise Masons. At this time no private Lodge had the power of passing or raising Masons ; nor could any brother be advanced to either of these degrees but in the Grand Lodge, with the unanimous consent and approbation of all the brethren in communication assembled. Under a fictitious sanction of the ancient York Constitution they presumed to claim the right of constituting Lodges. Some brethren at York continued indeed to act under their original constitution, notwithstanding the revival of Grand Lodge of England in 1717 ; but the irregular Masons in London never received any patronage from them. The Ancient York Masons were confined to one Lodge, which is still extant, but consists of very few members, and will probably be soon altogether annihilated. This illegal and unconstitutional claim obliged the regular Masons to adopt new measures to detect these impostors, and debar them and their abettors from the countenance and protection of the regular Lodges. To accomplish this purpose more

effectually, some variations were made in the established forms, which afforded a subterfuge, at which the refractory brethren readily grasped. They now assumed the appellation of 'Ancient Masons,' proclaimed themselves enemies to all innovations, insisted that they preserved the ancient usages of the order, and that the regular Lodges, on whom they conferred the title of Modern Masons, had adopted new measures, illegal and unconstitutional; thus by a new species of deceit and imposition, they endeavoured to support an existence; using the necessary precautions taken by the Grand Lodge to detect them, as grounds for a novel and ridiculous distinction of Ancient and Modern Masons. This artifice strengthened their party in some degree; the uninformed were caught by the deception; and in order to procure further support to their assumed authority, they also determined to interrupt the regular mode of succession to the office of Grand Master by electing a chief ruler under that designation, and other officers under the title of Grand Officers, appointed from their own body; convinced that the most probable means for establishing their opposition, would be by liberally conferring honors on their votaries to secure their allegiance, and to induce others to join them. They framed a code of laws for their government, issued patents for new Lodges, and exacted certain fees of constitution, from which they hoped to raise a fund sufficient to support their power. They so far succeeded in their new plan as to be acknowledged by many; some gentlemen of family and fortune entered among them, and even many regular Masons were so unacquainted with their origin, or the laws of the society as to attend their lodges; and give a tacit sanction to their proceedings."

Such was the opinion of a Masonic writer of the last century ; but in spite of the precautions taken by the Grand Lodge this rival Grand Lodge of "Ancients," 1751-2 continued to increase in prosperity, and had Lodges hailing under its banner in nearly every province, as well as in the British Colonies.

In the foregoing extract mention has been made of the York Masons : this body had existed for many centuries in the City of York ; it was revived as the Grand Lodge of All England in 1725, and was acknowledged as an independent body by the Grand Lodge of England, London, 1717, though it never held rule over any subordinate Lodges, and it finally collapsed in 1792. There were for a short period four separate bodies, each claiming the title of Grand Lodge. Some dissensions having arisen in 1778, in the Lodge of Antiquity, some members of that old Lodge came in collision with the Grand Lodge of "Moderns," and in the next year seceded, and being recognized under their time-immemorial constitution by the Grand Lodge at York, proclaimed themselves as the "Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent;" they appear however never to have held rule over any subordinate Lodges, but simply existed as an individual body, recognising no superior : happily, however, in 1790 they became reconciled, and were again restored to their former position under the banner of the Grand Lodge.

In 1812 the Grand Lodge of "Ancients," authorized the formation of the "Lodge of Harmony," No. 35, at Chichester, and on 16th April,* the R.W. Bro. Nathaniel Ashford, W.M. 79, as Deputy G.M. ; Bros. J. Griffiths, s.w. 138, as

* There are some discrepancies with respect to the date of constitution : Bro. Gould in his "Atholl Lodges" gives the date of the Warrant as 22nd April, whilst the Warrant of confirmation granted in 1828 gives it as 13th March. Very likely a dispensation was granted on the latter date to form a Lodge and the Warrant was not issued till the 22nd April, after the constitution had taken place.

G.S.W. ; C. E. A. Minchinton, S.D. 138, as G.J.W. ; R. Heath, W.M. 138, as G.P.M. ; J. Dicks, 138, as G.S.D. ; J. Barker, 138, as G.J.D. ; J. Griffiths, 138, as G. TREAS. ; R. Hewlins, 138, as G. SEC. ; and J. Warren, 138, as G. TYLER, opened a Grand Lodge at the "White Hart," East Street, constituted the above Lodge, and installed the following brethren :—Bros. Edward Atheson Gilbert, W.M. ; W. Shayer, S.W. ; and J. Humphrey, J.W. The Grand Lodge was closed, after which the "Lodge of Harmony" was opened, and Messrs. Benjamin Caffyn and J. Harris Wright were elected and initiated.* This was no resuscitation of an old Lodge, or warrant of confirmation, but simply the method practised by the "Ancients" in numbering their Lodges, which has led to so much confusion with respect to the numbering of Lodges on the roll of the United Grand Lodge, and which differed from the method practised by the "Moderns," thus : the latter at different periods, viz. in 1740-56, 1770-81 and 1792 altered the numbers of its Lodges by annexing the Lodge next in position to the vacant number of the extinct Lodge immediately preceding it, and putting up all the rest in succession, and then the new Lodges went on at the end of the roll. The "Ancients," however, left the number of an extinct Lodge vacant, and when the founders of a new Lodge applied for a Warrant, they had the option of purchasing the vacant number by paying some few guineas more than if they went on at the end of the list, and indeed existing Lodges sometimes obtained a higher place by purchase, and this in some cases was done more than once ; for, on reference to Bro. Gould's "Atholl Lodges," it will be seen that sometimes

* These two Lodges, No. 79, and 138, were of course both "Ancient" or "Atholl," the former meeting at the "Spring Clock," Gosport, constituted in 1759, and again in 1780 ; the latter at the "Blue Anchor" Tavern, Portsea, in 1808 ; the first Lodge attached to this number was at Leghorn in 1765 ; they have both been extinct for many years.

three Lodges, which in no way had any connection, had at different periods been attached to one number.*

The Lodge in question does not appear to have met at the "White Hart" long, for in 1814 we find it at the Freemason's Hall, the "Anchor,"† West Street, and the number altered by the Union of the Grand Lodges to 52. In 1828 this Lodge, and also the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 632, surrendered their Warrants and received a Warrant of confirmation as "Lodge of Union," No. 52; thus the senior Lodge was absorbed by the junior, tempted no doubt by the higher position it held on the roll of Grand Lodge.§

In 1832 the number of the "Lodge of Union" was changed to 45, and in 1863 to No. 38, holding the first place on the Provincial roll: at the last return it numbered sixty-five members, and its meetings are at the "Council Chamber." The "Cyrus" Royal Arch Chapter is attached to the Lodge, and was constituted in 1874.

On the 12th May the following brethren opened a Grand Lodge of "Ancients" at the "Castle" Inn, Hastings, "under sanction of the Warrant No. 332,‡ pursuant to a Dispensation under the hand of Thomas Harper, Esq.,

* The first Warrant, being No. 35, was granted to some brethren in London, but it appears the Lodge was never constituted, so that 1812 is the earliest date that can be awarded to No. 35.

† These rooms, with a private entrance attached to the "Anchor" Inn, it is said, were built after the designs of Sir Godfrey Webster, for the purpose of a Lodge, and for holding political meetings. There is a house in St. John's Street, known in the early part of the present century as the Freemasons' Hall; it was probably always a private house, some part being portioned off for the use of some of the Masons during the last century: the R.A. Chapter of 1790 met in private rooms, and this no doubt gave to it the title of Freemasons' Hall.

§ The "Lodge of Friendship," 632 [624 "Moderns"] was constituted March 15th, 1811: the "Lodge of Harmony," 52 [35 "Ancients"] was constituted April 22nd, 1812: the "Lodge of Union," 52, now 38, by Warrant of Confirmation, August, 1828.

‡ This was a Military Lodge of "Ancients" attached to the 58th Regiment of Foot, constituted in 1805: in 1814 it was numbered 424, and it was erased before 1832.

Deputy Grand Master, for the purpose of constituting Warrant No. 36,* and installing the Officers," viz.,—Bros. Thomas Slack, as D.G.M.; John Fowler, as S.G.W.; John Jackson, as J.G.W.; Richard Pease, as G. SEC.; Thomas M'Caskey, as G. TREAS.; W. Chambers, as S.G.D.; John Rogers, as J.G.D.; and John Hickling, as G. TYLER—all of No. 332. The brethren installed as named in the Warrant were Bros. Thomas Sargent, W.M.; Henry Rogers, S.W.; Thomas Foster, J.W.; the following being appointed to the other offices:—Thomas Bayley, Secretary; Peter M. Powell, Treasurer; W. Cate, S.D.; G. Robinson, J.D.; and W. Kent, Tyler. In 1817 the Lodge removed to the "Anchor;" in 1822 back to the "Castle" Inn; to the "Swan" Inn in 1823, till December, 1874; and in January, 1875 to the "Castle" Hotel, Wellington Square, where it still continues. In 1814 it was renumbered 54, and at the renumbering of Lodges in 1832 and 1863, it was numbered 47 and 40 respectively: at the last annual returns it numbered eighty-two members. The "Emulation" R.A. Chapter has been attached to this Lodge since November, 1813.

Before recording the advent of any more Lodges in the Province, it will be as well to say something about the Union of the two Grand Lodges, which took place in 1813. For some years previously attempts had been made to bring about a reconciliation of the two opposing bodies, but without effect; however, in 1810 some progress was made in that direction, when the Earl of Moira, acting Grand Master of the "Moderns," invited some of the "Ancients" to a Masonic banquet, which offer was accepted, and shortly after the "Ancients" rescinded some of their resolutions respecting "Modern" Masons.

* The first Warrant attached to this number was dated 14th August, 1754: it had however been dormant many years, and the Lodge at Hastings was in every respect a new and distinct Lodge, having no connection with the former No. 36.

In 1811 the Prince of Wales, who was the Grand Master of the "Moderns," appointed H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex as D.G.M. and the latter immediately commenced to bring about the long desired union. In November, 1813, the Duke of Atholl, Grand Master of the "Ancients," resigned that office in favour of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent: these two royal Craftsmen, assisted by some of the most distinguished and zealous Masons of the two societies, soon drew up the "Articles of Union," which were considered and ratified at a meeting on the 8th of December, when some members from each society were appointed to form a Lodge of Reconciliation. These articles were duly signed and sealed by the two illustrious brothers, and St. John's Day, the 27th December, 1813, was fixed for the happy event.* It was decided that both bodies should meet on equal terms—all differences being waived; lots were drawn as to which should have the honor of placing its premier Lodge at the top of the new roll of the "United Grand Lodge." Unfortunately, we think, that lot fell to the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1 "Ancients," constituted in 1759, and the "Lodge of Antiquity," No. 1 of the "Moderns," a *time-immemorial* Lodge, being the senior Lodge of the four which formed the Grand Lodge of 1717, was placed No. 2. The No. 2 "Ancients," and the No. 2 "Moderns," another *time-immemorial* Lodge, were placed 3 and 4 respectively, and so alternatively till the two rolls of Lodges were all renumbered. The "Moderns" had 386 Lodges, and the "Ancients" 260, placed on the roll.

Early in 1814 the present Lodge at Rye, the "Wellington," No. 651, was constituted at Rye; in 1832 and 1863 the number was altered to 426 and 341 respectively, and it had twenty-seven members on its books in

* Vide "Preston's Illustrations," by Dr. Oliver, London, Spencer & Co., and "Memorials of the Union," Bro. W. J. Hughan, Truro, 1874.

June last. The next new Lodge in the province was "Harmony and Friendship," No. 701, at Maresfield; after a few years it moved to Uckfield, where we find it in 1823 with the Royal Arch Chapter of Original Light attached to it; in 1828 we find it located at Lewes, but here also it failed to flourish, and was erased by the Grand Lodge in 1831.

In 1820 was constituted the "Royal Sussex," No. 720, at Worthing, it by some means escaped exclusion from the revised list of 1832, when the number was changed to 467, though it had not made any return to Grand Lodge since 1828; it was however erased in 1838.

The next new Lodge was constituted at Brighton in 1824, named the "Richmond and Lennox,"* No. 794, in honor, no doubt, of the new Prov. Grand Master, the Duke of Richmond; but in spite of its honorable name, it seemed never to have prospered, for it never made any return, and was expunged from the list in 1832.

The next in succession to the above was not more fortunate in its short existence, for the "March and Darnley," No. 805, constituted in 1825, at Horsham, surrendered its Warrant in 1832.

After the lapse of more than a quarter of a century, a Lodge was started at Littlehampton, the "Mariners," No. 878, in 1852; this Lodge soon followed the footsteps of some of its predecessors, and was erased in 1859, another instance that a half-dozen zealous Masons cannot keep a Lodge going for any time in these small towns and thinly-populated districts; and we feel sure that many of the Lodges started in the last decade, will be equally as short-

* On September 22nd, 1824, the following brethren attended the "South Saxon" Lodge for the purpose of obtaining the sanction and recommendation of the members for the formation of this new Lodge at Brighton:—Barnard Gregory, PROV. G.S.B., J.W. 52; J. W. Bennett, S.W., "Royal York" Lodge; R. Killick Vallance, 511; Dennett Jacques, W.M. 52, PROV. G. SEC. and REGISTRAR.—*Extract from Minute Book of "South Saxon" Lodge.*

lived as some of those whose existence we have already chronicled.

We have now done with extinct Lodges, and the next new one we have to call attention to is the "Royal Brunswick," No. 1034, constituted at Brighton, in 1857; the Warrant was applied for early in 1855, and a second petition was sent in the next year, but owing to delay at head-quarters, for which no cause was assigned, the granting of it was deferred for more than a year, though it was heartily supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Col. McQueen. The consecrating officer was Bro. J. Hervey, P.G.D., the late GRAND SEC. of England. The Lodge, however, soon began to increase when well started, and in a few years the "Royal Sussex" Royal Arch Chapter was attached to it: in 1863 the number was altered to 732; the meetings were for some years held at the "Old Ship," but it is now located at the Royal Pavilion and numbers fifty-three members.

The next is also a Brighton Lodge, constituted by Captain Dalbiac, D.P.G.M., in September, 1860, at the "Old Ship," the "Yarborough," No. 1113,* which was altered to 811 in 1863: it has now a R.A. Chapter attached to it, and meets at the Royal Pavilion and numbers forty members.

In April of the next year was consecrated the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 1153, Worthing, Bro. G. E. Pocock, the Prov. Grand Secretary being installed as the first W.M.; the number is now 851, the Lodge meeting at the Steyne Assembly Rooms, and numbering thirty-two members.

On the 10th of October, 1862, the D.P.G.M. assisted by his officers consecrated the "Hartington" Lodge, No. 1218, at Diplock's Hotel, Eastbourne, so named in honor of the Marquis of Hartington, Prov. G.M., Derbyshire, who

* Named after the Earl of Yarborough, PAST D.G.M., ENG. who was a member of the "Royal York" Lodge, 394.

became a joining member. Bro. W. F. Fawcett, P.M. 98, was installed W.M.; Bro. C. H. Law, P.M. 109, P.P.G.S.W. Herts, s.w.; and Bro. I. Compton, J.W.; the number of the Lodge was altered in 1863 to 916, and last year it mustered seventeen members.

In 1866, six years after the formation of the Hartington Lodge, some of the members deemed it necessary to found another Lodge in the fashionable watering place of Eastbourne: a Warrant was obtained, and on the 20th of June Col. Dalbiac constituted the "Tyrian" Lodge, No. 1110, and Bro. V. P. Freeman, P. PROV. G.W. installed as the first W. Master Bro. James Mackay Cunningham, M.D., who appointed as his Wardens Bro. C. H. Law, P.M. 916, and Bro. Walter Kirkland: it now numbers fifty-seven members.*

On the first of February, 1867, being the day fixed for the constitution of the "Mid-Sussex" Lodge, No. 1141, the charter for which was issued at the end of the previous year, the brethren were assembled at the "King's Head" Hotel, under the gavel of the D. Prov. G.M. (the P.G.M. owing to a severe illness being unable to attend); he was assisted in the ceremony by several present and past P.G. Officers, the Worshipful Master designate Bro. F. Slight, PROV. J.G.D. being installed by Bro. G. E. Pocock, PROV. G. SEC., PAST G.S.B., ENGLAND: the W.M. appointed as his Wardens Bros. W. Curtis and W. Challen; the event was celebrated by a banquet at which about eighty sat down: the number of subscribing members is now thirty-eight.

On Friday, the 29th of September in the same year, was constituted the "Abbey" Lodge, at Battle; the ceremony was performed by Lord Pelham, PROV. G. MASTER, who had recently been appointed to that office, in the Great Hall of

* On the 23rd May, 1812, the G.L. of "Antients" issued a Warrant for a Lodge to be attached to the 5th Battalion of Royal Artillery stationed at Eastbourne; this Lodge was No. 101 and was erased in or before 1832.

the Abbey, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the fraternity by His Grace the Duke of Cleveland. The installing officer was the Prov. G. Secretary, who placed in the chair as the first Master of the Lodge, Bro. Benjamin Thorpe, P.P.G. TREASURER, Kent, who appointed as his Wardens Bros. Albion Thorpe and William Lamborn: the Lodge now numbers thirty-two subscribing members.

The next new Lodge was an offshoot of the "South Saxon," it was constituted at Lewes on the 22nd of April, 1870, by the R.W. Lord Pelham, PROV. G.M., after whom it is named; its position on the roll is 1303. Bro. A. Elmsley, PROV. J.G.W. was installed as the first W. Master, and he appointed as his Wardens Bros. Settle and Noakes: this Lodge has never been very strong in its number of members, the returns for last year showing but seventeen.

After a lapse of three years we find the Province taking part in the general and universal impetus given to Freemasonry, as is supposed by many, in consequence of the connection of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales with the Order. In 1873 two Warrants were issued for new Lodges in the Province, but it was not till the 11th of March, 1874, that the "Ockendon," No. 1465, was constituted at Cuckfield. On that day a goodly number of the craft assembled to do honor to one of its members, who had already by his genial disposition gained the good wishes of his brethren and fellows, Bro. W. W. Burrell, now the very popular PROV. G. MASTER, the W.M. designate of the new Lodge. Lord Pelham being unable to be present through ill-health, the ceremony of consecration was performed by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Furner, who was assisted by several of the present and past Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge; the ceremony of consecration being concluded the following were appointed to office:—Bros. Byass, s.w.; Sergison, j.w.; Gallop, sec.; Meek, s.d.

C. R. Burrell, J.D. ; Rev. — Mead, Chaplain ; and Bro. J. H. Scott as acting I.P.M. : the Lodge now numbers twenty subscribing members. On the eighth of April the D.P.G.M., in the absence of the Prov. G.M., presided at the constitution of the "Hova Ecclesia" Lodge, No. 1466. The intended place of meeting of this Lodge was at Cliftonville, in the Parish of Hove, but for convenience and comfort the ceremony this day took place at the "Old Ship" Hotel, Brighton, where the Lodge still continues,* the first W.M. being Bro. German, who appointed as his Wardens Bros. C. J. Smith and Capt. Stratford : the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. J. H. Scott, PROV. G. SEC. who had recently succeeded Bro. Pocock in that office. This Lodge now numbers fifty-five members and has a Royal Arch Chapter attached to it.

Another interval of three years elapses, viz., to 1876, when two more Lodges were added to the roll of the Province, the first being established at East Grinstead on the 11th of July, the D. Prov. G.M. presiding. The Lodge was named the "Sackville" after the Alms-houses erected and endowed by the second Earl of Dorset, in 1609. Bro. J. H. Scott, the Prov. G. Sec. installed Bro. H. Hale the first W. Master, who appointed as his Wardens Bros. W. H. Hook and C. Sawyer : the Lodge is numbered 1619, meeting at the "Crown" Hotel, and consists of twenty-eight members. The other Lodge constituted this year was the "St. Cecilia," No. 1636, which ceremony took place on Wednesday, the 20th of December, at the Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, the Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. C. J. Furner again presiding, assisted by Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., who acted as DEP. PROV. G.M. and several officers of the Prov. G. Lodge. The petitioners for this new Lodge were Bros. Kuhe, (Grand Organist of England) Eberall, Sandeman,

* The intended place for holding the Lodge not being available, the meetings have ever since been held at the "Old Ship."

Broadbridge, Nell, Foat, Belcher, Devin, Hawkes, Nye and Payne; the first-named was installed Master, and appointed Bros. Eberall and Sandeman as his two Wardens; Bros. Furner and Scott were elected Honorary Members, and there are now thirty-five subscribing members.

In March of 1878 was constituted the "Gordon" Lodge, No. 1726, at Bognor, an offshoot from the "Union," No. 38, Chichester, the charter for which had been granted the previous year. The R.W. Prov. G.M., Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., was unfortunately prevented from attending the constitution of this Lodge, the first new one since his appointment over the Province; the duty therefore devolved on his Deputy, V.W. Bro. J. H. Scott, who, assisted by several present and past Prov. G. Officers, most ably conducted the ceremony of constituting and dedicating the Lodge. Bro. J. St. Clair, P.M. 38, the W.M. designate, was installed, and he appointed as his Wardens Bros. J. A. Swornsbourne and A. Smith: the meetings are held at the Assembly Rooms, and the number of members is twenty-two.

In December the Grand Lodge issued a Warrant for a new Lodge at Hurstpierpoint, the name and number being "South Down," 1797; but it was not till the 25th of February, 1879, that the ceremony of consecration took place, the V.W.D. Prov. G. Master again officiating, who installed as the first W. Master Bro. George Kelly King, P.G. STEWARD OF ENGLAND, P.M. Nos. 4 and 1541, who appointed as his Wardens Bros. J. Curtis, P.M. 315, and Walter Fitch, P.M. 1410. Bro. King was destined not to rule long over the Lodge which he had been so prominent in forming, for, to the regret of his numerous friends, a severe illness set in which terminated in his death on the 24th of August following, and the ruling and direction of the Lodge fell upon Bro. Curtis, P.M., the senior Warden. The place of meeting is the "Sussex" Hotel, and there are thirty members.

On the 17th July another addition was made to the roll of Lodges in the Province, the "Atlingworth," No. 1821, so called after the Manor of that name. The R.W. Prov. G.M. presided, and the ceremony of constitution was performed by the Deputy P.G.M. assisted by the rest of the Prov. G. Officers; there was a numerous attendance of resident and visiting brethren, probably in honor of the W.M. designate, Bro. T. J. Sabine, P.M. 73, 1423, 1540, and P. PROV. G.S.W., Middlesex, a brother who had taken a very active part in what might be termed a short masonic career (seventeen years) for he, too, like the founder of the last Lodge, passed away before completing his year of office: his death took place on the 28th December after a few weeks' illness, and his place was filled for the remainder of the year by Bro. H. Davey, P.M. 732, the acting I.P.M., Bros. J. Robertson, No. 33, and H. G. Martin, P.M. 404, P.P.G.J.W., Herts, were the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively; the meetings are held at the Royal Pavilion; this makes the seventh Lodge located in Brighton, and up to the end of the year there had been fifteen initiations in the Lodge, and the number of subscribing members had reached twenty-eight, now increased to thirty-three.

In the last two or three years the idea of starting a new Lodge at Shoreham had been fast gaining ground: as will be seen by the list of extinct Lodges, Freemasonry had existed in the borough more than a century ago, and again in the first quarter of the present century, the Lodge which had formerly met at Chichester flourished here for some years, and, it is said, was visited by H.R.H. the late Duke of Sussex. The Warrant for the new Lodge having been issued by the Grand Lodge, the 2nd of Aug. 1879, was fixed for the Constitution of the "Burrell" Lodge, 1829, named after the Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. The ceremony took place in the Town Hall, in the presence of a large body of the fraternity. The Prov. G.M. having

opened the Lodge and briefly addressed the brethren, vacated the chair in favor of the D.P.G.M. who presided, and conducted the ceremonies of consecrating and constituting the new Lodge in his usual impressive style; and in his opening address gave some well-timed advice to the founders of the Lodge: after congratulating them on having as their W.M. designate, Lord Arthur Hill, PROV. G.M. for County Down, I.C., he reminded them that in selecting a name for their Lodge "they had placed great responsibilities upon their shoulders, for the name of Burrell had for a line of years been borne by those with whom had been associated all that was noble, generous and true, and it would be their duty to see that the name was not sullied by any act of those belonging to the new Lodge." The ceremony being concluded, Lord A. Hill was installed as the first W.M., and he appointed as acting I.P.M. Bro. C. J. Smith, P.M., and to the Wardens' chairs he appointed Capt. C. R. Burrell, P.M. 271, s.w.; and W. Tunstall Clarke, J.W.: the Lodge thus started under such promising auspices bids fair to warrant that it will maintain the principles of Freemasonry as a memento of the good name of its worthy and honorable patron, for in the short space of twelve months it showed by its returns that it would become one of the most popular Lodges of the Province, as it now numbers fifty-three members.

Before the close of the year another Lodge was added to the roll of the Province, this time an offshoot of the "Derwent," one of the oldest Lodges in the Province; for some time it had been felt by several members of this Lodge that another was necessary, there being between eighty and ninety members. The town of St. Leonards was the locality fixed upon, it being an adjunct of Hastings, it was so named, and its number on the roll of the Grand Lodge was 1842. The ceremony of constitution took place on the twenty-first of November, at the New Concert

Rooms, St. Leonards, where it still continues to hold its meetings. The R.W. Prov. G.M. being unable to attend, the D.P.G.M. was the consecrating and installing officer, assisted by many of the Prov. G. Lodge officers, and the ceremony was witnessed by many Sussex brethren and distinguished visitors, amongst whom were the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe, JUNIOR G. WARDEN OF ENGLAND, and the Rev. C. J. Martyn, PAST G. CHAPLAIN, and D. PROV. G.M. of Suffolk. Bro. Dr. Trollope, P. PROV. S.G.W. was installed as the first W.M., and he appointed as his Wardens Bros. Dr. A. R. Croucher, PROV. G.A.D. OF CEREMONIES, and T. H. Cole, M.A., P. PROV. G.A.D. OF C. At the last return it numbered twenty-eight members.

This is the last Lodge we have to notice, and it raises the number of Lodges in the Province to twenty-four, five of which have been constituted since the appointment of the present R.W. Prov. Grand Master, in June, 1877.



Province of Sussex.

A LIST OF EXTINCT LODGES.

Date and No. of Warrant	Title and Locality	Numbers as altered at various periods						Erased in or before
		1740	1756	1770	1792	1814	1832	
1724 ³¹ 48	Swan Inn, Chichester	28	20	...	...	...	...	1770
1730 63	St. Rook's Hill, Chichester (a)	57	...	...	...	...	...	1754
1765 344	Red Lion Inn, Rye (b)	...	...	281	...	...	...	1792
1766 364	Dolphin Inn, Shoreham	...	...	299	...	...	...	1781
1766 367	White Hart, Lewes	...	...	802	...	...	...	1775
1790 559	Harmony Lodge, Chichester (c)	...	...	...	468	522	...	1832
1799 583	Lodge of Harmony, Hastings (d)	...	...	...	...	601	...	1817
1811 624	Lodge of Friendship, Chichester (e)	...	...	...	...	632	...	1828
1818 701	Harmony & Friendship Maresfield (f)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1831
1820 720	Royal Sussex, Worthing	...	...	...	...	...	467	1838
1824 794	Richmond & Lennox, Brighton (g)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1832
1825 805	March & Darnley, Horsham	...	...	...	...	...	...	1832
1852 878	Mariners, Littlehampton	...	...	...	...	...	...	1859

(a) In the early lists of Lodges this one is described as "From the time of Julius Cæsar."

(b) Removed to Lamberhurst, Kent, before 1781.

(c) Removed to Shoreham after a few years.

(d) United with the Derwent Lodge in 1817.

(e) Warrant surrendered in 1828 and united with Lodge of Harmony, No. 52, and received a new Constitution as Union Lodge, now No. 38.

(f) Located at Uckfield for a short period and finally at Lewes.

(g) Never made any returns to Grand Lodge.

Province of Sussex.

ROLL OF EXISTING LODGES.

Date and No. of Warrant	Title and Locality	Numbers as altered in			
		1813	1814	1832	1883
1812 35	Union, Chichester (a) ...	35	52	45	38
1813 36	Derwent, Hastings ...	36	54	47	40
1736 151	Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, Arundel	51	72	64	56
1789 543	Royal Clarence, Brighton ..	452	511	338	271
1796 537	South Saxon, Lewes ...	557	581	390	311
1797 566	Royal York, Brighton (b) ...	566	587	394	315
1814 651	Wellington, Rye ...	...	...	426	341
1857 1034	Royal Brunewick, Brighton ...	...	...	...	732
1860 1113	Yarborough, Brighton ...	...	...	...	811
1861 1153	Worthing Lodge of Friendship, Worthing	...	...	...	851
1862 1218	Hartington, Eastbourne ...	...	...	...	916
1866 1110	Tyrian, Eastbourne ...	...	...	...	...
1867 1184	Abbey, Battle ...	...	...	...	...
1870 1303	Pelham, Lewes ...	...	...	...	...
1873 1465	Ockenden, Cuckfield ...	...	...	...	...
1873 1466	Hova Ecclesia, Brighton ...	...	...	...	...
1876 1619	Sackville, East Grinstead ...	...	...	...	...
1876 1636	St. Cecilia, Brighton ...	...	...	...	...
1877 1726	Gordon, Bognor ...	...	...	...	...
1878 1797	South Down, Huret pierpoint ...	...	...	...	...
1879 1821	Atlingworth, Brighton ...	...	...	...	...
1879 1829	Burrell, Shoreham ...	...	...	...	...
1879 1842	St. Leonards, St. Leonards ...	...	...	...	...
1866 1141	Mid Sussex, Horeham ...	...	...	...	...

(a) Constituted as "Lodge of Harmony," "Antients," received a new Constitution as "Union" Lodge in 1828.

(b) Constituted as "Royal Cinque Ports" Lodge, Seaford, moved to Brighton and altered to "Royal York" in 1823.



Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

THE office of Provincial Grand Master was instituted during the Grand Mastership of Lord Inchiquin; who granted a Dispensation on the 10th May, 1727, to Hugh Walburton, Esq. for North Wales, and in June following Sir Edward Mansell was appointed for South Wales. It was not however till the Grand Mastership of Lord Petre that a Provincial Grand Master was appointed for Sussex, when Captain Francis Minshall, of the Horse Guards, was appointed to that office, in 1774, and as such he was present at the ceremony of laying the Foundation Stone of the new Hall, in Great Queen Street, on May 1st, 1775; his name, however, disappears from the list of PROV. G. MASTERS after 1782; how long he continued to hold the office cannot now be ascertained, the Province was doubtless some time without a head. His successor, Samuel Hulse, Esq., was appointed by the Duke of Manchester, on the 20th May, 1788, and as already stated he granted Warrants for the "Royal Clarence," "South Saxon," and "Royal York" Lodges; he appears to have claimed the assistance of two brethren as Deputy Prov. Grand Masters, viz., Bro. James Galloway, who signed the three Warrants referred to, and Captain Henry Shelly.

There was probably no appointment to that office formally made before 1804, but these brethren so acted when necessary. The first-named appears to have been an active and zealous Mason: in Wellins Calcott's "Candid Disquisition of the Principles and Practices of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons," London, 1769, his name appears as a subscriber, his address being given as Pall Mall, and in the body of the work is a letter dated from Windsor, 1st October, 1768, addressed to the Author, in which he makes a powerful appeal to the members of the Society for contributions towards erecting a Hall for the Grand Lodge to meet in. He was Master of the Stewards' Lodge, and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards in 1774, and in 1781 was appointed Junior Grand Warden: he appears also to have held a prominent position in Royal Arch Masonry, for in a List of "Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Arch A.L., 1792, A.D. 1788" he ranks as the Senior "Past Grand Master Z," his name standing before that of Bro. T. Dunckerly.

The only time we have any record of General Hulse, afterwards Sir Samuel Hulse, Kt., acting officially in the Province is that already referred to at Lewes, on the 19th April, 1797, and by permission of the proprietor of the "Sussex Advertiser," published at Lewes, we are enabled to supply our readers with a lucid account of the day's proceedings, which appeared in the columns of that journal.

Extract from "Sussex Advertiser," April 24th, 1797.

Last Wednesday being the day appointed for laying the Foundation Stone of the New Hall to be erected in this town for the use of the "South Saxon" Lodge of Freemasons, the streets, soon after breakfast-time, were thronged with spectators, to witness a scene, the novelty of which had evidently excited their curiosity beyond the ordinary pitch of expectation. Between

eleven and twelve o'clock, the procession set out from the "Star" Inn in the following order:—

Tyler to "South Saxon" Lodge, in his uniform with a drawn sword.

Full Band of Musicians from the Monmouthshire Militia.

Members of the above Lodge, according to their respective degrees two and two.

Choristers.

Architect.

Secretary, with his bag and Constitution roll.

Treasurer, with his Staff.

The Holy Bible, with the Square and Compasses, carried on a crimson velvet cushion, with gold tassels and fringe.

Master of "South Saxon" Lodge, supported by two Stewards with white wands.

Two Clergymen in their robes.

The Civil Officers of the Borough, two and two, with their staves.

The Book of Constitutions, carried by a Master-Mason.

Major-General Hulse, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, with Colonel Maisters, Master of the St. George's E. York Lodge,* on his left.

Captain H. Shelley, P.M. and Deputy to the P.G.M., with Captain Torré of the E. York Lodge on his left.

Two Stewards with white wands.

Members of the East York Militia Lodge, in order as above.

Members of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, Brighton in the same order.

The procession being arrived at the foot, silence was proclaimed, and an Anthem performed, after which the stone, bearing a suitable inscription, was laid with the usual ceremonies, by the Provincial Grand Master, who tried it in different positions with the level and plumb rule, and fixed the same by giving it three knocks with a setting maul, or mallet. Another Anthem was then sung, after which the procession moved on to Southover Church, where the Rev. G. F. Fearon, M.A. delivered a most excellent and apposite sermon on the occasion, from Proverbs, Chap. ix. v. i. "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars."

After Divine Service was over the procession was reformed, and continued to the "Star," where the

* This Lodge was attached to the East York Militia and was of course a "Modern;" it was constituted in 1782 as No. 346; at the Union in 1814 it became No. 450, and was erased in or before 1832.

brethren dined together, and concluded the day with that conviviality and harmony, which has ever been the distinguishing characteristics of all good and true Masons. The P.G. Master retired about eight in the evening, with honours known to none but the fraternity.

The Officers of the different Lodges appeared in the insignia of their respective orders, and the brethren were all uniformly dressed in white gloves and aprons, which added much to the gratification of the gazing, but approving multitude, whose countenances betrayed a mixture of satisfaction and astonishment, which proved not a little flattering to the mystical body.

The number of spectators who assembled in the street, within, and upon houses contiguous to the spot where the ceremony was performed, is estimated at upwards of five thousand.

The business of the day was, nevertheless, conducted without the smallest accident, nor would the least interruption have taken place, but for the obstinacy of a foolish fellow, who the better to indulge his curiosity, attempted to press into the middle of the crowd on horseback, which created a little confusion, and which but for the temperance and forbearance of a prudent populacy, would have ensured him the chastisement which his temerity so justly entitled him to.

Early applications were necessary to obtain front seats on the ridges and roofs of houses, which were let out at different prices; and so great was the curiosity of one woman, that she actually ascended a high ladder the better to secure one of them.

The procession and ceremony were honoured with the attendance of all the fashion in the town and neighbourhood; such were the attractions of a Masonic

Sermon that the crowd at the church door could be compared only to that at the door of a London Theatre, when the performance of some distinguished actor has been announced. The Sermon, at the request of the brethren, is, we understand to be published.

The stone which has been recently renovated bears the following inscription :

No. 557.
SOUTH SAXON LODGE.
THIS STONE
Was laid by
MAJOR-GENERAL HULSE,
P.G.M. for Sussex,
On Wednesday, April 19th,
A.D. MDCCXCVII. A.L. 5797.

Captain H. Shelley, who was Deputy Prov. G.M. on this occasion, was probably only so for the time being, as Bro. Galloway signs the Warrant, as such, for the "Royal Cinque Ports" Lodge, issued in September following. However, Capt. Shelley, who no doubt belonged to the old Sussex family of that name, was appointed to the office in 1801 as a curious document in possession of the "South Saxon" Lodge will show : we believe such a manifesto is very rare, if not unique in the annals of Craft Masonry in England, viz., the delegation to a private Lodge of the authority to constitute Lodges, &c.

COPY OF THE WARRANT CONSTITUTING THE "SOUTH SAXON" LODGE THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

"To All and every to whom these Presents shall come and may concern.

"KNOW Ye that I, Samuel Hulse, Esq., Lieutenant-General of His Majesty's Forces, Treasurer to the Prince of Wales, Colonel of the 19th Regt. of Foot, and Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons for the County of Sussex, Do, by virtue of

my said office, and under the immediate sanction and authority of His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of England, first had and obtained especially for this purpose, hereby nominate, constitute and appoint the "South Saxon" Lodge, held at Lewes, the Provincial Grand Lodge of the County of Sussex, to consist of the Grand Officers hereunder named, and twelve Grand Stewards (subject nevertheless to such new Elections as occasion may from time to time require) with full power to make Masons, constitute Regular Lodges, and to frame and enforce such Bye-Laws and Regulations as may be deemed necessary for the Good Government of the Institution, also to do and execute all and every such other Act or Acts, Thing or Things, as appertain to the Duties of a Regularly constituted Provincial Grand Lodge.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Lieutenant-General Hulse, P.G.M.

Captain Henry Shelley, D.P.G.M.

Mr. William Lee, P.A.G.M.

Captain Joseph Blagrove, P.G.S. Warden.

Mr. William Balcombe Langridge, P.G.J. Warden.

Rev. Arthur Iredell, M.A., P.G. Chaplain.

Rev. Francis Joseph Fearon, M.A., P.D.G. Chaplain.

Rev. Harry West, A.M., P.G. Orator.

Rev. Robert Briggs, P.D.G. Orator.

Mr. Francis Whitfield, P.G. Treasurer.

Mr. James Nicholson, P.G. Secretary.

Mr. John Charlton, P.D.G. Secretary.

Mr. Edmund Scott, P.G. Portrait Painter.

Mr. Christopher Kell, P.G. Record Keeper.

Mr. Joseph Goldsmith, P.G. Architect.

Mr. Edward Egles, P.G. Seal Keeper.

Mr. John Bray Cater, P.G. Master of the Ceremonies.

Mr. James Cook, P.G. Standard Bearer.

Mr. Thomas Till, P.G. Sword Bearer.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal at London, this
Seventh day of March, A.L. 5801. A.D. 1801.

“ S. HULSE, P.G.M.”

NOTE.—The seal attached to this document is an oval 2½ in. by 2 in., the centre has a coat of arms with a lion rampant in the sinister chief like the Lewes borough seal, though the field which is not discernable evidently differs from that: it was probably made for the occasion and bears the following inscription, “ ‘South Saxon’ Lodge, 557. Presented by Bro. W. Balcombe Langridge.”

However, the Lodge never had an opportunity of exercising its full power, for no new Lodges were constituted for some time after this; and as all records are lost, we are unable to chronicle the actions of this august body, which of course ceased to exist after the Union in 1814, when Sir Samuel Hulse was appointed to rule over the Province of Kent,* and Charles, fourth Duke of Richmond, was placed in charge of the Province of Sussex.† His Grace succeeded to the title on the death of his uncle in 1806, and enjoyed the same till 1819, when his death took place in Canada, whilst holding the important position of Governor General of that Colony.

The following incident in the life of this nobleman, when Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox, of the Coldstream Guards, to which regiment the Duke of York had just previously been appointed Colonel, is recorded in the Annals of the British Army:—

* General Hulse was one of the founders of the “ Prince of Wales ” Lodge, No. 503, now 259, in 1787, of which he was the first W. Master; he was also Acting Master for upwards of twenty years, resigning the appointment in 1821; and in 1828 he also resigned the office of Prov. G. Master of Kent. He was the second son of Sir Edward Hulse, 2nd Baronet; was a Member of the Privy Council; was knighted, and died in 1837, at the age of eighty-nine years, having attained to the rank of Field Marshal.

† Bro. Edmund Scott of the “ Royal Clarence ” Lodge, was appointed D. Prov. G.M. in 1815, but owing to an illness which terminated fatally in the next year, he never acted in that capacity: he was succeeded by the Rev. S. J. Tufnell, whom we find acting as such in 1817.

“It reached the Duke of York that Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox had heard words spoken of him at a Club at Daubigny’s to which no gentleman ought to have submitted, and to this effect the Duke spoke in the hearing of other officers. This coming to the ears of Lieutenant-Colonel Lennox, he took the opportunity of a Parade of the regiment to ask the Duke what the words were which had been uttered in his disparagement. The Duke immediately ordered him to his post. Anxious to find out the author of the injurious language, he wisely adopted the only alternative left to him, which was to address a circular to the members of Daubigny’s, asking each if he had been the party who had given expression to the offensive language. No reply having been received from any member, he called upon the Duke of York to contradict the report he had circulated among the officers of the Coldstreams. His Royal Highness refused to do this, adding that he was prepared to give Lieut.-Col. Lennox any satisfaction he might desire, and begged that he would look upon him only in the light of an officer of the regiment. At first Lennox declined the offer, as he regarded the Duke of York as the son of his King. No other form of satisfaction being obtainable, Lennox determined upon the adoption of the duello, and accordingly sent a message to the Duke by the Earl of Winchelsea. The challenge was accepted, and the parties met on Wimbledon Common, the 26th May, 1789, Lord Rawdon* acting as the Duke’s second. The distance between the opponents was twelve paces; at the word Lennox fired, and shot away a curl from His Royal Highness’s

* Acting Grand Master from 1790 to 1813, when he was appointed Gov. General of India, a distinguished soldier and Statesman, known better as Earl of Moira, afterwards Marquis of Hastings.

head. The Duke did not return the fire though called upon to do so. He would not consent to declare that Lennox was a man of honor, but gave him liberty to fire again: the seconds now interfered, and decided that enough had been done to satisfy the claims of honor. The farce terminated; the seconds declaring, in a polished document, that both parties behaved with the utmost coolness and intrepidity, and the brother officers of the Lieutenant Colonel decided that he had behaved with courage, but not with judgment! It afterwards transpired that the offensive words had been spoken at a masquerade, where one masked individual addressed another under the supposition that the latter was Colonel Lennox.”*

The office of Provincial Grand Master, was vacant till 1823, when the late Duke of Richmond, son and successor of the preceding holder of the office, was appointed, and on the 24th July a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Brighton†; the Provincial Grand Master joined one of the Lodges at Chichester this year, but it is not known where he was initiated, and he never took any active part in the duties of his office, but left it to the management of his deputy, or of the Prov. Grand Secretary. The next meeting was at Horsham, on the 9th May, 1827: so it

* Mr. C. C. F. Greville, who was Clerk of the Council during the reigns of King George the Fourth and King William the Fourth, says in his Diary, alluding to a conversation with the Duke of York,—“He then told me the whole story and the circumstances which led to it, most of which are in print. That which I had never heard before, was, that at a masquerade, three masks insulted the Prince of Wales, when the Duke interfered, desired the one who was most prominent to address himself to him, and added that he suspected him to be an officer in his regiment, meaning Colonel Lennox, and if he was, he was a coward and a disgrace to his profession; if he was not the person he took him for he desired him to unmask, and he would beg his pardon. The three masks were supposed to be Colonel Lennox, the Duke of Gordon, and Lady Charlotte. This did not lead to any immediate consequences, but perhaps indirectly contributed to what followed. The Duke never found out whether the masks were the people he suspected.”

† Vide Report of proceedings in the Appendix.

would appear that it was intended that the Provincial Grand Lodge should assemble triennially, but, strange to say, no meeting was held for twenty-seven years, though we find at different periods the following Brethren in the office of D.P.G.M., viz.: Rev. — Tufnell, and T. R. Kemp, and Bros. Hinton and Raper, Prov. Grand Secretaries. It appears that Bro. Kemp, owing to ill health, had resided a good deal abroad, and after his death in 1845, no deputy was appointed until 1854, when through the exertions of Bros. Folkard and W. Verrall, of the "Royal Clarence Lodge," the Prov. G.M. was induced to appoint Col. James McQueen, W.M. of that Lodge, to the Post of D.P.G.M., and on the 17th November, Col. McQueen resuscitated the Prov. Grand Lodge, at a meeting held under the banner of the "Royal Clarence Lodge" at the Old Ship, Brighton, the following Lodges being represented:—"Union" Chichester; "Derwent," Hastings; "Royal Clarence" and "Royal York," Brighton; "South Saxon," Lewes; "Wellington," Rye; and "Mariners," Littlehampton; the Dep. Prov. G.M. having requested Bro. Folkard to read the patent of his appointment, he was duly saluted, and, before opening the Prov. Grand Lodge, delivered the following address.

"Brothers, Past Provincial Grand Officers, Past Masters, Masters, and Wardens of Lodges, Members of the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex, Brethren of the Province, and Brother Visitors,—By virtue of the patent just read to you in the 'Royal Clarence' Lodge, No. 338 and in accordance with my letter addressed to each Lodge in the Province, bearing date 19th October, 1854, I have convened this Prov. Grand Lodge; and now let me crave your indulgent consideration on the difficulties that attend my position.

"I question whether there is a similar instance in the annals of Freemasonry, of a Provincial Grand

Lodge instituted as that of Sussex in the year 1801, having sustained a lapse of twenty-seven years without assembling; and had it not been for the unceasing and zealous exertions of several energetic and worthy members of the Craft, in effecting the present arrangement, this our Grand Lodge, might have continued from year to year in comparative abeyance. In May last I sent to each Lodge in this Province a notice of my appointment; since then diligent enquiry has been instituted after the Minute Book of Proceedings, the Bye-Laws, and Regalia of the Lodge; but nothing belonging to the Prov. Lodge can be found, except some papers and Treasurer's documents, handed to me by His Grace the Duke of Richmond, Worshipful Prov. G.M. on my appointment in April last, the same having been placed in his hands by the Past Prov. Treasurer, Bro. William Ridge, on his quitting Sussex many years ago, to whose high Masonic principles our Grand Lodge is indebted for the recovery of the sum of £40 : 4s. 4d. standing in the Chichester Savings' Bank to the credit of our Prov. Grand Lodge; that amount Bro. Ridge has transferred to me as Trustee, until you shall this day have elected a Treasurer. We have also regained the P.G.L. Banner and Deacons' Wands, which Bro. Butcher, W.M. of the 'South Saxon' Lodge, No. 390, and his brethren have carefully preserved; our best thanks are due to them for their promptitude in placing them at our disposal this day.

"I had hoped on this occasion to have had the honor and advantage of the assistance of Bro. Dobie, the R.W.G.M. for the Province of Surrey and Grand Registrar of England, but I lament that the serious accident he met with in Switzerland prevents his attendance. Beyond the Members of my Mother Lodge the 'Royal Clarence,' I stand before you a

stranger, sensible of the difficulties which beset my path, and desirous, to the best of my ability, zealously and impartially to carry out the duties of my office.

“The first step I have to take is, I fear, one that may lay me open to misconception, and an imputation of partiality, viz., the appointment of officers, as I deem it prudent to surround myself with brethren long known to me for their zeal, integrity, and experience in Masonry, who promise to aid me in my difficult undertaking, and to stand forward and bear the expenses attendant on their respective appointments, which until I am better acquainted with my brethren belonging to other Lodges I feel a delicacy in calling upon them to sustain. But let us consider this year as one of probation, in order that we may fairly relaunch our long-stranded Institution, unruffled by waves of anger or envy, and united in the strongest bonds of Brotherly Love.

“These sentiments alone influence me in the appointments I shall presently make, which I am convinced, will give general satisfaction, and as we progress in Masonic intercourse and become accustomed to Grand Lodge Regulations, I shall be better able as vacancies occur to select brethren from other Lodges for appointment as officers. I must be firm and straightforward in a strict line of duty, determined to enforce conformity and obedience to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England, and to support and uphold the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

“A code of Bye-Laws for our Prov. Grand Lodge (copies of which have been duly forwarded to the Lodges in the Province) will be presently submitted to your consideration, and if adopted, I would suggest that the date of contributions to the Prov. Grand

Lodge Fund, should commence from the 30th day of June last."*

Such a well-timed speech, if we may be allowed to judge, gives one the idea that Bro. McQueen was well fitted to discharge the duties of his office, and the brethren of the Province may with satisfaction look back and congratulate themselves that the resuscitation of the Prov. Grand Lodge had been entrusted to one who, as subsequent events will show, laid schemes and designed plans which have tended so much to the perfect system of organization still maintained in the Province.

The following brethren were then appointed and invested :—Bro. Vallance, PROV. G.S.W. ; Bro. Furner, PROV. G.J.W. ; Bro. Rev. E. H. Lloyd, PROV. G. CHAPLAIN ; Bros. Folkard, PROV. G. REGISTRAR ; William Verrall, (elected) PROV. G. TREASURER ; G. E. Pocock, PROV. G. SECRETARY ; Wilkinson, PROV. G.S.D. ; Langtry, PROV. G.J.D. ; Williams, PROV. G.S. OF W. ; Smithers, PROV. G.D. OF C. ; McGee, PROV. G.A.D. OF C. ; W. A. Stuckey, PROV. G.S.B. ; G. W. King, PROV. G. PURST. ; H. Verrall, W. Adams, W. Batley, G. F. Folkard, PROV. G. STEWARDS ; T. H. Barnard, PROV. G. TYLER.

The Bye Laws being approved, the P.G.L. was then closed and the event was celebrated by a banquet, to which about eighty brethren sat down, including some visitors from the P.G.L. of Surrey.

The second meeting was held on October 8th in the year following, under the banner of the "Derwent Lodge," No. 47, at the Swan Hotel, Hastings.

The next annual meeting was held under the banner of the "Union Lodge" No. 45, in the Council Chamber, Chichester, on the 23rd September, 1856, and on this

* The statement with regard to the institution of the Provincial Grand Lodge was evidently based on the document in the "South Saxon" Lodge already referred to ; the speaker probably knew nothing of the appointments of Capt. Minshall and General Hulse.

occasion Sir Lucius Curtis PROV. G.M., Bro. Deacon, D.P.G.M., and several other officers of the Prov. G. L. of Hampshire, paid a complimentary visit to the Prov. G. L. of Sussex. We find by the report of the Audit Committee that there was upwards of £14 to the good, after having expended £125 on regalia and other necessary expenses incurred since the resuscitation of the Prov. G. Lodge two years previously, and, as there were no liabilities, it was unanimously agreed to vote five pounds to each of the three charitable Institutions.

In September, 1857 the brethren were assembled under the banner of the "South Saxon" Lodge at Lewes, and, according to the Prov. G. Registrar's report there were 263 brethren returned, as follows:—"Union," No. 45, Chichester, 15 initiations and 3 joining, total number of members 47; "Derwent" No. 47, Hastings, 8 initiations, total 37; "Royal Clarence" No. 338, Brighton, 8 initiations, 3 joining, total 81; "South Saxon" No. 390, Lewes, 7 initiations and 6 joining, total 23; "Royal York" No. 394, Brighton, 11 initiations, 7 joining, total 64; "Wellington" No. 426, Rye, 2 initiations, 3 joining, total 11. The total of the preceding year was 229, there was therefore an increase of 34 members, the number of initiations being 51, against 28 in the previous year. At this meeting Bro. John Hervey, Past G. Deacon, the late G. Secretary of England, was present, and at the Banquet returned thanks on behalf of the D.G.M., Lord Panmure, and the officers of Grand Lodge.

On the 17th of November the members of the Prov. G. Lodge assembled at the "Old Ship" Hotel, Brighton, to commemorate the third anniversary of the re-organization of the Prov. G. L. and at the same time to present their respected D. Prov. G.M. with the following address of congratulation on the prosperity of Masonry in Sussex, which was read by the Prov. G. Registrar, who afterwards presided at the banquet.

“To Lieutenant-Colonel McQueen V.W.D.P.G.M. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in the county of Sussex.”

“Brighton Nov. 17th A.L. 5857, A.D. 1857.”

“V.W. Sir and Brother,

“We, the present and past Prov. G. Officers, having had the honor conferred upon us of acting with you in the Prov. G. Lodge of Sussex, beg, on this the third anniversary of the re-organization of our Prov. G. Lodge, under your very efficient superintendence, to tender you our warmest congratulations upon the prosperous results which have crowned your zealous efforts to promote the interests of the Craft in this province, amongst the most important of which may be mentioned a better observance of the regulations of Grand Lodge, uniformity of working in the several Lodges, and, above all a closer unity amongst the brethren.

“Your independent and upright mode of acting, your kind and firm demeanour, and your able administration of all that appertains to your office, justly demand our highest respect and esteem, which we desire now earnestly to express, and to couple therewith our fervent wishes that the G.A.O.T.U. may bestow upon you every blessing, and may long spare you to preside over the Fraternity in this Province.

“We beg to subscribe ourselves, yours very faithfully and fraternally.”

(Signed by all the Present and Past Officers.)

The D.P.G.M. “in a very able speech,” to use the words of a recorder of the proceedings, “and in full glowing terms, expressed the grateful feelings of his heart for the high compliment which his present and past officers had paid him.” The ceremony concluded, the brethren adjourned to the banquet and spent a happy evening.

In June, 1858, Bro. McQueen having resigned his office owing to ill-health, the Prov. G.M. appointed Capt. G. C. Dalbiac, PROV. G.S.W., to the vacant post, and on the 17th of the same month the craft sustained a loss in the death of Bro. D. M. Folkard, PROV. G. REGISTRAR, who had contributed so much to the re-organization of the P.G. Lodge. The deceased brother had been a member of the Craft for thirty years, having been three times W.M. of his mother Lodge, the "Royal Clarence," and for many years its Treasurer; he was also a J.P. and a much respected citizen of Brighton: his remains were followed to the grave by upwards of one hundred of the Fraternity, as well as by a vast concourse of townsmen.

In the September following the annual assembly was held at the "Old Ship," Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. Dalbiac, the newly appointed Dep. P.G.M., and this brother was also well qualified to fill so important an office. The returns for the year show an addition of 42 members to the Craft, there being 303 against 261 in the previous year.

In September, 1859 the assembly was at Hastings, and the returns showed a further increase of 26 over those of 1858.

The members of Prov. Grand Lodge early commenced to subscribe to the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and it was at this meeting that Bro. J. H. Scott, PROV. S.G.D., proposed the appointment of a Steward in every Lodge to collect subscriptions from the members of his Lodge; a system which has worked so well as to place the Province in a very prominent position with respect to the number of votes per Lodge, which for 1880 was as follows:—"in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, total number of votes 1162, averaging for the 24 Lodges $48\frac{1}{2}$ votes per Lodge," and out of the forty-three Provinces of England and Wales it ranked as No. 4, and we venture to say that its position

with regard to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is a high one.

In the following year, 1860, the annual meeting was held at the "Old Ship," Brighton, the D.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. Dalbiac presiding. There was a good muster of the brethren, and the returns showed, according to the report of the Prov. G. Registrar, that there had been during the past year 40 initiations and 22 joining members, bringing the total up to 335 subscribing members. On Sunday, October 21st, occurred the death of the Prov. G. Master, His Grace the Duke of Richmond, K.G. who had held the appointment for thirty-seven years. He never took an active part in the duties of his office, which no doubt caused him to be rather unpopular as a Mason, though to other matters, such as county and parochial business, he devoted much time; it was generally supposed that His Grace was initiated in some continental Lodge; he joined one of the Chichester Lodges in 1823, and remained a subscribing member of No. 45 to his death.

The Province was now placed under the charge of the Grand Registrar, Bro. Roxburgh, who re-appointed Bro. G. C. Dalbiac to the office of D.P.G.M.

On August 27th, 1861 the brethren of the Province were assembled at Arundel under the charge of the D.P.G.M.; the number of initiations during the year had been 31, and of joining members 34.

In January 1862 the craft in general sustained a loss by the death of the Earl of Yarborough, P.D.G.M. of England. His Lordship was a member of the "Royal York," 315, and one of the founders of the "Yarborough," 811.

At the end of the same month a special Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Brighton, to pass a vote of condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the death of His late R.H. the Prince Consort.

On Friday, the 26th of September, the P.G.L. for the first time held its annual meeting in the rooms of the Royal

Pavilion, Brighton, Bro. Col. Dalbiac presided ; there was a good muster of brethren, the report as to the increase of members (378) and of funds (£121) was most satisfactory, as well as the report of the Prov. G. Sec. respecting additional voting power in the great Masonic Charities.

On the 10th October the D.P.G.M., accompanied by many of his present and past officers, constituted the "Hartington" Lodge, No. 1218, at "Diplock's Hotel," Eastbourne.

In the summer of 1863, the four Brighton Lodges sent an invitation to the Committees of Management of the two Masonic Schools, for the children of both schools to visit Brighton on Friday, August 14th, where they were liberally entertained at the Pavilion, after which the event was celebrated by a banquet, at which the D.P.G.M. presided.

On the 28th of the same month the annual Prov. G. Lodge was held at the Council Chamber, Chichester, and the next year it was held at the "Old Ship" Hotel, Brighton, on the 28th August.

In 1865 an Especial Provincial G. L. was assembled at Brighton, on June 12th, to vote an address of condolence to the Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M, on the occasion of his late domestic affliction, viz., the death of her Ladyship the Countess of Zetland ; and on the 10th August the annual meeting was again held at the Royal Pavilion. There was a numerous attendance on this occasion, in consequence of the installation as Prov. G. Master of Bro. Col. George Charles Dalbiac, who had for eight years held the appointment of D.P.G.M. ; the ceremony of installation was performed by the R.W. Prov. G.M. for Cambridgeshire, Bro. Hall, after which Col. Dalbiac appointed his officers, selecting as his Deputy Bro. E. J. Furner, P. PROV. G.S.W.

On the twenty-third of August, 1866, the annual meeting was again at Lewes, the place of assembly was the County Hall, and the Prov. G.M. presided, and in his

address to the Brethren complimented them on the position of the craft in the Province, the returns showing a total of subscribing members of 543, there being an increase of 58 over last year; and after expressing his gratification at having had the pleasure of consecrating the "Tyrian" Lodge, No. 1110, at Eastbourne in June last, he cautioned the brethren in the following well chosen words:—

"I have been given to understand that applications for warrants to hold Lodges in one or two localities where Freemasonry is not now represented, may probably be forwarded to me for my approval. Here I may offer, I think not inappropriately, one or two remarks, in which I know I am borne out by the highest officials of our Order. I know that whilst the M.W. the Grand M., and the Present and Past officers of Grand Lodge have noticed with great gratification the rapid strides that Freemasonry has been making, both at home and in the Colonies, under the English Constitution, this gratification is also accompanied with some degree of anxiety. It is feared that the largely increased number of persons who for several years past have joined the order, have not in every case tended to elevate its character or permanently to advance its interests. I feel satisfied, Brethren, you will agree with me, that with this increase of numbers, a greater necessity than ever exists for guarding against the admission of unworthy persons, or those who seek to join the order with a view to obtain some benefit by it. At the Anniversary Festival of the School for Female Children last year, so ably presided over by our illustrious Brother, John Havers, P.G.J.W., I remember his forcibly pointing out, in his very eloquent address, that 'we must ever bear in mind that Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society,' and I think, Brethren, on all occasions it would be well for you to point out this truth to Candidates for the Order.

“As Provincial Grand M., I consider it my duty to examine most particularly the qualifications, the position, and the motives of those who seek to form new Lodges, in order that I may be assured that the parties applying are such as will be likely to do credit to the Order, and maintain the high character that English Freemasonry has hitherto held in every part of the world. To you, Brethren, Masters of Lodges, and Officers, I would point out further, what I know to be the opinion of the M.W., the Grand Master, the necessity of paying the greatest possible attention to the character and position of every person proposed for initiation. The character of a Lodge is to be judged, not by the number admitted, but by the orderly conduct, position in civil life, and Masonic bearing of those who belong to it. Your attention is particularly called to enquiring into the character of any candidate who resides in a Town where there is an existing Lodge, and who seeks admission into Freemasonry in a Lodge situated at a distance from his residence. It has often happened that persons rejected as candidates in their native or adopted towns, have obtained admission to the Order in Lodges even in the same Province, or the adjoining County, or in the metropolis. This has frequently led to unpleasantness, and a partial rupture of that Masonic harmony which should always characterise our meetings. I feel satisfied, brethren, you will fully endorse these remarks and do your utmost, that, in all cases of admission within the portals of our Lodges, the worthy, and the worthy alone, shall find entrance, so that the dignity and influence of the Order may be maintained intact, and enhanced, more by the *character* than by the *number* of its members.”

We do certainly endorse to the very letter this excellent advice, which cannot be too forcibly impressed

on the minds of the Fraternity at the present time. This worthy Mason was, however, not spared long to rule over the Province, for before the next annual meeting he was removed by death. His remains were interred in the Churchyard at Hove, many brethren attending the funeral, the service being conducted by the Prov. G. Chaplain, the Rev. J. Griffiths.

The Annual Meeting for 1867 was held at the Pavilion Rooms, on the 30th September, the following distinguished visitors being present, viz.: Bros. Hall, PROV. G.M. OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE; Dobie, PROV. G.M. OF SURREY; E. Fraser, G.D.; T. Fenn, GRAND DIR. OF C.; Pugh, ASST. G. PURST.; J. Llewellyn Evans, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES; W. Gray Clarke, G. SEC.; J. Hopwood, PRESIDENT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD; and H. Slight, P.G.D. Before the transaction of the regular business, the installation of the Hon. Walter John Lord Pelham was performed by Bro. E. J. Furner; prior however to the ceremony being performed it was necessary that his Lordship, who had never presided over a Lodge, should pass through the ceremony of installation as the W.M. of a Lodge; this was performed by Bro. Pocock in another room, assisted by several W.M.'s and P.M.'s, after which his Lordship was conducted into the Prov. G. Lodge, where he was installed as Prov. Grand Master; his Lordship then appointed Bro. E. J. Furner as his D. Prov. G. Master, and the same brethren continued to fill the various offices as were appointed by Col. Dalbiac in 1865. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Provincial G.M. was passed, and, as a mark of respect to his memory, a Vice-Presidentship in the Royal Masonic School for Girls was purchased from the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the privileges arising therefrom were to be exercised by the Prov. G.M. for the time being: the financial position of the Prov. G. Lodge was most satisfactory, for though liberally supporting the

Masonic Charitable Institutions annually, the balance in hand at this period was over two hundred and seventy pounds, and the liabilities *nil*.

On the 11th August, 1868, the Annual Meeting was held at Hastings. In the same year the members of the "South Saxon" Lodge, finding the accommodation of their Masonic Hall insufficient, acquired more land adjoining, rased the old building to the ground, and on the 21st of October, the R.W. the Prov. G.M. Lord Pelham, held an Especial Prov. G. Lodge in the County Hall, Lewes; here a procession was formed, headed by a band of music, and the brethren marched to the site of the intended structure, where the Prov. G.M. assisted by his principal officers, laid the foundation stone of the present building with Masonic honours.

The building, which is more commodious than the old one, has now two foundation stones, the latter bears the following inscription :

This
CORNER STONE
was laid by
LORD PELHAM,
R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Sussex,
Oct. 21, A.L. 5872.
John Perry jun. Alex. Elmsley
Builder. W. Master.

On Friday, the twenty-seventh of October, 1869, the Annual Meeting was held in the rooms of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, the R.W. Prov. G.M. in the chair; after the presentation of the report of the Finance Committee, and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year, the fifteen sections were worked by the following brethren:—
Bros. E. J. Furner, Griffiths, G. E. Pocock, C. J. Smith, W. Verrall, J. H. Scott, J. Fabian, V. P. Freeman, J. Dixon, Bramwell, Challen, Mettra, Mayall, J. C. Corder, Gill and Taaffe, and were duly appreciated by the assembly, many of them doubtless never having heard them before.

In the next year the meeting was at Worthing : owing to the death of Bro. W. Verrall, who had been annually re-elected to the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, the choice of the brethren now fell upon Bro. Tatham.

In 1871 the meeting was at Brighton : in the absence of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master the brethren assembled under the gavel of the Deputy Prov. G. Master Bro. E. J. Furner.

On the 22nd February, 1872, an Especial Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, to pass resolutions congratulating the Queen and the Prince of Wales on the recovery of His Royal Highness from his late illness, and to mark the event the sum of Fifty Guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution ; and at the annual gathering held at Horsham, on the 28th September following, a second donation of Fifty guineas was voted to the same Institution.

In 1873 the Prov. G. L. was held at the Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, where it has since been annually held, to the great comfort and convenience of all concerned, as Brighton is easy of access from all parts of the County, and the accommodation at the Pavilion is all that can be desired. On this occasion the R.W. the Prov. G.M. announced the retirement of Bro. G. E. Pocock, P.G. SWORD BEARER OF ENGLAND, from the duties of Prov. G. Secretary, an appointment he had held since the resuscitation of the Prov. G.L. in 1854, and a vote of thanks was given to him for his long and valuable services. Bro. J. H. Scott, PROV. S.G.W. was appointed as his successor, and the sum of twenty-five guineas was voted to each of the Masonic Scholastic Institutions.

The brethren of the Province were, however, determined to make a more substantial recognition than a vote of thanks to Bro. Pocock ; a Committee was formed, and an appeal made to the brethren of the Province, which resulted in a

grand success. An Especial Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge was held on March 11, 1874, at which the sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge towards the Pocock Testimonial Fund ; and in the following May, the Testimonial, consisting of a silver Salver, and a Purse containing 600 sovereigns, was presented to Bro. Pocock by three of the Committee, Bros. E. J. Furner, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M. ; G. Tatham, PROV. G. TREASURER ; and John H. Scott, PROV. G. SEC., at his private residence, his state of health not permitting him to attend a banquet. The following is a copy of the inscription on the Salver.

THIS SALVER,
 With a purse containing 600 sovereigns,
 Was presented to
 BRO. GAVIN E. POCOCK, P.G.S.B. ENGLAND,
 P. Prov. G. Secretary, Sussex,
 P.M. 271, 311, and 851 ;
 P.G.D. of C. Grand Chapter, P.Z. 271 and 311,
 By the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex,
 Many of the Private Lodges in the Province,
 A large number of the Sussex Brethren,
 And other eminent Masons,
 As a mark of their personal esteem and affection,
 And in grateful recognition
 Of his unwearied exertions in the cause of Freemasonry
 During a period of twenty years.
 APRIL, 1874.

The Annual Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge was held on the 4th September, and was presided over by the Dep. Prov. G.M., in the unavoidable absence of Lord Pelham, the PROV. G.M. through illness. His Lordship's health not improving, and thereby preventing him from taking that active part in the affairs of the Province which falls to the lot of a Masonic Chief, he, in June, 1875, invested his deputy Bro. E. J. Furner, P.G.D. ENGLAND with full power to act in his stead, and during his pleasure.

With the advent of the new year (1875) we have to chronicle the death of Bro. Pocock, which took place on the

1st of January : his remains were interred in the Brighton Parochial Cemetery, the funeral being attended by many brethren of the Province.

On Wednesday, the 28th April, the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W. Grand Master took place, and the two brethren selected to act as Stewards for the Province on this occasion were Bros. J. H. Scott and V. P. Freeman : as this ever-to-be-remembered spectacle of eight thousand Freemasons assembled in the Albert Hall is still fresh in the memory of many of us, it will be needless to say more than is found in the very lucid and entertaining speech of Bro. Scott, when returning thanks at the Prov. G. Lodge meeting on the 30th September, when he and his fellow Steward were presented each with a jewel struck by command of the M.W. Grand Master in commemoration of that event.

“ R.W. Prov. Grand Master in the Chair, and Brethren :—I thank you for the vote you have just passed, and Bros. Trollope, Wood, and Challen for the kind and flattering manner in which they have spoken of me. I had some hesitation in placing this notice of motion on the agenda, first of all because it had reference to myself, and next because Bro. Freeman and I would have been quite content with the honor of having been appointed to act as Stewards for this Province on the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and with being permitted to wear the Commemoration Jewel. But when I found from many quarters, that there was a very general desire that the jewel should be presented to us, that the same thing had been done in other Provinces, and also in several of the London Lodges, I no longer had any scruples about the matter. And now, brethren, I assure you that the pride and pleasure with which I shall always wear this pretty jewel will be greatly

enhanced by your generosity. I shall always wear this jewel with pride because it commemorates an event which, humanly speaking, can happen but once in a lifetime,—an event unparalleled in the annals of Freemasonry for its significance, for the striking impression of the scene itself, and for the complete success which attended all the arrangements. Beyond parallel in its significance, for the demonstration made by the Freemasons of England, at the installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., was not only an evidence of their loyalty, but the most effectual protest which they could have made against the slur and stigma sought to be cast on the Order by the arrogance and intolerance of a domineering priesthood; unparalleled in the striking impression of the scene itself, for I venture to say that not one of the many thousands who were present will ever forget that day; or the effect produced by that marvellous flutter of white-gloved hands rising and falling in salutation; whilst the arrangements were so admirably conceived and carried out, that not a single hitch occurred to mar the beauty of the spectacle. Proud, then, am I of having taken a part, however humble, on so remarkable an occasion, and proud shall I be of the jewel which bears witness that I did so. But I shall also wear it with pleasure because of the generosity of feeling which prompted you, brethren, to give it to me. Out of the 700 Masons of Sussex, I suppose there are not two who would not willingly have changed places with Brother Freeman and myself on the Installation Day, and, therefore, the feeling might very naturally have arisen, if we were to have the glory it would only be fair that we should bear the expense of any privileges which might accrue to us from having acted as Stewards. But no such

feeling has found a place amongst you. You knew you could not all be Stewards. That 700 individuals could not be squeezed into two. And, instead of being envious of those who were appointed, or indulging in anything of the 'dog in the manger' spirit, with true Masonic impulse you have heartily evinced your approval of the choice our Dep. Prov. G. Master made in the selection of Stewards to act for the Province of Sussex; and, moreover, you have further shown your good-will towards us by determining that we, who represented, or acted for you on that memorable day, should not be put to the expense even of the jewel, which will be to us, as long as we live, a mark of honour and distinction."

At this meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge the acting Prov. G.M. Bro. Furner, made a befitting allusion to the late Bro. Pocock, and the same was recorded on the minutes; and to still further mark their respect of the late Prov. G. Secretary, the sum of fifty guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic School for Girls, to be registered in the books of that Institution as the "Pocock Memorial."

In 1876 the Prov. G. Lodge was held as usual in the rooms of the Royal Pavilion, the D. Prov. G. Master presiding, when the sum of fifty guineas was voted to the funds of the Masonic School for Boys.

On December 16th, 1876, Bro. E. J. Furner sent in his resignation to Lord Pelham, the PROV. G. MASTER, of the office of Deputy Prov. G.M. He was induced to do so from no other reason than that the duties of the office having increased with the growth of Freemasonry in the Province, he felt they encroached too much on the time his own profession demanded of him. In consequence of Bro. Furner's resignation, Lord Pelham, not feeling equal to resuming the direction of the affairs of the Province, tendered his own resignation as Prov. G.M. to the

M.W.G.M., which was accepted. The M.W.G.M. then issued his patent appointing Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, BART., M.P., to the office of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex; and on the second of June, 1877, Bro. J. Hervey, GRAND SEC. attended a Prov. G. Lodge meeting at Brighton, for the purpose of installing the Prov. G.M. nominate, nearly two hundred brethren attending the ceremony.

A deputation, consisting of Bros. C. Sandeman, J. M. Kidd, C. Moren, and T. S. Byass, PROV. G. STEWARDS, Bro. Dixon, P.G.D. OF C. and the Masters of the Lodges present, escorted Sir Walter into the Lodge. Bro. Hervey congratulated him on his appointment to such an important office, and proceeded to instal him in the Chair, adding, "that he had great pleasure in delegating to him the trust which the G.M. had reposed in him." The usual salute was thereupon given, and the Prov. G.M. then requested his patent of appointment of Bro. John Henderson Scott as his Dep. Prov. G.M., to be read, and he was forthwith obligated, invested and installed.

The Prov. G.M. said, addressing Bro. Scott, "that he felt it would be useless to say much with regard to the duties of D.P.G.M. to so old a Mason, and one who was so particularly looked up to by the brethren of the Province. All the brethren would agree that in choosing Bro. Scott to be his deputy, he had selected the right man, and put him in the right place." (Cheers.)

All offices being vacant the Prov. G. Master appointed and invested Bro. Vincent P. Freeman, P. PROV. S.G.W. to the office of Prov. G. Sec., and the following brethren were re-appointed for the remainder of the provincial year:—T. Trollope, 40, PROV. S.G.W.; C. J. Pocock, PROV. J.G.W.; Rev. E. Walker, 811, PROV. G. CHAPLAIN; C. A. Woolley, 311, PROV. G. REG.; G. Tatham, PROV. G. TREAS.; B. H. Thorpe, 1184, PROV. S.G.D.; R. Bramwell, 271, PROV. J.G.D.; C. Tomes, 1110, PROV. G.S. OF W.; J. Dixon, 271, PROV. G.D. OF C.; T. H.

Cole, 40, PROV. G.A.D. OF C. ; W. Smith, 732, PROV. G.S.B. ; A. King, 271, PROV. G. ORG. ; J. Eberall, 315, PROV. G. PURST. ; C. Sandeman, 315, 732, C. Moren, 916, T. S. Byass, 1465, PROV. G. STEWARDS ; and T. Hughes, PROV. G. TYLER.

The Prov. G.M. then addressing the brethren said :—

“As the Prov. G.M. of this Province he thought he might fairly take some feelings of personal satisfaction to himself in consequence of the M.W.G.M. having appointed him to this position. He assumed the position with a great deal of diffidence, feeling that he might sometimes not do quite masonically that which ought to be done. But he hoped and trusted that with the aid of his officers he would always be able to conduct the duties of his office. The gratification he had expressed was however much alloyed when he cast his eye around the room and missed two old Masons whom he had hoped to have seen present, Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner. The Prov. G.M. then referred to the circumstances of the retirement of these two brethren, and explained that Lord Pelham had retired on account of ill-health and Bro. Furner on account of his engagements being too numerous to permit him to perform the duties of his office. He believed there would be some resolution of thanks moved both to Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner and he was sure every brother would agree that these brethren richly deserved such resolution of thanks. With regard to himself and his appointment, he hoped he should have health and strength to perform his duties. If he had such health and strength it was his intention to visit every Lodge in the Province, but inasmuch as there were nineteen of them, and possibly might soon be one or two more, he did not think he could be expected to visit all in the course of one year ; but, to the best of his ability, he

would visit them all ; and he trusted that with the assistance of the brethren they would be able to conduct this Province fraternally, showing their goodwill towards all people, and to the benefit of the Craft in general. He begged most sincerely to thank the brethren for their reception of him that day, and when they next met in September he hoped they would be able to see there had been good progress in Masonry." (Cheers.)

Bro. the Rev. O. McCalogher, P.P.G. CHAP., then congratulated the brethren on the appointment of Sir W. Burrell to rule over them, adding, " that in the course of twenty-seven years of neighbourship with him, he had experienced many acts of kindness from him as a squire, a gentleman, a Mason, and a man."

A committee was then appointed to examine and revise the Prov. G.L. Bye Laws, and votes of thanks were passed for the services of Lord Pelham and Bro. Furner, which were ordered to be engrossed on vellum and forwarded to them as mementos of the position they had held in the Province ; a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hervey, G. SEC. and Bro. T. Fenn, G.A.D. of C. brought the business to a close.

The annual meeting was held on the eighteenth of September, the R.W. Prov. G.M. in the chair.

The Bye Laws as revised, were after some slight alterations adopted, and the report of the Provincial G. Secretary showed, that during the year seventy members had been initiated and twenty eight had joined, the total number of subscribing members being seven hundred and fifty-four.

Bro. Tatham having resigned the office of Prov. G. Treasurer, Bro. R. Crosskey was unanimously elected to that office ; the sum of one hundred pounds was voted towards the " Indian Famine Fund," Fifty guineas to the Masonic School for Boys for a Vice Presidentship, the

privileges of which were to be exercised by the D.P.G.M. for the time being ; and Ten guineas towards the memorial to the late Bro. Dr. Oliver.

In 1878, the annual meeting was held on the fourth of October, the R.W. Prov. G. Master presided, and he was supported by a large number of the Fraternity: all the Lodges in the Province were represented excepting the "Abbey," 1184, and according to the statistics presented by the Prov. G. Secretary, showing the strength of the various Lodges up to the 30th of June, it appeared there had been sixty-seven initiates and fifty-eight joining members, making a total of 824 members for the nineteen Lodges in the Province.

The R.W. Prov. G. Master, in his address to the brethren, congratulated them on the state of the Province and of the success of the Charity Committee, who had secured the election of two Sussex candidates to the Boys' School ; and he also very forcibly pointed out the necessity of further exertions on the part of individuals in support of the Charitable Institutions of the Order, and hoped that the various Lodges would form Charity Associations, and collect contributions from their members with a view to increasing the number of Life Governors of those excellent Institutions.

The Charities' Committee in their report, suggested that each Lodge in the Province should contribute two shillings per member to form a fund, from which a series of Life Subscriberships of ten guineas each should be drawn-for every year by the various Lodges: this scheme was subsequently adopted by all the Lodges, and in September 1879, the sum of £88: 8s. having been sent in, eight Life Governorships were distributed by ballot, the following Lodges being the winners: "Derwent," 40 ; "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," 56 ; "Royal York," 315 ; "Wellington," 341 ; "Abbey," 1184 ; "Pelham," 1303 ; "Gordon," 1726 ; "Southdown," 1797.

The next Annual Meeting was held on the sixth of October, the Prov. G. Master in the chair; the report of the Finance Committee was satisfactory, and the report of the Charities' Committee showed that during the past year one Candidate had been elected to the Girls' School, and one widow as an annuitant on the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The statistics compiled by the Prov. Grand Secretary showed that four new Lodges had been constituted during the year, at Bognor, Hurstpierpoint, Brighton and Shoreham, and the roll of members had increased from 828 to 884, there having been sixty-five initiations and forty-seven joinings, from which there were to be deducted fifty-six, viz., thirty-eight resignations, twelve members removed by death, and six excluded.

The sum of one hundred guineas was voted towards the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the amount to be placed on the list of the D. Prov. G. Master, who was a Steward for the Festival in 1880.

In November the Provincial Charities' Committee inaugurated the "Sussex Provincial Association of Benevolence," for the purpose of enabling Masons of the Province to become Life Governors of the three Masonic Institutions, the subscription to be at the rate of one shilling per week, and the drawings to take place at the quarterly meetings of the Committee; proper rules were drawn up, and, as will subsequently be shown, the scheme proved successful.

We now come to the last year, the events of which will close this Sketch of the Province with respect to Craft Masonry, and we feel sure that it is with feelings of satisfaction that the year 1880 will long be remembered, owing to the prominent position the Province held at the Annual Festival of the Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their widows, on the ninth of February, when the Dep. Prov. G. Master took up the magnificent total of Six hundred and thirty pounds on his list; such a

result must have been highly gratifying to Bro. Scott, as out of twenty-seven Provinces represented, Sussex took the second place, the total amount subscribed by the Provinces being something over £4,700.

On Friday, the twentieth of February the Prov. Grand Lodge assembled to assist Sir W. W. Burrell, the PROV. G.M. to lay the foundation stone of the new permanent Children's Hospital in the Dyke Road, Brighton: upwards of one hundred and fifty brethren were formed in the order of procession, and, in the presence of a numerous body of spectators, was laid with all the ceremonial of Masonic rites the foundation stone of a building which is intended to give better accommodation for this excellent Institution, which, though having been in existence only about twelve years, has been a great boon to the poor of the town. It is interesting to notice, that during the preceding ten years there had been admitted 1308 in-patients, and that 9300 out-patients had been relieved, thus proving that this Charity "has been perfect in its parts and honorable to its founders."

At the Annual Festival of Grand Lodge, held at Freemason's Hall, on Wednesday, the 28th April, Bro. J. H. Scott was appointed one of the G.J. Deacons of England, which appointment was received with unanimous satisfaction throughout the Province.

The Annual Meeting of the Provincial G. Lodge was held on Friday, October the eighth, the agenda being a heavy one. There was a numerous attendance and several visitors of importance, the Prov. G. Master being in the chair: the attention of the brethren was first directed to a circular from the Grand Secretary's offices, respecting the prefixes to which Freemasons are entitled according to their rank in Grand Lodge: the prefix "Right Worshipful" is accorded to the Deputy Grand Master, the present and past Prov. Grand Masters and the present and past Grand

Wardens of the United Grand Lodge of England ; the prefix of " Very Worshipful " is given only to the present and past Grand Chaplains, the present and past Grand Treasurers, the present and past Grand Registrars, and the present and past Grand Secretaries of the United Grand Lodge of England and to no others ; the title of " Worshipful " is to be used by the rest of the present and past Grand Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England, and by the present and past Masters of Lodges ; and that all other members of the Craft are to be designated " Brother " only.

The Report of the Board of Finance was most satisfactory, there being a balance in hand of £239 : 2s. 2d., and on the recommendation of the Board the sum of ten guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased brother, and five guineas to the daughter of another deceased brother.

The Board also recommended a special vote of thanks to Bro. C. A. Woolley, who had filled the office of Prov. G. Registrar for ten years, and that the same be engraved on a Past Prov. Grand Registrar's Jewel and presented to him.

The Report and recommendations of the Committee were received and unanimously approved. The statistics of the returns furnished by the Prov. G. Secretary showed an increase of one Lodge to the roll since the last Annual Report and an increase of 139 members, bringing the total of Lodges in the Province to 24, and of members to 1023.

The Report of the Charities' Committee was then read ; the result of the formation of " The Sussex Provincial Association of Benevolence," inaugurated last year, was very encouraging, for at the first quarterly meeting of the Committee in January, 79 members had joined the Association and subscribed £57 : 17s. Five Life Governorships were allotted. In April £87 : 14s. 6d. had been paid in, and nine Life Governorships were balloted-for. In July the

amount subscribed was £100 : 8s. 6d., and again nine Life Governorships were allotted, and at the fourth quarterly meeting £63 : 10s. was subscribed, and six Life Governorships were distributed; thus for the first year the sum of £309 : 10s. was subscribed, of which £304 : 10s. was paid to one or other of the Masonic Charitable Institutions, and at the same time 29 brethren were made Life Governors.

The result of the scheme adopted by the Lodges was, that ten Life Subscriberships of ten guineas each were ballotted for, the successful Lodges being the following :—
 “South Saxon,” 311; “Yarborough,” 811; “Hartington,” 916; “Tyrian,” 1110; “Ockenden,” 1465; “Hova Ecclesia,” 1466; “St. Cecilia,” 1636; “Allingworth,” 1821; “Burrell,” 1829; “St. Leonards,” 1842.

The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren as follows :—

“I have again to congratulate the Prov. G. Lodge on the statistics just read. It must be most gratifying to every member in the Province, as it is to myself, that Masonry is increasing, showing that the Craft is gaining in popularity, and, I hope doing much good. I certainly cannot but feel much astonished when I look at the figures. In 1877, we had 784 members; in 1878, 828 members; 1879, 884 members; and now in 1880, we have 1023 subscribing members to the 24 Lodges in the Province.

“I must also with pride again refer to the success of the Provincial Association of Benevolence which numbers 131 members, and has been the means of providing 29 Life Governorships in one or other of the Masonic Institutions: the total amount received from this source being, as you have heard, £309 : 10s.; but this does not represent the extent of the assistance which the Province has rendered, as the total sum paid over to the various Masonic Institutions during

the year amounts to nearly £1000. At the present time we have about 467 votes in the Boys' School, about 426 votes in the Girls' School, and about 600 votes in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I think these results show (or at all events I flatter myself they do) that the affairs of the Province are well managed. My Deputy Prov. G.M. and officers give me their cordial support, and I cannot but feel proud of my position. I hope I may be spared many years to remain your Prov. G. Master, and see a continued and steady progress both in numbers and votes; and I do most sincerely trust that the brethren will, as far as their means permit, support the association which has been so successfully inaugurated."

The sum of one hundred guineas was voted from the funds of the Prov G. Lodge for the purchase of a Vice-Presidentship in the Masonic School for Boys, the privileges thereof to be exercised in perpetuity by the Prov. G. Sec. of Sussex for the time being; and it was resolved that the amount should be placed on the list of Bro. V. P. Freeman, the PROV. G. SEC., who would represent the "Brunswick," No. 732, as Steward at the Annual Festival in 1881.

The brethren assembled expressed their congratulations on the appointment of the Deputy Prov. G. Master to the office of Grand Junior Deacon of England.

At this meeting the following new Bye-Law was adopted:—"That the W.M. of every Lodge in the Province, when a summons is issued for a meeting of his Lodge, do cause two copies of such summons to be forwarded to the Prov. G. Secretary."

The object for which the above law was framed is apparent, viz. to keep the Prov. G. Secretary posted up in the business of the various Lodges, which being thus brought under his notice will enable him to prevent any irregularities taking place in the election of candidates or in the advancement of brethren to a higher degree.

The business of the Prov. G. Lodge being over the usual banquet followed, the speciality on this occasion being a handsome menu card with portraits of the R.W. Prov. G.M. and W. Dep. Prov. G.M.

We need hardly add, after the statement of the R.W. Prov. G. Master at the last annual meeting, that the position of the Province with respect to the Charitable Institutions is a most honorable one; this is owing to the thorough system of organization and administration in all matters relating to the welfare of Masonry, which are carried out with such accuracy and precision that the best results must naturally follow.

The statement published in the "Freemason's Chronicle," of the 26th March and in the "Freemason" of the 2nd April last, credit the Province with 565 votes in the Girls' School, and 597 votes in the Boys' School; these returns are of course made up to the end of the preceding year, and of the forty-three Provinces, Sussex ranks as No. 2, having an average of $48\frac{1}{2}$ votes in the two Institutions for each of the twenty-four Lodges which are within its jurisdiction.

On the 29th June, 1881, the Annual Festival of the Masonic School for Boys was held in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton—this was the first time that an attempt had been made to hold such a gathering without the precincts of the metropolis. The result was in every sense a success, the chairman for the occasion being the Marquis of Londonderry, Prov. Grand Master for Durham: on this occasion Sussex took first place amongst the Provinces, the amount collected by the three Stewards exceeding £770, the list of Bro. V. P. Freeman alone exceeding £700.

On the seventh of October the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge took place, and the reports of the Financial and Charities' Committee gave proof of the increasing prosperity of the Society. From the report of the latter we quote the following:—

“The gross sum that the Province of Sussex has contributed to the Charities during the year is £1022 : 8s. ; £175 : 1s. being given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £105 to the Girls’ School, and no less a sum than £742 : 7s. to the Boys—this through the exertions of our Prov. Grand Secretary, and the determination of the brethren that his list should be worthy of the Province.

“It is interesting to note the services of the Province during the past seven years. At 19 out of 21 Festivals Sussex has been represented ; the aggregate of £3749 : 6s. having been contributed—£1250 to the Benevolent Institution, £807 to the Girls’ and £1692 to the Boys’ School.”

The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren, congratulating them on the progress of Freemasonry in his Province, and next called the especial attention of Masters of Lodges respecting the entry on the minute book of all communications from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge.


The Prov. G. Treasurer’s Report showed a balance in hand of upwards of one hundred and ninety pounds, and the returns from the various Lodges showed an increase of thirty-two subscribing members over that of last year.

A letter from the Secretary of Lodge No. 570, Irish Constitution, attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards, was then read, thanking the Masters of the Brighton Lodges and the brethren generally for the many acts of fraternal kindness the members of 570 had received whilst stationed in the town.

Ten Guineas were voted to the Hervey Testimonial Fund ; after some other business the Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which had been provided by the Prov. G. Stewards.



SUPPLEMENTARY.


UNITED Fraternity of Antient, Free, and Accepted
 Masons of England and Wales. Province of
 Sussex. At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial
 Grand Lodge, holden at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on
 Friday, October 13th, 1882,

Present :

R.W. Bro. SIR WALTER WYNDHAM BURRELL, BART., M.P.,
 PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

W. Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

W. Bro.	W. H. HALLETT	P. Prov. S.G.W., as	Prov. S.G. Warden.
" "	F. NOAKES	...	... " J.G. "
" "	C. RAYMOND BURRELL	...	... P. " S.G. "
" "	J. DIXON	...	... P. " " "
" "	J. W. STRIDE	...	... P. " J.G. "
" "	C. P. HENTY	...	... P. " " "
" "	J. ST. CLAIR	...	... P. " " "
" "	H. DAVEY	...	... P. " " "
" "	C. J. SMITH	...	... P. " " "
" "	REV. R. V. FAITHFULL DAVIES	...	Prov. G. Chaplain.
" "	REV. J. O. MCCAROGHER	...	P. " " "
" "	R. CROSSKEY	...	... " G. Treasurer.
" "	GERARD FORD	...	... " G. Registrar.
" "	W. DAWES	...	... P. " " "
" "	V. P. FREEMAN	...	... " G. Secretary.
" "	S. W. D. WILLIAMS	...	... " S.G. Deacon.
" "	S. SOLOMON	...	... " J.G. "
" "	W. H. GERMAN	...	... P. " S.G. "
" "	S. B. McWHINNIE	...	... P. " " "
" "	W. HUDSON	...	... P. " J.G. "
" "	C. W. DUKE	...	... P. " " "
" "	T. H. CROUCH	...	... P. " " "

W. Bro.	J. M. REED	...	...	P. Prov. G.S. of Works.
" "	C. W. TOMES	...	...	P. " " "
" "	O. N. WYATT	...	...	P. " " "
" "	C. TOMKINSON	...	...	P. " " "
" "	J. M. KIDD	...	...	" G.D. of Ceremonies.
" "	T. R. WHITE	...	...	" A.G.D. "
" "	W. MARCHANT	...	...	P. " " "
" "	C. SANDEMAN	...	...	P. " " "
" "	F. HOLFORD	...	...	P. " " "
" "	C. M. NORRIS	...	...	" G.S. Bearer.
" "	W. A. STUCKEY	...	...	P. " " "
" "	S. R. LEGG	...	...	P. " " "
" "	W. W. TURNER	...	...	P. " " "
" "	WALTER SMITH	...	...	P. " " "
" "	A. J. HAWKES	...	...	P. " " "
" "	G. STONE	...	...	P. " " "
" "	W. ROE	...	...	" G. Organist.
" "	A. KING	...	...	P. " " "
" "	G. SMITH	...	...	P. " G. Pursuivant.
" "	J. EBERALL	...	...	P. " " "
" "	C. W. HUDSON	...	...	" G. Steward
" "	EGBERT FRYMAN	...	...	" "
" "	C. C. COOK	...	...	" "
" "	A. TAYLOR	...	...	" "
" "	E. TAYLOR	...	...	" "
" "	E. A. HEAD	...	...	" "
" "	T. HUGHES	...	...	" G. Tyler.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING DISTINGUISHED BRETHREN :

R.W. Bro.	H. T. PRINSEP	...	...	District G.M., Bengal.
" "	Lieut.-Col. A. STEWART	...	...	" " Punjaub.
V.W.	ÆNEAS J. McINTYRE, Q.C., M.P.	...	...	G. Registrar.
" "	Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE	...	...	G. Secretary.
W:	ROBERT GREY	...	...	P.G. Deacon.
" "	HORACE JONES	...	...	G. Supt. of Works.
" "	DAVID SMITH	...	...	Dep. G.D. of Ceremonies.
" "	WILHELM KUHE	...	...	P.G. Organist.
" "	W. R. WOOD	...	...	G. Pursuivant.
" "	F. BINCKES	...	...	P.G. Steward.
" "	Major-General FORD	...	...	P.G.D., Bengal.
" "	GEORGE KENNING	...	...	" Middlesex.
" "	Lieut-General C. W. RANDOLPH	...	...	P.M. 1383.

AND MANY OF THE MASTERS, PAST MASTERS AND WARDENS OF THE LODGES
OF THE PROVINCE, AND MANY OTHER VISITORS.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened "in due form" and with solemn prayer.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held at Brighton, on Friday, October 7th, 1881, were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, held at Brighton on Monday, December 12th, 1881, were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting, held at Brighton on Saturday, March 11th, 1882, were read and confirmed.

The Provincial G. Secretary stated that the following brethren had expressed regret at their inability to be present:—

R.W. Bro.	W. W. B. BEACH	...	Prov. G. Master, Hants and Isle of Wight.
"	" SIR ALBERT W. WOODS, Garter	...	P.G.W., G.D. of Ceremonies.
V.W.	" Rev. THOMAS ROBINSON	...	G. Chaplain.
"	" SIR J. B. MONCKTON	...	President Board of G.P.
W.	" THOMAS FENN ...	...	P.G.D.
"	" PETER DE LANDE LONG	...	"
"	" FRANK RICHARDSON	...	"
"	" J. EASTES ...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M., Kent.
"	" W. HICKMAN ...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M., Hants and Isle of Wight.
"	" J. E. LE FEUVRE	...	Prov. G. Secretary, Hants and Isle of Wight.
"	" Lord ARTHUR HILL, M.P.	...	Prov. S.G.W.
"	" T. TROLLOPE ...	...	P. Prov. S.G.W.
"	" R. G. RAPER ...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W.
"	" Rev. E. F. CAVE-BROWNE-CAVE	...	P. Prov. G. Chaplain.
"	" GEORGE SMITH ...	...	P. Prov. G.D.
"	" GEORGE MOLESWORTH	...	" "
"	" GEORGE DE PARIS	...	" "
"	" ARTHUR SMITH ...	...	Prov. G. Supt. of Works.
"	" BRANSBY ROBERTS	...	P. Prov. A.G.D. of C.
"	" R. PIDCOCK ...	...	" " "
"	" T. H. COLE ...	...	" " "
"	" C. R. CHANDLER	...	Prov. G. Purst.
"	" E. BRIDGES ...	...	S.W. 1829.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Rt. W. the Prov. Grand Master stated that, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Special

Meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, the addresses to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had been engrossed on vellum, handsomely illuminated by the Prov. Grand Registrar, and forwarded to the G.S. for presentation.

The R.W. the Prov. G. Master called upon the Prov. G. Secretary to read the replies which had been received:—

SIR,

WHITEHALL, 19TH MAY, 1882.

I have had the honour to lay before the Queen the loyal and dutiful address of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, on the subject of the recent attempt upon the life of Her Majesty.

And I have it in command to assure you that Her Majesty is deeply sensible of the loyalty and affection of Her faithful subjects.

W. V. HARCOURT.

Sir W. W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P., &c., &c.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL,
GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

24TH MARCH, 1882.

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 11th inst., transmitting a resolution passed by Provincial Grand Lodge, relative to the recent attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and have duly laid the same before the Grand Master.

His Royal Highness has requested me, in reply, to convey to you his thanks for the resolution, and to assure you that he warmly appreciates the loyal and fraternal sentiments expressed by the Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge therein.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

To V. P. FREEMAN, Esq., P.G. Sec.,
Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

The R.W. the Prov. G. Master directed that these letters should be entered on the minutes.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the following communications from the G.S. :—

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, FREEMASONS' HALL,
GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.

R.W. SIR AND BROTHER,

9TH NOVEMBER, 1881.

It having been recently brought under the notice of the M.W. the Grand Master that a question has been raised in one of the Provinces as to the relative precedence of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers within the respective Provinces of the latter.

His Royal Highness deems it desirable to call your attention to the matter, and to inform you that Grand Officers have a clear right of precedence, as such, over all Provincial Grand Officers, whether in their own Province or not.

This precedence has been invariably acknowledged and acted on, and has been the established usage and custom of the Craft for over 150 years without protest or question, and in every case recorded of Great Masonic Ceremonials in the Provinces, the Official Records show that the Grand Officers of England, present and past, have always taken precedence of the Local Masonic Authorities of whatever grades (other than that of Provincial Grand Master) they may have been.

The M.W. the Grand Master, as the Fountain of Masonic Honour under the English Constitution, has therefore declared that such is to be considered as being—and as having been from time immemorial—the status and precedence of the Grand Officers of England in relation to those of the respective Provinces, and I am now commanded by His Royal Highness to notify the same for your information and future guidance.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

To the R. Worshipful Sir WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.,
Provincial Grand Master for Sussex.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER,

10TH JUNE, 1882.

At the Quarterly Communication holden on Wednesday, the 7th instant, the following Motion was proposed by Bro. JOHN M. CLABON, P.G.D. :—

“That for the purpose of maintaining and extending the Fund of Benevolence, all the Members of the Lodges in the London District (except Military Lodges) shall pay quarterly One Shilling and Sixpence each to the Fund, instead of One Shilling, as fixed by the Grand Lodge held on the 2nd March, 1814. And that all Members of Lodges not within the London District (except Military, Colonial and Foreign Lodges) shall pay quarterly Ninepence each to the Fund, instead of Sixpence, as fixed by the said Grand Lodge ;”
And, after some discussion, the following Resolution was passed, viz. :—

“That the further consideration of this Motion be postponed until an opportunity be given to Provincial Grand Lodges to consider whether any increase should be made to the Quarterage at present paid to Grand Lodge.”

I am, therefore, directed to request that you will be so good as to take the necessary steps to ascertain the views of your Provincial Grand Lodge on the question, and to notify the same to me before the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 6th December next, at which Meeting the consideration of Bro. CLABON'S Motion will be resumed.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

To Sir WALTER W. BURRELL, Bart., M.P.,
Prov. G. Master, Sussex.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.,

SIR AND BROTHER,

26TH JUNE, 1882.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 7th inst., the following Report from the Board of General Purposes, relating to the revision of the Book of Constitutions, was received and adopted, viz. :—

“The Board desire to lay before the Grand Lodge the revision of the Book of Constitutions, on which much thought and attention have been bestowed, and they recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be asked to convene a Special Grand Lodge at a convenient time to consider the same.”

I am, therefore, directed to transmit to you (by Book Post) Four Copies of the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions, and am to request that you will be so good as to give the Brethren of your Province every opportunity of inspecting the same, in order that they may become acquainted, as far as practicable, with the suggested alterations before the meeting of the Special Grand Lodge, which will probably be held in October next.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

To Bro. V. P. FREEMAN,

Provincial Grand Secretary, Sussex.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, FREEMASONS' HALL,

GREAT QUEEN STREET, LONDON, W.C.,

SIR AND BROTHER,

21ST SEPTEMBER, 1882.

I have to inform you that Grand Lodge, at its Meeting on Wednesday, the 6th September instant, resolved that the consideration of the draft of revision of the Book of Constitutions be postponed until early next year; that all proposed amendments thereto be transmitted here before the 25th January, 1883; that a copy of the proposed revise be transmitted to each Lodge, and that any Brother, who may so desire it, should be entitled to purchase a copy of the same, at a price not exceeding two shillings, provided he give notice to the Grand Secretary of his wish to obtain such copy within six weeks from the date of meeting of the said Grand Lodge.

I am, therefore, directed to inform you of the above, and to request that you will forthwith notify the same to the Lodges in your Province; and I may add that a copy of the revise will accordingly be transmitted from here to each Lodge as soon as practicable.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

To Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, P.G. Sec., Sussex.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, FREEMASONS' HALL,

GREAT QUEEN ST., LONDON, W.C.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

1ST SEPTEMBER, 1882.

Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen has recently addressed a letter to me on the subject of the Fund now being raised, under the patronage and presidency of the M.W. The Grand Master, H.R.H. The Prince of

Wales, for the establishment of the "Royal College of Music," in which he mentions that His Royal Highness allows him to suggest that Lodges, Chapters, and individual Brethren might be invited to subscribe thereto.

As the matter is not a Masonic one, the suggestion cannot well be submitted to the Craft in a formal and official manner, but as it seems only right and proper that the Brethren in general should become acquainted in some form with His Royal Highness' sentiments and wishes on the subject, I now enclose *unofficially* a copy of the above mentioned letter for your information and that of your Brethren, and I need only add that I will be happy to take charge of any subscriptions which Lodges, Chapters, or individual Masons may feel inclined to contribute towards so excellent an object.

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Colonel, G.S.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Secretary, Sussex.

2, THE RESIDENCES, SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

7TH JULY, 1882.

You are doubtless aware of the effort which THE PRINCE OF WALES is making to establish a ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, to be in England what the Conservatoires of Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg, &c., are to their respective countries, the head and centre of the National Music.

The enclosed pamphlet explains the Prince's intentions in regard to the Institution. It is one which demands the aid of all loyal Englishmen anxious for the culture and improvement of their country, and I am desired by His Royal Highness to bring the subject before you as Grand Secretary of the Freemasons, with the view of urging the subject on the attention of that body.

The Prince's wish is for a Subscription on the widest possible basis, and His Royal Highness, therefore, allows me to suggest that each Lodge and Chapter should be asked to contribute in their corporate capacity, and that individual Masons should be also asked to contribute a Guinea each to the object which their Grand Master has so much at heart.

PHILIP CUNLIFFE-OWEN,

P.M. Marquess of Dalhousie, No. 1159.

Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand

Secretary, United Fraternity of Freemasons.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master directed the Prov. G. Secretary to enter on the minutes the letters from Grand Secretary. He said the consideration of Bro. Clabon's proposition would take place later on in the day's proceedings. He also stated that in reference to the proposed re-arrangement of the B.C., he should summon

the W.M. of each Lodge to attend with reports of the suggestions from the various Lodges, in order to draw up a report to be submitted to the Board of General Purposes.

W. Bro. F. Daniel, w.m. 732, then moved that a sum of £10 : 10s. be voted from the funds of this Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal College of Music.

W. Bro. David Smith, DEP. A.G.D. OF C., seconded and it was carried unanimously.

The Prov. G. Secretary reported that during the past year a warrant had been granted for a new Lodge—the “Stanford” Lodge, No. 1947—to meet at the Town Hall, Hove, but it had not yet been consecrated. Also that a “History of Freemasonry in Sussex,” by Bro. Thos. Francis, w.m. 56, was in the press (by special permission of the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master) and would shortly be published, and that he should be happy to receive the names of brethren who would be willing to become Subscribers. The price would be 5s. each copy.

The roll of the Lodges in the Province was then called, when it was found that all were represented.



STATISTICS.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the following Statistics:—

No.	Name of Lodge	Place of Meeting	No. of Members, 1881	Initiated	Joined	Resigned	Deceased	Excluded	No. of Members, 1882	Quartermage and Fees	No. of Votes in Prov. G. Lodge	Actl. No. of Votes deducting dupl.	Payments to Provincial Charities Committee
										£ s. d.			£ s. d.
38	Lodge of Union	Chichester	64	5	3	2	1	—	69	8 3 0	22	21	6 18 0
40	Derwent Lodge	Hastings	82	2	2	3	2	—	81	8 16 0	18	14	8 2 0
56	Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love	Arundel	38	1	1	2	—	1	37	3 18 0	13	13	3 14 0
271	Royal Clarence Lodge	Brighton	82	2	4	2	5	—	83	9 0 6	31	28	8 6 0
311	South Saxon Lodge	Lewes	78	2	3	1	1	—	81	8 15 0	19	17	8 2 0
315	Royal York Lodge	Brighton	96	6	—	5	3	—	94	11 8 6	20	18	9 2 0
341	Wellington Lodge	Rye	27	2	—	—	—	—	29	3 8 6	12	12	2 18 0
732	Royal Brunswick Lodge	Brighton	53	3	—	2	1	—	54	6 2 6	21	21	5 8 0
811	Yarborough Lodge	Brighton	40	6	1	1	—	—	45	5 18 0	14	12	4 10 0
851	Worthing Lodge of Friendship	Worthing	32	4	2	4	—	1	33	4 6 0	11	10	3 6 0
916	Hartington Lodge	Eastbourne	17	—	2	—	—	—	19	1 18 0	12	12	1 18 0
1110	Tyrian Lodge	Eastbourne	57	2	1	3	—	5	52	6 5 0	13	11	5 4 0
1141	Mid-Sussex Lodge	Horsham	38	3	3	5	—	—	39	4 18 0	14	12	3 18 0
1184	Abbey Lodge	Battle	32	5	—	1	—	—	36	4 13 6	10	10	3 12 0
1303	Pelham Lodge	Lewes	17	1	—	—	—	—	18	2 0 6	14	9	1 16 0
1465	Ockenden Lodge	Cuckfield	20	2	—	1	1	—	20	2 10 6	11	9	2 0 0
1466	Hova Ecclesia Lodge	Brighton	55	3	7	2	1	2	60	6 16 0	12	9	6 0 0
1619	Sackville Lodge	East Grinstead	28	2	1	—	—	—	30	3 12 6	6	6	3 0 0
1636	St. Cecilia Lodge	Brighton	35	6	—	1	—	—	41	5 6 0	8	4	4 2 0
1726	Gordon Lodge	Bognor	22	4	2	3	—	—	24	3 9 0	8	5	2 8 0
1797	South Down Lodge	Hurstpierpoint	30	3	—	1	—	—	31	3 16 6	6	3	3 2 0
1821	Atlingworth Lodge	Brighton	33	6	1	2	—	—	39	5 4 0	6	4	3 18 0
1829	Burrell Lodge	Shoreham	51	5	1	2	2	—	53	6 10 6	6	3	5 6 0
1842	St. Leonard's Lodge	St. Leonards	28	2	2	—	—	—	32	3 12 6	8	4	3 4 0
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The Prov. G. Secretary read the Prov. G. Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Board of Finance thereon.

REPORT OF BOARD OF FINANCE,

Held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, October 2nd, 1882.

Your Board report that they have examined the accounts of the Prov. G. Treasurer for the last year, and found the same correct in accordance with the annexed statement. The balance in hand is £149 : 4s. 4d., and at the Brighton Savings Bank £90 : 1s. 8d.

Your Board recommend that a sum of £50 be deposited in the Brighton Savings Bank, and that a donation of £31 : 10s. be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in the name of the Prov. G. Treasurer for the time being of the Province of Sussex.

Your Board having received a petition from the "Burrell" Lodge, No. 1829, on behalf of the widow of the late Bro. H. Mitchell, which was personally supported by Bro. T. Packham, w.m. and Bro. J. Harrison, s.w. and w.m. ELECT, and recommend that a donation of £10 : 10s. be given from the funds of this Provincial Grand Lodge to Mrs. Mitchell.

Your Board have had before them the replies from the various Lodges to the circular issued by direction of the Right W. the Prov. Grand Master in reference to the motion of Bro. Clabon to increase the Quarterage Fees to the Fund of Benevolence, and find that a very large majority of the replies signify their disapproval of the proposition, your Board have therefore drawn up a resolution which will be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M., Sussex.

Confirmed October 2, 1882.

Chairman.

W. Bro. G. S. Godfree, w.m. 1821, proposed, W. Bro. E. W. J. Hennah, w.m. 40, seconded, and it was

RESOLVED—"That the Report of the Board of Finance, with the Treasurer's Accounts, be received and adopted, and, together with the Minutes of the Annual and Special Meetings, printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge, in accordance with By-Law 10."

REPORT OF PROV. CHARITIES COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Prov. G. Lodge Charities Committee was then read by the Secretary, W. Bro. C. J. Smith, P. PROV. G. WARDEN, as follows :—

Brethren,—Once more this Committee are called upon to report upon the labours in the cause of charity for the year past, and they are glad that they can speak of continued success, not only so far as the Association of Benevolence is concerned, but also as to the general efforts made throughout the Province on behalf of the various Masonic Charities at their Annual Festivals.

During the year, by means of the Association, 39 Life Governorships were allotted to the Members, while 10 Lodges secured Life Memberships, a sum of £487 : 0s. 6d. being paid over to the three Charities.

Sussex was again well to the fore at the Festivals, when through the various Stewards a sum of £919 : 10s. was contributed, and this has since been supplemented by further contributions.

At the Elections a certain meed of success has been our lot, Bro. Darling having been elected to the R.M.B. Institution and many votes polled for candidates in the other Charities.

Again, the Committee earnestly appeal for support, for although a steady increase testifies to the interest taken in our Association, that interest is not what it might be. Out of the 24 Lodges in the Province 15 only are contributors to the Association, so that nine remain still disassociated with it, while of the members of these Lodges supporting the Association far too few are subscribers.

Another point of regret is that the voting power of the Province is by no means concentrated as it might be. The Committee once more urge Brethren to send in their voting papers as soon as they receive them, either to the Steward of their Lodge or to the Secretary of this Committee. If this were thoroughly done the success of Provincial Candidates would be far more assured.

The Candidates for the Charities now before the Province are Bro. Hayter, No. 40, for the R.M.B.I.; the Widow of Bro. Stubbington, No. 38, for the R.M.B.I. for Widows of F., and the son of Bro. Salter, No. 40, for the Boys' School.

(Signed) J. H. SCOTT, F.G.D., D.P.G.M., Chairman.

October 2, 1882.

W. Bro. F. S. de Brabant Cooper, W.M. 1842, proposed;
W. Bro. C. W. Duke, P. PROV. G. DEACON, W.M. 1184,
seconded, and it was

RESOLVED—"That the Report of the Charities Committee be received, entered on the minutes and adopted."

The letter from the G.S. in reference to the proposition of Bro. J. M. Clabon, F.G.D., to increase the Quarterage Fees from Provincial Grand Lodges to the Fund of Benevolence, was then taken into consideration.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master stated that he had received letters from the Secretaries of 22 Lodges, enclosing copies of resolutions passed on the subject, which were opposed to the increase ; from one Lodge expressing a desire to have further information before they gave an opinion, and from one Lodge approving of the increase. By his direction the Board of Finance had considered the matter, and he called upon some Brother to move the resolution which had been drawn up.

W. Bro. C. J. Smith, P. PROV. G.W., proposed ; W. Bro. J. Eberall, P. PROV. G. PURST, seconded, and it was

RESOLVED—"Taking into consideration that the Lodges of this Province are already heavily taxed in fees to Grand Lodge and to Provincial Grand Lodge, and that they also contribute liberally every year to the Masonic Institutions and to Local Charities, this Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex is of opinion that any increase of Quarterage Fees to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence is undesirable. It cannot, therefore, support Bro. Clabon's proposition."

PROV. G. MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Rt. W. the Prov. Grand Master then addressed the Brethren as follows :—

"It is most satisfactory to me to notice the gradual increase of numbers which has taken place ever since my appointment in 1877, when there were only 784 Subscribing Members and now there are 1100. It shows that the interests of Freemasonry continue to increase in the Province, and that Brethren do all they can, not actually to influence others to become Masons, but by example endeavour to prove the benefits and aims of our Institute.

"There are one or two points to which I wish to allude, one is that many of the W.M.'s of Lodges seem to think it is quite sufficient if they send in the returns on the last day allowed by the By-Laws, thus giving more trouble to the Prov. G. Sec., for whom

this shows little consideration, whilst if by chance the returns are not made at the proper time I am prevented, perhaps, from appointing to office some deserving Brother. When I this year called upon the Prov. G. Secretary for the returns I only received those of 23 Lodges. I do hope this will not occur again. Another point to which I wish to refer is, that when Brethren leave the Lodge, after it is opened, they must not re-enter without being properly reported. It is not right to leave and enter the Lodge indiscriminately, and I call the attention of the W.M.'s to this, so that our Ceremonies may be properly conducted and due attention given to all details. I must also allude to the motion of Bro. Clabon, to increase the Quarterage Fees. I myself have always thought that any alteration would be imprudent, and am glad that nearly all the Lodges in the Province have opposed the resolution. I am rather surprised that any Lodge should require further information ; I thought it was quite clear what was required. It remains to be seen whether Bro. Clabon will proceed with his motion, but I hope that all Provincial Grand Lodges will declare against it, as many Lodges have few Members, and, in such cases, the increase would be impolitic and a great additional tax upon the funds. I regret that all the Lodges did not send me their replies by the time named, but all have now been received. I have nothing more to add. I said at first the Province is prosperous, and I hope every Brother will continue to do all in his power to maintain that prosperity and support me in my office in the future as in the past."

PROV. GRAND OFFICERS.

W. Bro. J. H. Scott, P.G.D. and DEP. PROV. G. MASTER, proposed, and W. Bro. W. R. Wood, P. PROV. S.G.W., G.

PURSUIVANT, seconded, the re-appointment of W. Bro. R. Crosskey as Prov. Grand Treasurer, who was unanimously elected.

The Prov. G.M. stated that the Deputy Prov. G.M., being appointed by patent, would continue to hold the office.

The D. of C. called upon the Brethren to salute the W. Deputy Prov. G.M.

The Rt. W. the Prov. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the Insignia of their respective Offices :—

Prov. S.G. Warden	...	Bro. J. M. KIDD	...	P.M.	732
„ J.G. Warden	...	„ GEORGE SMITH	...	Treasr.	1821
„ G. Chaplain	...	„ Rev. R. V. FAITHFULL DAVIES	S.W.		916
„ G. Treasurer	...	„ R. CROSSKEY (elected)	...	P.M.	1303
„ G. Registrar	„	„ GERARD FORD	..	P.M.	271
„ G. Secretary	...	„ V. P. FREEMAN	...	P.M.	732
„ S.G. Deacon	...	„ E. A. HEAD	...	P.M.	1619
„ J.G. Deacon	...	„ A. TAYLOR	...	P.M.	1110
„ G. Supt. of Works	„	„ C. C. COOK	...	P.M.	851
„ G.D. of Ceremonies	„	„ C. W. HUDSON	...	P.M.	315
„ A.G.D. of C.	..	„ EGBERT FRYMAN	...	P.M.	341
„ G. Sword Bearer	„	„ J. CURTIS	...	P.M.	1797
„ G. Organist	...	„ W. ROE	...		1636
„ G. Pursuivant	...	„ E. TAYLOR	...	P.M.	1141
„ A.G. Pursuivant	„	„ H. B. M. CARVICK	...	W.M.	1303
„ G. Steward	...	„ T. FRANCIS	...	W.M.	56
„ „	...	„ S. TANNER	...	P.M.	311
„ „	...	„ LEWIS LEWIS	...	P.M.	811
„ „	...	„ G. S. GODFREE	...	P.M.	1821
„ „	...	„ T. PACKHAM	...	P.M.	1829
„ „	...	„ F. S. de B. COOPER	...	W.M.	1842
„ G. Tyler	...	„ T. HUGHES	...		

The Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to salute the newly-appointed Prov. G. Wardens and the other Prov. G. Officers.

Bro. W. A. Stuckey, P. PROV. G.S.B., enquired whether any steps could be taken to stop the indiscriminate

reporting of Lodge Meetings, but the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master ruled that he could not then entertain the question.

All business being ended, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed "in due form" and with solemn prayer.

THE BANQUET.

The Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge then proceeded to the Banquet which had been provided by the Stewards, Bros. C. W. Hudson, Egbert Fryman, C. C. Cook, A. Taylor, E. Taylor, and E. A. Head, to whom the thanks of those present were specially voted for the arrangements made for the comfort of the Brethren and the excellent singing provided.

Special Meeting held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, December 12th, 1881,

Present :

R.W. Bro. SIR W. W. BURRELL, BART, M.P., PROV. G. MASTER.				
W. Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M.				
W. Bro. W. H. HALLETT	P. Prov. S.G.W., as Prov. S.G. Warden.			
" " F. NOAKES	...	...	" J.G.	"
" " T. TROLLOPE	...	... P.	" S.G.	"
" " C. J. CORDER	...	... P.	" "	"
" " DAVID SMITH	...	... P.	" J.G.	"
" " J. W. STRIDE	...	... P.	" "	"
" " J. L. BRIGDEN	...	... P.	" "	"
" " C. P. HENTY	...	... P.	" "	"
" " H. DAVEY	...	... P.	" "	"
" " C. J. SMITH	...	... P.	" "	"
" " REV. R. V. FAITHFULL DAVIES			" G. Chaplain.	
" " " J. GRIFFITH	...	... P.	" "	"
" " R. CROSSKEY	...	...	" "	Treasurer.
" " GERARD FORD	...	...	" "	Registrar.
" " W. DAWES	...	... P.	" "	"
" " V. P. FREEMAN	...	...	" "	Secretary.
" " S. W. D. WILLIAMS	...	...	" "	S.G. Deacon.
" " C. G. REED	...	... P.	" "	"
" " E. CARPENTER	...	... P.	" "	"
" " G. DE PARIS	...	... P.	" "	"
" " W. H. GERMAN	...	... P.	" "	"
" " S. B. McWHINNIE	...	... P.	" "	"

W. Bro. T. U. PRICE	...	...	P. Prov. J.G. Deacon.
" " W. HUDSON	...	...	P. " " "
" " T. H. CROUCH	...	...	P. " " "
" " H. ABBEY	...	...	P. " " "
" " J. T. CHAPPELL	...	...	P. " G. Supt. of Works.
" " J. M. REED	...	...	P. " " " "
" " C. TOMKINSON	...	...	P. " " " "
" " O. N. WYATT	...	...	P. " " " "
" " J. T. WHATFORD	...	...	P. " " " "
" " J. M. KIDD	...	...	" G.D. of Ceremonies
" " R. P. B. TAAFFE	...	...	P. " " "
" " T. R. WHITE	...	...	" G.A.D. "
" " W. MARCHANT	...	...	P. " " "
" " R. PIDCOCK	...	...	P. " " "
" " C. SANDEMAN	...	...	P. " " "
" " W. G. SHARP	...	...	P. " " "
" " W. A. STUCKEY	...	...	P. " G. Sword Bearer.
" " S. R. LEGG	...	...	P. " " " "
" " A. J. HAWKES	...	...	P. " " " "
" " G. STONE	...	...	P. " " " "
" " W. ROE	...	...	" G. Organist.
" " A. KING	...	...	P. " " "
" " J. P. MAYALL	...	...	P. " " "
" " W. J. HARRIS	...	...	P. " Pursuivant.
" " J. EBERALL	...	...	P. " " "
" " W. READ	...	...	P. " " "
" " W. T. NELL	...	...	P. " " "
" " C. W. HUDSON	...	...	" G. Steward.
" " C. C. COOK	...	...	" " " "
" " A. TAYLOR	...	...	" " " "
" " E. TAYLOR	...	...	" " " "
" " T. HUGHES	...	...	" G. Tyler.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING :

W. Bro. W. KUHE	...	...	P.G. Organist.
" W. R. WOOD	...	...	Asst. G. Pursuivant.
" T. TAYLOR	...	...	Prov. S.G.W., Berks and Bucks.
" J. BRAITHWAITE	...	...	P. Prov. S.G.W., Herts.
" W. SMEED	...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W., Middlesex.
" C. J. HAMPDEN	...	...	Prov. J.G.W., Herefordshire.
" W. SUGG	...	...	P. Prov. S.G.W., Surrey,
" E. W. TUFFLEY	...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W., Notts and Hunts.
" H. G. MARTEN	...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W., Herts.
" C. GREENWOOD, JUN.	...	..	P. Prov. G. Regr., Surrey.

„ H. W. CHARRINGTON	...	P. Prov. S.G.D., Surrey and Dorset.
„ H. A. LAWTON	...	P. Prov. S.G.D., Dorset.
„ J. A. STRACHAN	...	P. Prov. G.S. of Works, Berks and Bucks.
„ F. G. POWNALL	...	P. Prov. G.S. of Works, Kent.
„ J. HARRISON	...	P. Prov. G.S. of Works, Hants.
„ C. F. LEWIS	...	P. Prov. S.G.D., Hereford.
„ J. HURST	...	P. Prov. G. Purst., Middlesex.
„ J. ANDERSON	...	P. Prov. G. Purst., Staffordshire.

ALSO MANY OF THE MASTERS, PAST MASTERS AND WARDENS OF THE LODGES IN THE PROVINCE, AND MANY OTHER VISITORS, THE NUMBER PRESENT BEING OVER 300.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened “in due form” and with solemn prayer.

The Prov. G. Secretary read the summons convening this Special Grand Lodge, as follows:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF SUSSEX.

THE R.W. BROTHER SIR WALTER WYNDHAM BURRELL, BART., M.P.,
Provincial Grand Master.

A Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency.

SIR AND BROTHER,

Your attendance is requested at a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency, which will be held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Monday, the 12th day of December, at seven o'clock, p.m., in order to welcome all Brethren to the BRIGHTON HEALTH CONGRESS.

Addresses will be made by several Brethren, and refreshment provided by the W.M.'s and Brethren of the Lodges in Brighton.

All Master Masons are invited to be present.

The Rt. W. the PROV. GRAND MASTER will preside.

V. P. FREEMAN, P. PROV. S.G.W.,
9, St. George's Place, Brighton, Provincial G. Secretary.
November 16th, 1881.

The Prov. G.D. of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to salute the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master, the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, afterwards the Prov. G. Wardens and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers.

The Prov. G. Secretary stated that he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from :—

W. Bro. LORD A. HILL	...	Prov. S.G. Warden.
.. .. G. W. KING	...	P. Prov. S.G. Warden.
.. .. A. R. CROUCHER	...	P. Prov. A.G.D. of C.
.. .. C. M. NORRIS	...	Prov. G. Purst.
.. .. E. A. HEAD	...	Prov. G. Steward.
.. .. EGBERT FRYMAN	...	.. ..

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master then addressed the Brethren. He said that having heard how kindly the visitors to York had been treated by the Masons of that city, he thought it only right to take the present opportunity to greet the Brethren from all Provinces in a fraternal manner and give them a cordial welcome. He could only hope that this interchange of hospitality would long continue, and that honour, charity and justice might prevail as long as Freemasonry prospered. He hoped that the Queen might long live to rule and reign, and that the M.W. the Grand Master might continue for many years to preside over the Craft. He thanked the Visitors for their presence and the cordial reception he had received, and would call upon the Deputy Prov. G. Master to address them.

W. Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M., next addressed the Brethren.

It was, he said, a happy thought on the part of their worthy Brother, His Worship the Mayor of Brighton, when the idea occurred to him which they were endeavouring to carry out that evening. Such gatherings did great good, they afforded the opportunity of bringing men of all classes together, whereby acquaintanceship was made which often ripened into affection, and so men became true and lasting friends who would never have known each other but through the intervention of Freemasonry. This was one of the great objects which Freemasonry had in view, and one of the great benefits which it conferred upon society.

It did promote brotherly love and goodwill amongst all sorts and condition of men. He hoped in years to come, when many of those whom he was then addressing had become faithful and attached friends, they would be able to trace back their first acquaintanceship to their meeting at the Masonic gathering which took place at the Brighton Health Congress.

The Deputy Provincial G. Master then added that he had been turning over in his mind on what topic he should address them, and it had occurred to him that a short epitome of the history of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, No. 271, might be interesting to them. He had chosen the "Royal Clarence" Lodge because it was the oldest Lodge in Brighton. Virtually it was the oldest Lodge in the Province. There were three other Lodges whose numbers stood higher on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, viz., the "Lodge of Union," No. 38, Chichester; the "Derwent Lodge," No. 40, Hastings; and the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," No. 56, Arundel. But these Lodges were not indigenous to Sussex, they were transplanted, or, to use a Masonic expression, "removed" from other places, whereas the "Royal Clarence" Lodge was established in Brighton, August 26th, 1789. It had therefore existed very nearly one hundred years, and with very few exceptions, when there were not sufficient Brethren present to form a Lodge, it had uninterruptedly held its meetings regularly during the whole of that long period. It had initiated 636 Brethren, and also admitted 216 Joining Members, amongst whom had been many of Brighton's oldest, best known, and most respected inhabitants. The "Royal Clarence" Lodge, independently of the benefactions of its members, had expended from its funds more than £2,000 in works of charity and public usefulness, and still subscribed annually £30 to the local and Masonic Institutions.

The Royal Clarence Lodge had taken part in several public ceremonials. In 1808 the Duke of Richmond was the W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, and in that capacity laid the Foundation of the Nelson Memorial in Dublin, with Masonic honours. In 1817, the Lodge assisted in driving the first pile of Shoreham Harbour. In 1824, laying the first stone of St. Peter's Church, Brighton. In 1831, laying the first stone of the Norfolk Bridge, Shoreham. In 1839, laying the first stone of the Railway Viaduct across New England Hill. In 1840, laying the first stone of the Adelaide wing of the Sussex County Hospital.

The character of the Royal Clarence had always been of a wide and general character. It had never been in any sense a class Lodge. In large towns class Lodges became inevitable. Birds of a feather would flock together, and so there would be the Gentleman's Lodge, the Professional man's Lodge and the Tradesman's Lodge; and there was no objection to that so long as each Lodge carried out Masonic principles and did not endeavour to keep up its own importance by depreciating the other Lodges. Of course when any one wished to become a Freemason, or to join a Lodge, he would naturally join the Lodge in which he would find most of his own friends, and any Brother knowing such a friend would be justified in saying, "you had better join us, you will find so and so there," but no Brother would be justified in persuading any one to join his own particular Lodge by disparaging other Lodges in the same town. That would be a dishonourable departure from Masonic principle. The "Royal Clarence" Lodge had embraced men of almost every creed, calling and circumstance amongst its members—noblemen, baronets, squires, country gentlemen, professional men of the highest standing in divinity, law and physic, artists, architects and actors, men of science and literature, tradesmen of every calling. Jews, French, Germans, Italians and a Parsee,

had all belonged to it, and most of them had attained the highest honours the Lodge can confer on any of its Members.

The Dep. Prov. G.M. concluded by saying that he had told them enough to prove that the "Royal Clarence" Lodge was an old and influential Lodge; that it had held an honourable career, and he was glad to know that there were at the present time many young members who were all anxious to maintain the usefulness and keep up the reputation of the "Royal Clarence."

The W. Prov. G. Chaplain (Bro. Rev. R. V. Faithfull Davies), then gave an address, showing that it was to the interest, and indeed a part of Freemasonry, to endeavour to assist anything which was calculated to promote the health of our fellow-creatures. He was pleased, he said, to see such a large assembly, which one hundred years ago would not have been practicable. Now Brethren were able to come from all parts, not merely to spend a pleasant evening in Prov. Grand Lodge, but to learn the laws of science and health, so that we may be able to do good to our fellow-creatures, and by the interesting Exhibition which was connected with the Congress, whilst promoting their health as Masons at the same time to endeavour to assist in inculcating morality. Even for a selfish reason it is for our own benefit to follow the laws of health, although it is to be feared that we all do many things which are quite contrary to those laws. We ought to consider it our duty as reasonable creatures to promote by all means in our power the observance of those laws, using those faculties which have been given us, and try and learn from those eminent men who have devoted so much attention to these subjects. Only let them give us, not guesses, however brilliant, but facts and truth, and they will find none more ready to second their efforts than Brethren in Masonry.

The Acting Prov. S.G. Warden (Bro. W. H. Hallett), then addressed the Brethren. He said that during a Masonic career of 30 years, commencing in the Grenadiers' Lodge, in London, of which he was a P.M., and afterwards, for the last 12 years, in this Province as a Member, and in 1875 W.M. of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, he had felt there was a latent talent among Masons which only required to be sought out. He had found that many members who were not in office were quite willing, if opportunity offered, to render their assistance, and he had been able, during his year of office, to work all the sections in each degree, thus adding to the interest of their Masonic meetings. Of course, all have not equal powers, but each should do his best, as we have not so many opportunities in this Province as are offered to Brethren resident in London. He trusted that the present meeting proved that many Brethren were willing to work and take an interest in matters connected with the health and instruction of mankind, and without under-valuing social qualifications, show that all classes of Freemasons combined together not only for the present welfare but for the future prosperity of the craft.

The Prov. G. Secretary then read a paper which had been prepared by Bro. Thos. Francis, W.M. 56, giving a summary of the various Lodges, past and present, and of the general proceedings of the Craft throughout the Province, being selections from a History of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex, which, by permission of the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Francis was preparing for publication and which would shortly be printed.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master said he was sure all would join in giving a vote of thanks to those Brethren who had given the interesting addresses, which was carried by acclamation.

An anthem was sung, also an ode, accompanied by the Prov. G. Organist (Bro. Roe).

W. Bro. F. Sundius Smith, w.m. 271, in the name of the W.M.'s and Brethren of the Brighton Lodges invited the Brethren to take refreshment after the Lodge.

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed "in due form" and with solemn prayer.

Special Meeting, holden at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, March 11th, 1882.

Present :

R.W. Bro. SIR W. W. BURRELL, BART., M.P., PROV. G. MASTER.

W. Bro. JOHN H. SCOTT, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M.

W. Bro. W. H. HALLETT	..	...	P. Prov. S.G.W. as S.G.W.
" " F. NOAKES	...	" "	J.G.W.
" " JOSEPH DIXON	...	" P.	S.G.W.
" " C. RAYMOND BURRELL	...	" P.	"
" " C. J. SMITH	...	" P.	J.G. Warden.
" " REV. R. V. FAITHFULL DAVIES	...	" "	G. Chaplain.
" " GERARD FORD	...	" "	G. Registrar.
" " W. DAWES	...	" P.	"
" " V. P. FREEMAN	...	" "	G. Secrstary.
" " E. CARPENTER	...	" P.	S.G. Deacon.
" " W. H. GERMAN	...	" P.	"
" " T. S. BYASS	...	" P.	"
" " S. SOLOMON	...	" "	J.G. Deacon.
" " W. HUDSON	...	" P.	"
" " H. ABBEY	...	" P.	"
" " J. M. REED	...	" P.	G. Sup. of Works
" " C. W. TOMES	...	" P.	"
" " O. N. WYATT	...	" P.	"
" " J. T. WHATFORD	...	" P.	"
" " J. M. KIDD	...	" "	G. D. of Cer.
" " T. R. WHITE	...	" "	A.G.D. of C.
" " W. MARCHANT	...	" P.	"
" " W. W. TURNER	..	" P.	G.S.B.
" " WALTER SMITH	...	" P.	"
" " JOS. FARNCOMBE	...	" P.	"
" " A. J. HAWKES	...	" P.	"
" " G. STONE	...	" P.	"
" " W. ROE	...	" "	G. Orgt.
" " ALFRED KING	...	" P.	"
" " G. SMITH	...	" P.	G. Purst.
" " J. EBERALL	...	" P.	"
" " W. T. NELL	...	" P.	"

W. Bro. C. W. HUDSON	...	...	Prov. G. Steward.
" " EGBERT FRYMAN	...	...	" "
" " C. C. COOK	...	...	" "
" " A. TAYLOR	...	...	" "
" " E. A. HEAD	...	...	" "
" " T. HUGHES	...	...	" G. Tyler.

ALSO

W. Bro. W. R. WOOD	...	...	Asst. G. Pursuivant.
" " W. SMITHETT	...	...	P.G. Steward.
" " J. BRAITHWAITE	...	...	P. Prov. J.G.W., Herts.
" " H. W. CHARRINGTON	...	...	P. Prov. S.G.D., Dorset and Surrey.
" " J. HARRISON	...	...	P. Prov. G. Sup. of Works, Hants.
" " J. ANDERSON	...	...	P. Prov. G. Purst., Stafford.

AND MANY MASTERS, PAST MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES
IN THE PROVINCE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened "in due form" and with solemn prayer.

The Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies called upon the Brethren to salute the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, also the Deputy Prov. G. Master and the Prov. G. Wardens.

The National Anthem was sung, accompanied by Bro. Roe, PROV. G. ORGANIST.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master then called upon the Prov. G. Secretary to read the summons convening the meeting, as follows:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACOEPTED MASONS
OF SUSSEX.

THE R.W. BROTHER SIR WALTER WYNDHAM BURRELL, BART., M P.,
Provincial Grand Master.

SIR AND BROTHER,

Your attendance is requested at an Especial Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be holden at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, the 11th day of March, at 1.30 p.m., to Vote an ADDRESS OF CONGRATULATION to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Qneen, and the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Walcs, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger.

The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 2 o'clock precisely.

V. P. FREEMAN, P. PROV. S.G.W.,

9, St. George's Place, Brighton,

Provincial G. Secretary.

March 4th, 1882.

The Prov. G. Secretary announced that he had received a telegram from Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., Prov. S.G. Warden, who had promised to attend, stating that he was unexpectedly detained in London by Parliamentary business; also letters or telegrams from the following Brethren, who all expressed regret at their inability to be present, and cordial assent to the proposed addresses :—

W. Bro. WILHELM KUHE	...	...	P.G. Org.
„ „ T. TROLLOPE	...	...	P. Prov. S.G.W.
„ „ R. G. RAPER	...	...	P. „ J.G.W.
„ „ J. W. STRIDE	...	...	P. „ „
„ „ C. P. HENTY	...	...	P. „ „
„ „ REV. J. O. MCCAROGHER	...	...	P. „ G. Chaplain.
„ „ S. W. D. WILLIAMS	...	...	„ S.G.D.
„ „ GEORGE SMITH	...	...	P. „ „
„ „ G. MOLESWORTH	...	...	P. „ „
„ „ C. W. DUKE	...	...	P. „ J.G.D.
„ „ BRANSBY ROBERTS	...	...	P. „ A.G.D. of C.
„ „ R. PIDCOCK	...	...	P. „ „ „
„ „ A. R. CROUCHER	...	...	P. „ „ „
„ „ C. M. NORRIS	...	...	„ G.S.B.
„ „ C. R. CHANDLER	...	...	„ G. Purst.
„ „ T. FRANCIS	...	...	W.M. 56.
„ „ G. NASH	...	...	W.M. 315.
„ „ LEWIS LEWIS	...	...	W.M. 811.
„ OLIVER LLOYD	...	...	S.W. 38.
„ J. PEARSE	...	...	S.W. 40.
„ B. LOMAX	...	...	J.W. 811.

The Rt. W. the Prov. Grand Master then addressed the Brethren and said,—

I have thought it my duty, after some little consideration, and after taking the advice of some of the principal Officers in Grand Lodge, to call the present meeting, for the purpose of affording an opportunity for us to express our indignation at the dastardly crime which has occurred in the attempt to assassinate our beloved Sovereign; and I should, I think, have neglected my Masonic duties if I had not done this. However, before I called the meeting, I took counsel with the Grand Registrar, who advised me by

all means to do so, and thus set an example to other Provinces. I also felt that an opportunity should be offered us of expressing our feelings towards our exalted Brother H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and of congratulating him upon the marvellous escape of our beloved Sovereign, which congratulations will, we are sure, be shared by the whole of the nation as well as the Royal Family. I am confident that every man in the kingdom, no matter what his creed or politics may be, is imbued with a feeling of loyal affection towards that Gracious Lady who reigns over us. I therefore called this meeting, and am delighted to see in such an assembly so large and influential a response to my call. I trust we shall never again be called upon to meet in Provincial Grand Lodge under similar circumstances, but that our beloved Queen may long reign over us, blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe, a prosperous people and a happy nation. I move,

“That a humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty from the Freemasons of Sussex, congratulating her on her providential escape from harm, and expressing their detestation of such an atrocious outrage as that of the prisoner McLean; and that an Address to the same purport be presented to our Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.”

W. Bro. John H. Scott, P.G.D., DEP. PROV. G.M., seconded the resolution, which was unanimously approved.

The Rt. W. the Prov. Master then moved the adoption of the following address :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

We, your Majesty's true and loyal subjects, the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, venture to approach your Majesty in order to express our horror and detestation of the dastardly crime which has so recently endangered your Majesty's most precious life.

We render hearty thanks to Almighty God that He preserved your Majesty unhurt from this cowardly assault, and we pray that your Majesty may live long to be a blessing to your people and the object of their devoted loyalty and love.

The W. Deputy Prov. G. Master then rose and said :—
R. W. Prov. G. Master and Brethren : I beg to second the resolution you have just proposed, but before touching upon it I must, in the name of the Brethren present, whose wishes I am sure I anticipate, thank you, Rt. W. Prov. Grand Master, for calling us together and so giving us this opportunity of expressing our loyalty to our Sovereign the Queen, and our joy at her merciful preservation. Within the last twelve months no less than three attempts have been made on the lives of the chief rulers of Kingdoms and States. Two of them, you know, were fatal, but happily for England, our beloved Sovereign has escaped the danger of assassination and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the atrocious crime had no origin either in political rancour or in personal revenge. But yet there are those who say that in the manifestations of rejoicing throughout the land and the numberless addresses of congratulation which are daily pouring in, we are making a great fuss about nothing, seeing that Her Majesty was not only not killed, but neither hurt nor frightened. Now, Brethren, we may be making a great fuss, but it is not about nothing, for had the deed been fatal, instead of now being transported with joy, we, and not we the English people alone, but the whole of Europe, America, and the civilised world, would be mourning the loss of the very best Monarch who ever sat upon the throne of England. It is no idle supposition that the attempt might have been fatal, for the pistol was loaded, the bullet was discharged, and had the aim been true who can tell what the disaster might have been? Had it been fatal it would have been small consolation for us to have known that Her Majesty had lost her life at the hands of a miscreant or madman, instead of by a political assassin, as was the case with the late Emperor of Russia, or by diabolical and malignant revenge, as was the case with the late noble President of the United States of

America. Therefore we do rejoice, and rejoice in our rejoicing that it has pleased Almighty God to spare the life of our beloved Queen.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master then put the motion to the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

The Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master moved the following resolution contained in an address to our M.W. Grand Master, the adoption of which also he moved as part of the resolution.

TO H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, M.W.G.M. OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND, K.G., &C., &C.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, —

At a Meeting of the Freemasons of the Province of Sussex, held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, March 11th, 1882, the Rt. W. Brother Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. G. Master, in the chair, for the purpose of voting an address of congratulation to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the happy deliverance of Her Majesty from recent danger.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:—“That the Brethren of the Province of Sussex offer their heartiest congratulations to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, their M.W. Grand Master, on the happy escape of Her Majesty the Queen from the cowardly attack which has so recently endangered Her Majesty’s life.”

The Acting Prov. S.G. Warden, Bro. W. H. Hallett, Mayor of Brighton, seconded the resolution. He said:—The occasion of our meeting is both extraordinary and exceptional. It is a meeting of Masons congregated together for the purpose of expressing their thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of our beloved Sovereign from the dangerous attack of a would-be assassin. The occasion is of so exceptional a character that even the history of the Brighton Corporation (a meeting of which, assembled for a similar purpose, I attended yesterday) can present no similar record. I am especially glad to be present at this large and influential assemblage of Masons to-day for the purpose of congratulating Her Majesty and

His Royal Highness our Grand Master, and to have the opportunity of expressing towards them how strong are our feelings of loyalty and devotion.

The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Brethren then sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales," accompanied by Bro. W. Roe, PROV. G. ORGANIST.

The Acting Prov. S.G. Warden then moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the Prov. J.G. Warden, and carried unanimously :—

"That the Addresses be engrossed on vellum, and signed on behalf of the Province by the Rt. W. the Prov. G. Master, the W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, the Prov. G. Registrar and the Prov. G. Secretary.

All business being ended, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed "in due form" and with solemn prayer.

VINCENT P. FREEMAN, P. PROV. S.G.W.,

Prov. Grand Secretary.

Brighton,
October 31st, 1882.



PLACES OF MEETING.

Towns where the Provincial Grand Lodge Meetings have
been held.

1823	Brighton	1863	Chichester
1827	Horsham	1864	Brighton
1854	Brighton	1865	Brighton
1855	Hastings	1866	Lewes
1856	Chichester	1867	Brighton
1857	Lewes	1868	Hastings
1858	Brighton	1869	Brighton
1859	Hastings	1870	Worthing
1860	Brighton	1871	Brighton
1861	Arundel	1872	Horsham
1862	Brighton	1873	Brighton

And every succeeding year, Brighton.



LIST OF PAST PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

From 1774 to 1881, as far as can be ascertained.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

Captain Francis Minshall	...	...	1774
Sir Samuel Hulse	...	...	1788-1814
The 4th Duke of Richmond	...	...	1814-1819
The 5th Duke of Richmond	...	...	1823-1860
In charge of the Grand Registrar	...	...	1860-1865
Lieut.-Col. G. C. Dalbiac	...	...	1865-1867
Right Hon. Lord Pelham	...	...	1867-1877
Sir W. W. Burrell, BART.	...	...	1877

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTERS.

Bro. James Galloway	...	...
„ Capt. Henry Shelley	...	...	1804
„ Edmund Scott	...	...	1815
„ Rev. S. J. Tufnell	...	...
„ T. R. Kemp	...	...
„ Col. James McQueen	...	...	1854
„ Col. G. C. Dalbiac	...	...	1858
„ E. J. Furner	...	...	1865
„ J. H. Scott	...	...	1877

PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURERS.*

Bro. F. Whitfield	...	...	1804
„ W. Ridge	...	...
„ W. Verrall	...	...	1854
„ G. Tatham	...	...	1870
„ R. Crosskey	...	...	1877

* The following names appear with the initials P.G.T. :—In 1825, Bro. Beaufort, P.G.T. ; 1831, G. Penfold, P.G. TRES. ; 1840, Sam Townsend, P.P.G.T. (Treasurer or Tyler.)

PROVINCIAL GRAND REGISTRARS.

Bro. D. M. Folkard	...	..	1854-1858
„ H. Verrall	...	...	1858-1867
„ W. Dawes	...	...	1868-1869
„ E. A. Woolley	...	...	1869-1879
„ G. Ford	...	...	1880

PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARIES.

Bro. W. Lee	...	...
„ J. Bicknell	...	...
„ J. Nicholson	...	...
„ J. Charlton	...	...
„ J. Sherwood	...	...
„ D. Jacques	...	...
„ D. Hinton	...	...
„ W. Raper	...	...
„ G. E. Pocock	...	...	1854
„ J. H. Scott	...	...	1873
„ V. P. Freeman	...	...	1877

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. F. J. Fearron, M.A.	...	...
„ „ A. Iredell, M.A.	...	...
„ „ E. Cartwright, M.A.	...	...
„ „ C. H. Lloyd	...	...	1854-1855
„ „ W. Watkins	...	...	1856-1858
„ „ T. Tayler	...	...	1859-1861
„ „ J. Griffiths	...	...	1862-1869
„ „ G. G. Maclean	...	...	1870-1872
„ „ J. O. McCarogher	...	...	1873-1874
„ „ J. O'Brien	...	...	1875
„ „ E. Walker	...	...	1876
„ „ H. M. Davey	...	...	1877
„ „ E. F. Cave-Brown-Cave	...	...	1878
„ „ E. Richards Adams	...	...	1879-1880
„ „ R. V. Faithfull Davies	...	...	1881

PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

Bro. B. Vallance	1854	Bro. J. M. Cunningham	1868
„ Edward Turner	55	„ C. J. Corder	69
„ J. Cordy	56	„ V. P. Freeman	70
„ G. C. Dalbiac	57	„ „	71
„ J. Bacon	58	„ G. Bushby	72
„ J. Powell	59	„ W. R. Wood	73
„ J. Wilson	60	„ W. W. Burrell	74
„ H. Moor	61	„ W. H. Hallett	75
„ E. J. Furner	62	„ T. Trollope	76
„ W. Fawcett	63	„ J. Dixon	77
„ „	64	„ W. Sergison	78
„ J. H. Scott	65	„ C. R. Burrell	79
„ „	66	„ G. W. King	80
„ „	67	„ Lord A. Hill, M.P.	81

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.*

Bro. E. J. Furner	1854	Bro. Rev. G. Richards	1868
„ J. Cordy	55	„ A. Elmsley	69
„ G. C. Dalbiac	56	„ D. Smith	70
„ J. Bacon	57	„ T. Trollope	71
„ J. Powell	58	„ J. W. Stride	72
„ J. Bannister	59	„ J. Molineux	73
„ („)	60	„ R. G. Raper	74
„ J. H. Scott	61	„ J. G. Brigden	75
„ V. P. Freeman	62	„ C. J. Pocock	76
„ B. U. Hearn	63	„ C. P. Henty	77
„ J. C. Burrows	64	„ J. St. Clair	78
„ W. R. Wood	65	„ H. Davey	79
„ „	66	„ C. J. Smith	80
„ „	67	„ F. Noakes	81

* The following brethren appear to have been Prov. G. Wardens, viz.:
 J. Blagrave, W. Balcombe Langridge, C. Bew, J. Easthope, and J. Wilson.

PROVINCIAL SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. P. R. Wilkinson	1854	Bro. H. L. Hogg	1868
„ H. Verrall	55	(no one appointed)	69
„ J. Bannister	56	Bro. G. Gatehouse	70
„ J. Powell	57	„ C. G. Reed	71
„ W. R. Wood	58	„ E. Carpenter	72
„ J. H. Scott	59	„ J. Robinson	73
„ „	60	„ G. deParis	74
„ G. Smith	61	„ W. H. German	75
„ G. Collins	62	„ B. H. Thorpe	76
„ „	63	„ T. S. Byass	77
„ R. Elliott	64	„ W. Hale	78
„ C. H. Law	65	„ E. Bright	79
„ „	66	„ S. B. McWhinnie	80
„ „	67	„ S. W. D. Williams	81

PROVINCIAL JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. C. J. Langtry	1854	Bro. H. Lucas	1868
„ W. Adams	55	„ W. Hudson	69
„ J. Powell	56	„ J. C. Coles	70
„ W. Lucas	57	„ T. U. Price	71
„ C. Woolven	58	„ H. Figg	72
„ G. Molesworth	59	„ C. W. Duke	73
„ „	60	„ J. Dorman	74
„ G. Tatham	61	„ R. Crosskey	75
„ O. P. Hart	62	„ R. Branwell	76
„ „	63	„ T. H. Crouch	77
„ H. Saunders	64	„ M. B. Tanner	78
„ J. Mann	65	„ G. T. Evershed	79
„ „	66	„ H. Abbey	80
„ „	67	„ S. Solomon	81

PROVINCIAL GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS
OF WORKS.

Bro. H. Williams	1854	Bro. R. H. Blessly	1868
„ J. Fabian	55	„ „	69
„ „	56	„ „	70
„ E. Scott	57	„ „	71
„ „	58	„ „	72
„ V. P. Freeman	59	„ J. T. Chappell	73
„ „	60	„ T. Samson	74
„ „	61	„ J. M. Reed	75
„ J. Fabian	62	„ C. Tomes	76
„ „	63	„ G. A. Wallis	77
„ J. Howell	64	„ C. Tomkinson	78
„ „	65	„ O. N. Wyatt	79
„ „	66	„ J. F. Whatford	80
„ „	67	„ A. Smith	81

PROVINCIAL GRAND DIRECTORS OF
CEREMONIES.*

Bro. H. Smithers	1854	Bro. C. J. Corder	1868
„ J. Bannister	55	„ R. P. B. Taaffe	69
„ J. Jones	56	„ J. Dixon	70
„ H. Schilling	57	„ „	71
„ „	58	„ „	72
„ G. Wellard	59	„ „	73
„ „	60	„ „	74
„ A. Moppett	61	„ „	75
„ C. J. Corder	62	„ J. M. Kidd	76
„ „	63	„ „	77
„ „	64	„ „	78
„ „	65	„ „	79
„ „	66	„ „	80
„ „	67	„ „	81

* The names of John Bray Cater and H. Winton appear as D. of C.

PROVINCIAL ASSISTANT G. DIRECTORS OF
CEREMONIES.

Bro. McGee	1854	Bro. R. P. B. Taaffe	1868
„ J. Jones	55	„ J. Dixon	69
„ Schilling	56	„ W. Marchant	70
„ G. Wellard	57	„ C. J. Pocock	71
„ „	58	„ „	72
„ A. Moppett	59	„ B. Roberts	73
„ „	60	„ E. W. Adamson	74
„ C. J. Corder	61	„ R. Pidcock	75
„ E. Martin	62	„ T. H. Cole	76
„ „	63	„ C. Sandeman	77
„ H. Potter	64	„ W. G. Sharp	78
„ J. M. Cunningham	65	„ A. R. Croucher	79
„ „	66	„ F. Holford	80
„ „	67	„ T. B. White	81

PROVINCIAL GRAND SWORD BEARERS.*

Bro. W. A. Stuckey	1854	Bro. G. A. Jeffery	1868
„ J. Powell	55	„ S. R. Legg	69
„ G. Wellard	56	„ F. Bellingham	70
„ E. Bowmer	57	„ „	71
„ „	58	„ H. Luckett	72
„ J. Tasker	59	„ T. Holman	73
„ „	60	„ W. W. Turner	74
„ C. Goodeve	61	„ F. Noakes	75
„ W. Curtis	62	„ W. Smith	76
„ W. Challen	63	„ G. Moren	77
„ R. Kidd	64	„ J. Farncombe	78
„ A. Sharpe	65	„ A. J. Hawkes	79
„ „	66	„ G. Stone	80
„ „	67	„ C. S. Norris	81

* Bros. Thomas Till and Bernard Gregory were Prov. G. Sword Bearers.

PROVINCIAL GRAND ORGANISTS.

Bro.	1854	Bro. J. P. Mayall	1868
" F. Wright	55	" "	69
" "	56	" W. Devin	70
" W. Kuhe	57	" "	71
" "	58	" "	72
" "	59	" W. Pillow	73
" "	60	" L. Leuliette	74
" "	61	" F. E. Gladstone	75
" "	62	" ———	76
" "	63	" A. King	77
" "	64	" "	78
" J. Parry Cole	65	" "	79
" "	66	" W. Roe	80
" ———	67	" "	81

PROVINCIAL GRAND PURSUIVANTS.

Bro. G. W. King	1854	Bro. J. H. Settle	1868
" E. Beswick	55	" G. Smith	69
" Cherriman	56	" W. Kirkland	70
" Butcher	57	" J. St. Clair	71
" "	58	" F. Ticehurst	72
" G. Smith	59	" W. Lamborn	73
" "	60	" W. J. Harris	74
" Chittenden	61	" E. J. Bostock	75
" H. G. Baynes	62	" J. Eberall	76
" "	63	" W. Read	77
" C. P. Smith	64	" W. T. Nell	78
" R. Turner	65	" F. J. Rubie	79
" "	66	" T. Norris	80
" "	67	" C. R. Chandler	81

PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS.

Bro. H. Verrall	1854	Bro. G. Gatehouse	1869
„ W. Adams	„	„ J. Trollope	70
„ W. Batley	„	„ E. J. Reed	„
„ G. F. Folkard	„	„ H. Luckett	„
„ Lamb	55	„ F. Ticehurst	„
„ Gambling	„	„ J. W. Stride	71
„ H. Halstead	„	„ E. Carpenter	„
„ R. Cherriman	„	„ H. Figg	„
„ R. Butcher	56	„ A. J. Wright	72
„ J. Barratt	„	„ J. Dorman	„
„ R. Elliott	„	„ B. Roberts	„
„ C. Folkard	„	„ W. Webb Turner	73
„ C. Woolven	57	„ W. J. Harris	„
„ S. Ridley	„	„ E. J. Bostock	„
„ C. Goodeve	„	„ F. Noakes	74
„ R. Burchell	„	„ J. M. Reed	„
„ Ridley	58	„ R. Pidcock	„
„ C. Goodeve	„	„ W. Smith	75
„ R. Burchell	„	„ J. Eberall	„
„ G. Collins	„	„ T. H. Crouch	„
„ A. Ambrosoni	59	„ W. Reed	„
„ J. Howell	„	„ C. Sandeman	76
„ W. H. Cotterell	„	„ J. M. Kidd	„
„ W. H. Chittenden	„	„ T. S. Byass	„
„ G. Tatham	60	„ G. Moren	„
„ C. J. Corder	„	„ A. R. Croucher	77
„ O. P. Hart	„	„ J. Farncombe	„
„ H. G. Baynes	„	„ W. T. Nell	„
„ B. U. Hearn	61	„ W. G. Sharp	„
„ R. Turner	„	„ G. T. Evershed	78
„ W. Challen	„	„ E. Bright	„
„ H. Potter	„	„ T. J. Rubie	„
„ E. G. Livesay	62	„ A. J. Hawkes	„

PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS.

(Continued.)

Bro. C. P. Smith	1862	Bro. F. Holford	1878
" Hogg	"	" S. B. McWhinnie	"
" F. St. Q. Bond	"	" J. T. Whatford	79
" J. Howell	63	" T. Morris	"
" J. Bull	"	" C. R. Chandler	"
" R. Kidd	"	" G. Stone	"
" J. M. Cunningham	"	" S. W. D. Williams	"
" G. de Paris	64	" C. J. Smith	"
" A. Sharpe	"	" A. Smith	80
" H. Lucas	65	" C. M. Norris	"
" J. H. Settle	"	" T. R. White	"
" S. R. Legg	"	" S. Solomon	"
" W. Dawes	66-7	" A. Agate	"
" R. P. B. Taaffe	"	" J. Curtis	"
" G. A. Jeffery	"	" C. Hudson	81
" H. Elmsley	68	" Robert Fryman	"
" W. Hudson	"	" C. C. Cook	"
" G. Smith	"	" Abraham Taylor	"
" W. Marchant	69	" Edwin Taylor	"
" J. C. Coles	"	" Evelyn A. Head	"

PROVINCIAL GRAND TYLERS.

Bro. T. H. Barnard	...	...	1854-55
" Penfold	...	..	56-58
" G. Ancock	...	...	59-69
" T. Hughes	...	...	71





Royal Arch Masonry.

THE origin of the Order of Royal Arch Masonry still remains in obscurity, and it is questionable whether any documentary evidence of its first connection with Craft Masonry will ever be forthcoming. The earliest authority is Dr. D'Assigny, the writer of "A Serious and Impartial Inquiry into the cause of the present Decay of Freemasonry in the Kingdom of Ireland," Dublin, 1744 (for a reprint of which see "Memorials of the Masonic Union," London, 1874, by Bro. W. J. Hughan.) He, however, threw very little light on its origin, and but briefly alludes to it; in one place he cautions the brethren against a certain itinerant Mason, who had lately appeared in the City of Dublin, who professed that he could communicate three more steps, "which when properly placed may advance us to the highest heavens." If this individual introduced Royal Arch Masonry into Dublin about this period, it would be here where Laurence Dermott, who was then a young Mason, first acquired a knowledge of it, which no doubt afterwards proved so useful to him when in connection with the "Ancient," or seceding Grand Lodge, in which he held so prominent a position, to which body we are probably indebted for the present existence of the Order in connection with English Craft Masonry, for it appears to have become so popular with them, that in 1782 the "Moderns" formed a Grand Chapter, and shortly afterwards published a Book of Laws and Regulations.

PLATE IV.



The earliest record of the Order in the Province of Sussex is that of the issuing the Warrant for the Chapter of "Love and Harmony," No. 71, at Chichester, in 1790, and bearing date 5th October of that year; the three Principals named in the document, being Thomas Bull, as Z.: William Madehurst, H.; and Alexander Williams, J.; it was held in private rooms in that city, but after a brief existence it collapsed.*

Bro. Thos. Dunckerley, one of the greatest Masonic luminaries of his day, who did much towards introducing the Order amongst the "Moderns," was Prov. G. Superintendent of Sussex as well as of many other Provinces about this period.

Of existing Chapters in the Province the one that claims the greatest antiquity is the "Lennox," attached to the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, Brighton, which was constituted in July, 1811, by the Rev. John Austen, the Provincial Grand Superintendent, who also held the same appointment in Surrey; the other two Principals who assisted on this occasion, were the Rev. Joliffe Tufnell and Comp. W. Lee. Comp. Edmund Scott of this Chapter was as indefatigable in Arch Masonry as in Craft Masonry, and for some time held the office of Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Chapter; his grandson, Comp. J. H. Scott, being appointed to the same office in 1880. After the death of the Rev. J. Austen, which happened some six or seven years after the above event we hear no more of Sussex as a Royal Arch Province, with the exception of an entry in the Minute Book of No. 56, referring to Comp. Attree, of Brighton, as Deputy Prov. G. Superintendent, which title was evidently an assumed one,

* At this period the Chapters were numbered separately, and it was not till after the Union, namely, in 1817, that the roll of Chapters was revised, when they were given the same number as the Lodge to which they claimed to be attached.

as no record of it occurs in the Archives of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The next oldest is the "Chapter of Emulation," which was constituted in 1818, in connection with the "Derwent" Lodge. About this period there were also Chapters at Arundel, Chichester, Lewes and Uckfield, all of which after a few years ceased working, and for many years there were but two Chapters in the Province, namely, at Brighton and Hastings, and it is not till 1859, that a third was added to the roll; this was the "Royal Sussex," attached to the "Royal Brunswick" Lodge, Brighton. The ceremony of consecration took place April 18th, at the "Old Ship" Hotel, the officers appointed by the Supreme Grand Chapter to perform it being E. Comp. John Havers, as M.E.G.Z.; E. Comp. Furner, as G.H.; and E. Comp. Rev. John Edmund Cox, as G.J., assisted by Comps. Stuckey and Longton. After the Principals named in the Warrant had been installed and the other officers invested, six brethren were balloted for, elected and exalted, Comp. V. P. Freeman being one of them.

In the next year there took place a revival of Royal Arch Masonry at Lewes, and the present "South Saxon" Chapter was constituted, the former Warrant being surrendered.

After the lapse of eleven years the "Hartington" Chapter was consecrated at Eastbourne, on the second of August, 1871, by Comp. E. J. Furner, as M.E.G.Z., assisted by Comps. Freeman, Trollope, Pocock and Scott: the three Principals named in the Warrant were Comps. J. M. Cunningham, Z.; T. Lane, H.; and W. Kirkland, J., who were duly installed in their respective chairs by Comp. J. H. Scott.

On the 30th August, 1873, Comp. J. Hervey, G. SCRIBE E., assisted by Comps. R. W. Little, T. Trollope, V. P. Freeman, J. Reed, and J. T. Sabine, consecrated the

“Yarborough” Chapter in the rooms of the Royal Pavilion, Comp. J. M. Cunningham being installed as Z.; Comp. W. R. Wood, as H.; and Comp. C. Horsley, as J.

On the 17th March, 1874, E. Comp. E. J. Furner, P.Z., GRAND STANDARD BEARER OF ENGLAND, consecrated the “Royal Pavilion” Chapter at Brighton, attached to the “Royal York” Lodge, No. 315. The following Companions were installed in the Principals’ chairs, viz., V. P. Freeman, Z.; W. Challen, H.; W. Hudson, J., and it was on this occasion that E. Comp. J. H. Scott delivered the following oration, which we recommend for perusal by both old and young Craftsmen, for it contains sterling precepts and generous strictures, which should be carefully considered by all of us:—

“Most Excellent and Companions,

“Allow me to congratulate the brethren of the ‘Royal York’ Lodge upon having a Chapter attached to it. Every Lodge should have its own Chapter. Hitherto this has not been the case at Brighton. We have had, for several years, four Lodges; but until lately, only two Chapters. In August of last year, a third Chapter was constituted, and to-day we complete the roll, and now the four Lodges in this town, I mention them according to their number on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, the ‘Royal Clarence,’ 271; the ‘Royal York,’ 315; the ‘Royal Brunswick,’ 732; the ‘Yarborough,’ 811, have each their own Chapter. This is as it should be, for Royal Arch Masonry is not another degree in Masonry; it is, as you all know, only the Master Mason’s degree completed, so that without a Chapter a Lodge does not afford to its members the opportunity of perfecting themselves in Masonic knowledge. There are other degrees supported and warmly espoused by many

brethren. I do not know their names, nor their number. Indeed, I know very little about them. But I have been informed that they owe their origin mostly to the political and religious intrigues of the middle ages, some during that period, having been established by military despotism, to counteract the power of the priesthood, and others by rival sects, to outvie and to outwit each other. They are, therefore, adjuncts, and form no part of pure and antient Freemasonry. Of course it is optional with any enthusiastic brother to make himself acquainted with any or all of them. In this land of civil and religious liberty every man has a right to be 'fully persuaded in his own mind' and to follow the bent of his own idiosyncrasy, so long as in so doing he does not violate the law or injure his neighbour. But these extraneous degrees are not recognized by the Grand Lodge of England. The first paragraph of the Book of Constitutions says, 'By the Solemn Act of Union between the two Grand Lodges of Freemasons of England, in December, 1813, it was declared and pronounced that pure Antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.' This has been thought a hardship and a grievance by those who admire what they are pleased to call the 'superior degrees,' and in 1856 a proposition was brought before Grand Lodge to acknowledge one of them. Had Grand Lodge yielded the rest would have followed in due course, but Grand Lodge refused, and, as far as I can learn, on these grounds, that Craft and Arch Masonry embrace all that is necessary, and I may add, all that is worth retaining in the Order of Freemasonry.

“ And what is it, Companions, that is worth retaining in Freemasonry ? Is it the obsolete forms ; the foolish penalties of our oaths ; the dubbing ourselves with high sounding names and arrogating to ourselves the most astounding pretensions ? Are these the things which as sensible men we desire to cherish ? Are we not all aware that there is much in our ceremonies we would gladly omit, and which we tolerate only because of the great principles with which they are associated ? These principles are not strengthened by a multiplication of idle ceremonies and useless degrees, and therefore, to increase the latter without any corresponding advantages, is to bring the former into contempt and render them abortive. What is there in these ‘ superior degrees ’ which is not already taught in the three degrees with which we are all familiar, excepting those party and polemical doctrines which it is the very spirit of Freemasonry to do away with ? In all ages of the world’s history, religion and politics have been the fruitful source of animosities, heart-burning, strifes and persecutions among men. In pure and antient Freemasonry these topics find no place. They are not allowed to be grounds for exclusion from the Order to which all ‘ just, upright, and free men, of sound judgment and strict morals,’ are admitted ; all save the blasphemers and the advocates of open riot or secret rebellion. Our antient Charges say ‘ Let a man’s religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practise the sacred duties of morality.’ Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love ; they are taught to

view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

“With regard to our obligations as citizens, our antient charges say:—‘A Mason is a peaceable subject, wherever he resides or works ; is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies, is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority, to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.’

“Such are the qualifications for admission into the degrees of Pure and Antient Masonry, but in the so-called ‘superior degrees,’ I have been told that the obligations are most stringent. No Jews can be admitted to some, no Unitarians to others, and in one degree, I was informed by a brother who had gone through the ceremony,—a distinguished brother on whose testimony I could rely, one whom we all knew, but who is now no more,—that the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was administered. I desire to speak with all reverence, and to wound the feelings of none, but I ask fearlessly, is such an institution part and parcel of antient Freemasonry ? and, if not, has anyone just cause to blame Grand Lodge for refusing to recognize it as such, or other degrees which would ultimately lead to its adoption. The introduction of this and other ceremonies would, I believe, be subversive of the whole system of Freemasonry. It is

notorious, moreover, that on the continent these degrees are made the instruments of political schemes; so much so, that in France during the rule of the late Emperor, the whole Order was suspended for many years, and in Italy they give occasion, every now and then, for his Holiness the Pope, to fulminate against Freemasonry his harmless anathemas.

“In making these observations, I again earnestly desire to give no offence. As I said before, every brother and companion is at liberty to prosecute these matters as far as he pleases till he reach the 33°, or any that may be beyond it. I have only to remind you that the Grand Lodge of England—not you may depend without investigation—not without due cause—not without sound judgment and discretion—solemnly pronounced sixty years ago, and still adheres to the fiat, ‘that pure antient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more.’

“When pure and antient Masonry first became an Order it is almost impossible to determine; so much that is mere tradition clings to it, that he would be an extraordinary man who could extricate its real history from the fables which have grown up around it. Some pretend to trace it back to the times of Tubal Cain, others affirm that it commenced with the building of King Solomon’s Temple. Be that as it may, it is sufficient for us to know that there did actually exist, ages ago, a band of men who were called Freemasons, who were bound together by secret signs, tokens and words, who were remarkable for the excellence of their skill; the wisdom, strength, and beauty of their Craft; and the rectitude and purity of their lives. Of these traits we have abundant proof even in this nineteenth century. From the

time of the completion of the temple at Jerusalem, when King Solomon, attended by the Princes of Israel, went out to view it, and they were all so struck with its admirable proportions and the beauty of its design, that they impulsively raised their hands above their heads, and simultaneously exclaimed, 'O wonderful Masons,' to the present day when we enter that splendid edifice, which is one of the wonders of the world, the pride and boast of every Englishman, where for centuries past we have laid with reverence the bodies of our great men, where poets in their dreams have wished to be buried, and of which our great naval hero, as the battle of Trafalgar was about to commence, was heard to exclaim, 'Westminster Abbey or a Dukedom,' we have, I say, abundant proofs of the extraordinary skill and workmanship of this travelling guild of working Masons. One of the most eminent architects of the present day says, 'there can be little doubt that most of our Cathedrals were built by the well-known fraternity of Freemasons.' What higher testimony is needed? What nobler or more enduring monuments to the genius and labour of these excellent Masons can we desire, than the beautiful churches and abbeys which adorn our own land, and those of Germany and France? Who that has seen Strasbourg, Antwerp, Amiens, St. Ouen, Jumièges, and our own English Cathedrals, can ever forget the impression they have made? Which of us, Companions, at one time or another of our lives, has not been struck with solemn awe and profound devotional feeling as we have gazed on these magnificent structures? 'Tell me not,' said an eloquent speaker I once heard, 'that a mere dark superstition actuated the men who designed and

executed these sublime edifices. The long drawn aisles, the fretted roofs, the dim recesses, the soaring spires, all witness that the architect had grand thoughts of God, and strove to embody them in combinations of the wood and the stone, even as the poet his conceptions in the melodies of verse, and the orator his in the majesty of eloquence. His must be a cold and withered heart which catches no inspiration from the structure, as he walks beneath arches which seem designed to bear up the sky; and hears the rich symphony wandering amid the forest of pillars, even as the voice of the Lord God was heard among the trees of the garden. And there must, we believe, have been piety, aye, lofty and ardent piety, in those who could plan structures that thus seem to furnish instances of their piety to successive generations. The cathedral, with its awe-inciting vastness, its storied windows, its mellowed light, its deepened shadows, appears to me like the rich volume of some old divine; I gather from the work the mind of the author, and it is a mind which has grown great in musing upon God.'

"So grand was the handiwork of the Freemasons of old. Of the rectitude and purity of their lives we have testimony in the fact that even now in these latter days we glory in the truths which they held fast to; that we accept the traditions and the obsolete customs which they have handed down to us, in order to perpetuate the principles of morality which they observed; and which made them great and worthy of example.

"Companions, we are no longer operative, but speculative, or Free and Accepted Masons; nevertheless, let us emulate our antient brethren in the

excellence of their work, and in the rectitude of their conduct. In our individual callings, 'whatsoever our hand findeth to do, let us do it with our might.' However beset in this world by danger and temptation, let no evil actions darken and disfigure our lives. Let brotherly love and affection distinguish us as men and as Masons. And let us ever remember that the great object of our noble and venerable Institution is, 'to promote the welfare of our fellow creatures, but above all, the honour and glory of God's Holy name'—So mote it be."

During the same year a Charter for constituting a Chapter at Chichester was issued, and on the 12th February, 1875, E. Comp. E. J. Furner consecrated the "Cyrus" Chapter, No. 38, being assisted by Comp. V. P. Freeman, P.Z.; and Comp. W. Challen, P.Z.; the three Principals named in the Warrant being Comps. J. H. Scott, P.Z. 271, 732, as Z.; John St. Clair, as H.; and George Smith, as J.; the same being duly installed in their respective chairs.

A few years roll on and we hear rumours of a Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry being appointed. At the Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter, held on May 5th, 1880, Comp. J. H. Scott was appointed Grand Standard Bearer. On the 9th October following, one more Chapter was added to the roll of the Province, named the "Hova Villa," attached to the flourishing "Hova Ecclesia" Lodge, 1466. The ceremony took place at the "Old Ship" and was most ably performed by the Grand Scribe E., Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, as M.E.G.Z., who was assisted by Comp. J. H. Scott, P.Z., as G.H.; Comp. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, as G.J.; and Comp. V. P. Freeman, P.Z., as Director of Ceremonies; the three Principals designate being installed as follows: E. Comp.

Sir W. W. Burrell, BART., M.P., as Z.; Comp. C. J. Smith P.Z., as H.; and Comp. J. C. Herbert Stretford, as J. There being now nine Chapters in the Province, the fact was laid before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales who at once issued to Sir Walter Burrell a patent appointing him Provincial Grand Superintendent of Sussex. The ceremony of his installation took place in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 23rd April, 1881, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, GRAND SCRIBE E., being the installing officer. There were upwards of sixty Principals and Past Principals present, among them being the following:—Comps. Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.S.N.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G. PRIN. SOJR.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.P. SOJR.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. ASSIST. SOJR.; Lieut.-Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, G.S.B.; Thomas Fenn, P.G.S.B.; E. Letchworth, P. PROV. G. REG. Middlesex; H. W. Charrington, P. PROV. G.P. SOJR., Surrey; John Harrison, P. PROV. G.P. SOJR., Hants; Thomas Francis, P. PROV. G. ASST. SOJR., Hants; Lord Arthur Hill, P.Z. 66, and others. A Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and a deputation having escorted Sir Walter Burrell into the Chapter, his patent of appointment was read and he was forthwith obligated and installed; he was then proclaimed and saluted as Prov. G. Superintendent. He then appointed as his Prov. G. H., Comp. John Henderson Scott, GRAND STANDARD BEARER, who was duly obligated and installed, and as Prov. G. J., Comp. G. King, P.Z. 271 who was also duly obligated and installed. The Companions selected to fill the other offices were—

V. P. Freeman, P.Z. 311,	
315, 732	... Prov. Grand Scribe E.
W. R. Wood, P.Z. 811	... Prov. Grand Scribe N.
T. Trollope, P.Z. 40	... Prov. Grand Prin. Sojr.
C. A. Woolley, P.Z. 311	Prov. 1st Grand Asst. Sojr.
Bransby Roberts, P.Z. 916	Prov. 2nd Grand Asst. Sojr.

R. Crosskey, P.Z. 311	...	Prov. Grand Treasurer (elected)
Gerard Ford, P.Z. 271	...	Prov. Grand Registrar
John St. Clair, P.Z. 38	...	Prov. Grand Sword Bearer
C. J. Smith, P.Z. 311	...	Prov. Grand Standard Bearer
Joseph Dizón, P.Z. 271	...	Prov. Grand D. of Ceremonies
W. Kuhe, P.Z. 271	...	Prov. Grand Organist
T. Hughes	...	Prov. Grand Janitor

The Prov. G.S.E. then read a tabular statement showing the strength of the several Chapters; and reported the receipt of the Minute Book of the former Provincial Grand Chapter, graciously restored by Comp. C. J. Pocock. On the motion of Comp. C. J. Smith a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Walter Burrell for his very handsome gift of a complete set of Prov. G. Chapter jewels and collars, and a record of the gift was ordered to be entered in the Minute Book. The Prov. G. Superintendent in acknowledging the vote of thanks said, the large attendance that day was the best omen of their future success; he trusted that all present might live to meet on many happy occasions, and that the Provincial Chapter would go on prosperously and for an indefinite period. They might rely on his best endeavours to secure that result. (applause). A vote of thanks was cordially given to the installing officer, and also to the grand officers who had assisted him. In reply Col. Shadwell H. Clerke said, "he most heartily wished the new Chapter every prosperity. It had been opened under most favourable auspices, and nothing remained but for the Companions in the Province to work heartily together to ensure its permanence and prosperity."

The Chapter was then closed; about seventy Companions, under the presidency of the Prov. G. Superintendent, celebrated the event by a banquet.

The meeting for 1882 was held on the 14th of April, when there was again a good muster of Royal Arch Masons, presided over by the Prov. G. Superintendent,

and the carefully prepared table of statistics annexed will show the numerical state of the Order in the Province. The following Companions were appointed to office, Comp. J. H. Scott being re-appointed Prov. G.H. :—

Prov. G.J.	...	Comp. W. R. Wood
„ G.S.E.	...	„ V. P. Freeman
„ G.S.N.	...	„ George Smith
„ G.P. SOJR.	...	„ E. Martin
„ G. 1ST ASST SOJR.	...	„ G. Wellerd
„ G. 2ND ASST. SOJR.	...	„ F. Noakes
„ G. TREASURER	...	„ R. Crosskey
„ G. REGISTRAR	...	„ Gerard Ford
„ G. SWORD BEARER	...	„ J. C. Lucas
„ G. STANDARD BEARER	...	„ R. Pidcock
„ G. D. of C.	...	„ J. M. Kidd
„ G. ORGANIST	...	„ W. Kuhe
„ G. STEWARD	...	„ C. G. Reed
„ „	...	„ S. B. McWhinnie
„ G. JANITOR	...	„ T. Hughes

Subjoined is a roll of existing Chapters and also a list of extinct Chapters in Sussex, as far as can be ascertained, with dates of constitution, and other particulars.

Province of Sussex.

EXISTING ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

Constituted	No.	Title	Located
1874	38	Cyrus Chapter	Chichester
1818	40	Chapter of Emulation	Hastings
1811	271	Lennox Chapter	Brighton
1860	311	South Saxon Chapter	Lewes
1874	315	Royal Pavilion Chapter	Brighton
1859	732	Royal Sussex Chapter	Brighton
1873	811	Yarborough Chapter	Brighton
1871	916	Hartington Chapter	Eastbourne
1880	1466	Hova Villa Chapter	Brighton

EXTINCT CHAPTERS.

Constituted	No.	Title	Located
1790	71	Love and Harmony ...	Chichester
Unknown	...	Mount Moriah* ...	Arundel
„	...	Cyrus † ...	Chichester
„	701	Original Light ...	Uckfield
1824	581	South Saxon ‡	Lewes

* This Chapter appears to have been founded about 1810 without the authority of the Grand Chapter.

† This Chapter was attached to the “Lodge of Friendship” which united with the “Lodge of Harmony,” now “Union,” 38.

‡ There is a copy of a dispensation in existence at Lewes dated 17th March, 1824, for a Chapter to be called “Meridian Splendour;” there is no record of this in G. Chapter records. On May 5th, 1824, a Warrant for a Chapter to be attached to the “South Saxon” Lodge was granted by Grand Chapter in answer to a petition from some of the members of the Lodge in which Comps. E. Fordyce was proposed as the First Principal; T. R. Kemp as Second Principal; and H. Winton as Third Principal; and it continued in active working till 1835. The Warrant was surrendered in 1860 and a new one granted for the present “South Saxon” Chapter. It appears that the Companions at Lewes were some time endeavouring to get a Warrant for a Chapter, and according to the Minute Book of the Lodge and a printed declaration, it was intended to be called the “South Saxon Chapter of Meridian Splendour,” but it was however only registered as the “South Saxon Chapter.”



Provincial Grand Chapter of Sussex.

STATISTICS FROM RETURNS TO MARCH 31ST, 1882.

No.	Name	Place of Meeting	No. of Members 1881	Expelled	Joined	Resigned	Deceased	Excluded	No. of Members 1882	Fees	No. of Seats in Prov. G. Chapter	No. of Members of Prov. G. Chapter
38	Cyrus Chapter ...	Chichester	24	—	—	1	1	—	22	£ s. d. 2 4 0	8	7
40	Chapter of Emulation...	Hastings	36	3	—	2	—	1	36	3 19 6	10	10
271	Lennox Chapter ...	Brighton	39	1	—	—	2	—	38	3 18 6	14	13
311	South Saxon Chapter ...	Lewes	27	2	—	—	—	—	29	3 3 0	14	13
315	Royal Pavilion Chapter	Brighton	42	3	—	—	—	1	44	4 15 6	8	15
782	Royal Sussex Chapter...	Brighton	33	4	—	1	—	—	36	4 2 0	15	13
811	Yarborough Chapter ...	Brighton	13	15	2	3	—	—	27	4 13 6	6	3
916	Hartington Chapter ...	Eastbourne	16	1	1	1	—	1	16	1 15 6	6	6
1466	Hova Villa Chapter ...	Brighton	22	6	2	3	—	—	27	3 11 0	5	4
			252	35	5	11	3	3	275	£32 2 6	85	74



Appendices.

Copy of Warrant of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, No.
271, Brighton.

SEAL

No. 543, 1789.

WE, the Right Worshipful Samuel Hulse, Esq., PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER for the County of Sussex; acting under the authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick Duke of Cumberland, &c. &c. &c. Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons; at the humble Petition of our Right Worshipful and well Beloved Brethren, William Henwood, William Keen, John Pell, Richard White, Thomas Pryor, Richard Thomas, John Ade, John Lawrence and several other Brethren residing at or near BRIGHTHELMSTON in the county of Sussex, Do hereby constitute the said brethren into a Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge to be opened at the "White Horse" Inn in the Town of BRIGHTHELMSTON as aforesaid. And do further at their said Petition and of the great Trust and Confidence reposed in every of the same above-named Brethren, Hereby appoint George Rawlinson, Master,

Richard Thomas, Senior Warden, John Ade, Junior Warden for opening the said Lodge, and for such further time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof. It being Our will, that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no case affect any future election of the Officers of this Lodge, but that such elections shall be regulated agreeable to such Bye-Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the General Laws of this Society, contained in the Book of Constitutions. And We hereby Will and Require you the said George Rawlinson, to take Special Care, that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that they do observe, perform and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the said Book of Constitutions—and further that you do from time to time, cause to be entered in a book kept for that purpose, a List of the Members of the said Lodge, an account of your Proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid for the good Government of the same.—That you in nowise omit once in every year to send to us or our successors Provincial Grand Masters or to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the time being, an account in writing of your said proceedings and copies of all such Rules, Regulations or Orders as shall be made as aforesaid together with a list of the members of the Lodge, and such a sum of money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity.—Moreover We require you the said George Rawlinson, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given at London under our Hand and Seal of
Masonry this Eighth day of August, A.L. 5789,
A.D. 1789.

SAMUEL HULSE, P.G.M.

Witness,

James Galloway, P.G.J.W.

Copy of Warrant of Constitution of the "Derwent" Lodge,
No. 36, (Ancients) A.D. 1813, now No. 40, Hastings.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER,

Thomas Harper, D.G.M.

Archibald Herron, S.G.W.

Jeremiah Cranfield, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

YE the Grand Lodge of the most Antient and Honour-
able Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
(according to the Old Constitutions granted by His
Royal Highness Prince Edwin of York Anno Domini
Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of
Masonry, Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and
six) in ample Form assembled, viz. The Right Wor-
shipful The Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis,
and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine,
Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder,
Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray Belveny and
Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kincleaven, Lord of
Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange, and Baron
Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c.
&c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS. The Right
Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., DEPUTY GRAND

MASTER, The Right Worshipful Archibald No. 36. Herron, Esq., SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield, Esq., JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Brother Thomas Sargent one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Brother Henry Rogers his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Brother Thomas Foster his Junior Warden to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the house known by the name or sign of the "Castle Inn," Hastings, or elsewhere in the County of Sussex, upon the first and third Wednesday in every month (being first duly registered pursuant to the statute) and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions; And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Antient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Thomas Sargent, Henry Rogers and Thomas Foster (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse and install their successors, &c. &c. &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every St. John's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their

Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

Note.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge Vol. 2, Letter B, 2nd April, 1755, Fol. 142.

Entd. Edward Harper, D.G. SEC.

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AN
ODE TO MASONRY,
RECITED IN THE
Lodge of Friendship,
No. 624,
HELD AT CHICHESTER, IN SUSSEX,
ON THE
CELEBRATION
OF THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL OF
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
December 27, 1811,
AND OF THE
ÆRA OF MASONRY, 5811.

BY A MEMBER OF THAT LODGE.

CHICHESTER :

PRINTED BY ORDER OF, AND FOR THE LODGE,

(For Private Distribution only)

By W. MASON.

1812.

TO HIS GRACE,
CHARLES DUKE OF RICHMOND,
AND LENOX,

LORD LIEUT. OF IRELAND, &c, &c.,

MASTER ;

The Rev. JOLIFFE TUFNELL, Acting Master ;

(In His Grace's absence)

The Rev. W. YOUATT, Senior Warden ;

J. POWELL, Esq., Junior Warden ;

AND THE REST OF

THE OFFICERS AND BRETHREN

OF THE

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP,

No. 624.

THE FOLLOWING TRIFLE, PRINTED IN COMPLIANCE

WITH THEIR ORDER,

IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

BY THEIR

VERY OBEDIENT SERVANT AND BROTHER,

THE AUTHOR.

Dec. 27, 1811.

Nos hæc novimus esse nihil.

Martial.

Preface.

FEELING an inclination to offer a tribute of acknowledgment to that respectable Lodge who have honoured me with a place among them as a member, I hastily penned the following lines, and sent them anonymously to our worthy Acting Master; that if they met his approbation, they might be recited at the approaching commemoration of one of our festivals.

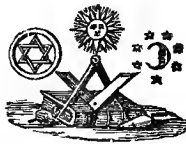
It fortunately happened that he put them into the hands of our able Senior Warden, whose impressive recital not only procured them those highly flattering testimonies of approbation which they received; but made them appear even better than I knew them to be.

The Lodge having ordered them to be printed, it would be affectation in me to say I feel the resolution other than an honor; but it was one I did not expect: or probably the motive that made me withhold my name, would in that case, have induced me not to have wished so severe a proof of approbation, as being forced into print as a poet. But as the brethren have determined to put it to this test, I cannot but implore their utmost candor, in judging my involuntary intrusion upon them in this form.

I sincerely wish I could render them more worthy of their approbation; for in truth I fear the semblance they assumed from the reader's abilities, will vanish on their appearance in their new character.

Taking this opportunity of returning the brethren those thanks for the honor they conferred on me at the meeting, from which my feelings at the moment incapacitated me, I take leave to conclude; wishing them, and every true Mason, the compliments of the present festive season, and many, many happy returns of our late joyous festival.

J. E.



ODE TO MASONRY.

The Argument.

Invocation, v. 1—Beneficial Effects, v. 11—Description of the Qualities of Masonry, v. 19—Great men who have honoured Freemasonry, v. 25—Arts and Sciences inculcated by Masonry, v. 37—Morality promoted by it, v. 49—Qualifications necessary in a Candidate for Masonry, v. 53—Figurative Emblems exemplified, v. 61—Virtues encouraged by it, v. 67—Wish that Masonry in general, and the Lodge of Friendship in particular, may flourish, v. 77—Conclusion, v. 81.

HAIL Masonry ! mysterious craft sublime !
 Who from the earliest infancy of time,
 Hast rear'd on high, thy venerable head,
 And o'er the world thy mystic doctrines shed :
 To honor thee, illustrious art ! this day 5
 Thy sons convene, who own thy peaceful sway.
 Proud of thy honored name, we fondly own
 That name, which adds e'en lustre to a throne.
 Deign on us therefore kindly to impart
 Thy aid ; and cheer each brother's grateful heart. 10
 Illustrious type of Truth ! who radiant, cast
 Far from the east thy rays, driving each blast
 That chills the brighter pow'rs of mind, and brings
 That darkness which from superstition springs ;
 Which ignorance, and error, in their trains 15
 Bring to enslave the world, with horrid chains.
 Thee we implore, thy pow'ful aid to lend,
 Daughter of truth, each brother to befriend.

Thy mystic craft encircles in its zone
 All that illustrious in art has shone ; 20
 All that in science leads the joyous way,
 Where truth shines forth in splendid endless day.
 The great, the good, the learned and the wise
 Have sought with zeal the high masonic prize.
 Israel's great king,^a bowed to thy craft divine 25
 And in thy mystic rites was proud to shine ;
 That to thy greatest honors he had claims,
 His dome magnificent aloud proclaims.

Crotona's^b sage, the philosophic chief,
 Sought in thy mystic arms, his mind's relief, 30
 And taught pre-eminent, to every clime
 Those truths that will endure to th' end of time ;
 While Wren's^c great name to science ever dear,
 And Locke,^d and Newton,^d on thy lists appear,
 While kings, and sages, grace thy honored roll, 35
 Proudly we'll sound thy praise from pole to pole.

Thy laws mysteriously include and teach
 All arts, that are within man's humble reach ;
 ASTRONOMY sublime, which greatly shews
 The world's great Architect to all our views, 40
 To whom in humble reverence we bow,
 Craving his aid to sanctify our vow.—
 MUSIC and POETRY^e to mend the heart,
 And ARCHITECTURE'S ancient noble art :
 GEOMETRY we find our firmest base, 45

a Solomon.

b Pythagoras.

c The Great Architect.

d d To inform the reader who these great men were, would be an insult to his knowledge.

e See the antient manuscript in the Bodleian library, communicated with a commentary thereon by John Locke to the Earl of Pembroke.

And to NUMERIC science give a place :
 To AGRICULTURE too, devote some care,
 And CHEMISTRY with nature oft compare.
 We learn the chequered path of life to scan,
 And contemplate the changeful scene of man : 50
 To check revenge, and every baneful strife,
 And calmly bear each sad vicissitude of life.

COURAGE and FORTITUDE alike must grace
 The man, who runs the mason's honored race ;
 For in thy bands, thou never dost admit 55
 One who on trial may be found unfit.
 Thy figurative art, the rudest block
 Of human natures, hardest unformed rock,
 Smooths into form, and fashions into shape,
 And lets no rough, or faceless point escape. 60

While by the *level* all our acts are tried,
 Upright as *plumb lines*, TRUTH becomes our guide ;
 While on the *square* we deal and ne'er mislead
 Keep within *compass* is the mason's creed.
 From that most sacred book^f our laws are given, 65
 Which form a base to raise the soul to heaven.
 Thy noble science in her lucid train
 The greatest of the virtues, does contain.
 FAITH in the world's great architect divine,
 HOPE in the holy lodge above to shine, 70
 And CHARITY, that heavenly meek-eyed maid,
 Whose wide expanded mantle with its shade
 Conceals, from every scrutinizing glare,
 Those harsher qualities, that all men share.
 Come to our aid, while we like brethren true, 75
 In deeds of Charity give Masonry her due.

^f The Bible.

O! may thy sons, blest Masonry ! combine
FRIENDSHIP eternal, CHARITY benign.
May we, the " LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP," ever prove
A Lodge of Friendship, Charity and Love. 80
While GEORGE^g directs the higher powers aright,
And generous RICHMOND^h rules our lesserⁱ light,
By their example swayed we reach the goal,
And WISDOM, STRENGTH, and BEAUTY, crown the whole.

FINIS.

g H.R.H. the Prince Regent, Grand Master of England.

h His Grace the Duke of Richmond, &c., &c., Master of the Lodge of Friendship, No. 624.

i This is to be understood in a figurative, and not in a masonic point of view.

 SUSSEX PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER,

I herewith transmit, for the information of your Lodge, a statement of the P.G. Treasurer's accounts, as examined and passed by a Committee appointed for that purpose, at the late Provincial Meeting held at Brighton, on the 24th July last past;—also a copy of the proceedings of the adjourned Lodge, assembled on the day following, at the Old Ship Hotel, by command of the R.W.P. Grand Master.

I am, W. Sir and Brother,

Yours very fraternally,

D. JACQUES, P.G.S. & R.

North Street, Chichester, August, 1823.

Report of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge, appointed to examine into the several charges sent before them, by command of the R.W.P.G. Master, at the adjourned meeting on the 25th July, 1823.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY,—That the whole of the charges preferred against the Members of the Cinque Port Lodge, (now York Lodge) No. 587, have been most clearly and satisfactorily proved, and we most respectfully beg to inform your Grace, that the whole of the proceedings of the above Lodge, from the first of December, 1822, up to the present period, were grossly illegal and unconstitutional, and greatly subversive of all the established regulations of the craft.

Signed, by command of the Provincial Grand Lodge,

D. JACQUES, P.G.S. & R.

BROTHER CHARLES BEW, v. R.W. BROTHER S. J. TUFNELL.—This case consisted of six charges, preferred and transmitted by the complainant to His Grace the Duke of Richmond, against the D.P.G.M.

On the complainant being called upon to proceed, he, with much equivocation, declared himself unable to substantiate the charges he had preferred, and begged permission wholly to withdraw them *unread*. This request the majority of the Brethren appeared willing to comply with, but being most powerfully and eloquently appealed to by Brother B. Gregory, P.G.S.B. on the grounds of the injustice of permitting charges regularly preferred to be so withdrawn, without the Brethren being made acquainted with the real nature of them ; and considering the character and reputation of the D.P.G.M. to be materially affected by the groundless nature of these charges, he submitted the propriety of their being made known, as the only means of exculpating Brother Tufnell from the accusations set forth. This was seconded by Brother Winton, P.G. Standard Bearer, upon which the P.G. Secretary rose, considering himself implicated in the last charge, and demanded, as a matter of right in his own behalf, that they should be read. It was therefore ordered accordingly, when Brother Gregory read and commented upon them in such a manner as to draw forth the just indignation of the chair against the complainant ; and the whole of the charges preferred by Brother Bew against the D.P.G.M. were *unanimously dismissed as frivolous, vexatious, and unfounded* ; and it was recommended that the opinion of this Lodge should be recorded on its minutes, in strong terms of indignation against the promoter of these charges.

Brother Charles Bew then apologised to the D.P.G. Master and the P.G. Secretary, which apology was accepted.

Signed, by command of the Provincial Grand Lodge,

D. JACQUES, P.G.S. & R.

LODGE OF ST. ROCQUE'S HILL,* No. 52, v. HENRY WATSON.—This was a case of complaint, to be heard on

* This title is an assumed one. The "Lodge of Harmony," No. 52, could not, in my opinion, claim any connection with this long defunct Lodge.

petition, against Henry Watson, J.W. of the York Lodge, No. 587, for accusing certain Brethren of the Lodge, No. 52, of a "deep, base, and villainous conspiracy" against a person of the name of James Collins, (now in the employ of the said H. Watson, and a member of the Lodge 587, but formerly of the Lodge, No. 52,) for the purpose of injuring his character and reputation.

Henry Watson, being regularly summoned three several times by the Tyler, and not appearing, Brother B. Gregory, member of the Lodge, No. 52, (who appeared in behalf and at the request of his Brethren of the said Lodge,) prayed permission for certain letters to be read relative to the case;—the Lodge having heard three of the said letters, and the remarks of Brothers the D.P.G. Master, the P.G. Secretary, and P.G. Superintendent of Works, all implicated by Watson,—it was *resolved unanimously*, That it be respectfully and humbly requested that the P.G. Master would continue the suspension of Henry Watson during his pleasure, at the same time declaring the former order of suspension to have been just and legal; and further, that his Grace will be pleased to take such steps as may lead to the expulsion of Collins from the Society at large.

Signed, by command of the Provincial Grand Lodge,
D. JACQUES, P.G.S. & R.

Brighton, 28th July, 1823.

I have read and do approve of the above Report, and command that the same be forthwith made known to every Lodge in my Province.

(Signed) "RICHMOND," &c., P.G.M.

In consequence of the above Report and recent proceedings of the Lodge, No. 587, the Master, Wardens, and Members of that Lodge have been suspended from all and every of their masonic functions, and their case referred to the Grand Lodge of England.

By command of the P.G.M., D. JACQUES, P.G.S. & R.

The 31. Grand Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Expenditure up to July 24, 1823.

No.	Dr.	Cr.
52.	L. Harmony, Chichester, 1819	
	Ditto ditto 1821	£2 19 0
54.	Derwent L., Hastings, 1818	5 12 3
	Ditto ditto 1821	2 5 0
	Ditto ditto 1822-3	1 13 6
72.	Howard L., Arundel, 1821	2 5 6
	Ditto ditto 1823	4 6 0
511.	Royal Clarence L., Brighton, 1821	4 18 9
	Ditto ditto 1822-3	5 12 3
522.	Harmony L., Shoreham, 1821	5 11 6
	Ditto ditto 1823	6 13 3
581.	South Saxon, Lewes, 1819	3 16 3
	Ditto ditto 1821	1 0 0
	Ditto ditto 1822-3	1 0 0
587.	Royal Cinque Port, Seaford, 1821	3 11 9
	Ditto ditto 1823	2 5 0
632.	L. Friendship, Chichester, 1819	0 8 0
	Ditto ditto 1823	1 8 0
651.	Wellington Lodge, Rye, 1819	9 6 3
	Ditto ditto 1823	1 2 0
701.	L. Harmony and Friendship, Uckfield, 1819	2 8 0
	Ditto ditto 1823	2 14 0
	Ditto ditto 1822	4 0 6
720.	Royal Sussex Lodge, Worthing, 1821	0 14 6
	Ditto ditto 1823	2 7 0
	Ditto ditto 1823	2 16 0
		£80 14 3

(Signed) RICHMOND, P.G.M.

W.M. RIDGE, Jun. P.G.T.

1819

Mar. 25. To a new Minute Book for the P.G. Lodge, Letter Book, and other articles for the use of P.G. Sec. - 3 12 2

Sept. 15. Expenses of Postage, &c. - 0 16 1

Donation by order of the P.G.L. to Bro. Andrews - 2 0 0

Dinner-Ticket for visiting Br. DaCosta - 0 15 6

Paid Clerk, Singers, &c. at Lewes - 1 0 0

Ditto White Hart bill for sundries, do. - 3 19 6

1821.

June 9. A second donation to Brother Andrews, as voted - 2 0 0

29. Expenses of Postage, &c., up to June 4th - 0 15 6

Bill for Stationery, P.G.S. - 0 9 6

P.G.M.'s order for P.G.S. expenses at Worthing - 5 5 0

July 14. Mottley & Co. for Advertisements - 1 3 0

Sept. 25. Brother Lee for ditto - 0 19 2

1823.

April 5. D.P.G.M.'s order to pay Brother Burekhardt To Bill for Stationery up to this date - 4 5 0

June 21. To Postage and sundry other expenses, as per Book, repaid P.G. Secretary - 1 8 0

To balance in P.G. Treasurer's hands - 3 2 10

- 49 3 0

£80 14 3

FROM THE "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE" OF THE
4TH DECEMBER, 1880.

OUR ROLL OF LODGES AND CHAPTERS.

IT will have been seen from the Agenda Paper which appeared in our columns last week, that the newest of the Lodges holding under our United Grand Lodge is numbered 1886, and it is just possible that in the six weeks between the date on which the last return of new Lodges was made up, and the end of the year the roll of Grand Lodge will have reached to No. 1890. This, however,—assuming our anticipation proves correct—will by no means represent accurately the number of Lodges in full working order which yield a willing obedience to our Grand Lodge. A glance through the list in the new Freemason's Calendar will show there are some 130 Lodges which, since the last closing up in 1863, have been erased or have dropped from the Roll, either because they have transferred their allegiance to a newly erected Grand Lodge, as that of Quebec, or from some other cause. Hence we may take it there are, in fact, some 1760 Lodges, of which about 300 are held in the Metropolitan district, some 1,000 in the Provinces, and the remaining 460 in districts abroad, or as Military Lodges. If we allow an average of sixty members per Lodge—which, by those who have looked into the returns for different Provinces and Districts and the Metropolis, will be recognised as a liberal allowance—we have a total subscribing membership in the Grand Lodge of England of over 105,000.

We have, in more than one previous article, dealt with figures in connection with this subject, but figures are always useful, and we do not know that we can do better than select the present occasion for submitting a fresh, but consistent, variation on the original theme of the condition

of Freemasonry in this country. Premising that the numbers we are about to give are not exact, but approximately so, it is, for instance, interesting to know there are 330 Lodges still in existence, whose Constitution dates from before the Union of Ancients and Moderns. Only six Lodges anterior to this epoch have dropped or been erased from the Roll since 1863. There are remaining 140 Lodges warranted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, during his Grand Mastership of the United Grand Lodge of England, from 1814 to 1843. Twelve have lapsed since 1863, while, doubtless, many other Lodges established both before and after the Union, have been struck off, especially in connection with the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to say nothing of those which passed from the Roll in 1832. Of the Lodges warranted during the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, there are still some 750 in working order. Apart from those which lapsed in 1863, there are one hundred which have passed to other jurisdictions, or are in abeyance or dead since that year. About 180 Lodges were constituted during the period of the Marquess of Ripon's Grand Mastership, which may be reckoned to have lasted four years. Seven of these at this present moment are somewhere else than on the Roll of Grand Lodge of England. Taking the Grand Mastership of the Prince of Wales as having endured during the six years 1875-80, both inclusive, we find that 360 new Lodges have been added to the list. The highest number for 1875 is 1528, the lowest for 1880 at Wednesday's Communication of Grand Lodge was 1886, the exact number constituted therefore during that period being 359. We have it on the authority of His Royal Highness that latterly the average annual number of certificates granted to new members of our Society has been 10,000. This, of course, represents an amazing increase to the strength of the Craft in this country, though to estimate the full value of our position,

we should likewise be informed of the average annual retirements from active membership. It is also noteworthy that with the Masters, Wardens, and an average allowance per Lodge of three Past Masters for these 360 Lodges, the representatives in Grand Lodge have been increased by some 2200! If we proceed further with our analysis in respect of these 359 Lodges, it will be found that of the sixty-six constituted in 1875, there were fifteen which were added to the strength of the Metropolis, with thirty-seven new Provincial Lodges and fourteen new Lodges in Districts. In 1876, sixty-nine new Lodges were warranted, namely, twenty-five Metropolitan, twenty-eight Provincial, and sixteen Districts Abroad. In 1877, the number still further increased to seventy-three, of which twenty-six were Metropolitan, twenty-three Provincial, and twenty-four Foreign. In 1878, of sixty-five new Warrants granted, eleven were for the Metropolis, thirty-three for the Provinces, and twenty one for Abroad. Fifty-three were constituted in 1879, namely, eleven Metropolitan, twenty-one Provincial, and twenty-one Abroad, while in the current year the number of new Lodges is thirty-three, of which fourteen have been added to the Provinces and nineteen to Districts Abroad. Thus in these six years, of the 359 newly constituted Lodges, eighty-eight are Metropolitan, 156 Provincial, and 115 Foreign. Not a single Lodge has been added to the Metropolitan District this year.

Perhaps it will interest our readers to learn how this increase has graduated in these six years. In the year 1874, when the Marquess of Ripon resigned his Grand Mastership—and with the whole of which for the sake of convenience we credit him—forty-five new lodges were added to the roll, making, of the whole number constituted during his four years' tenure of office, as nearly as possible one-fourth part. In 1875, the first year the Prince of Wales was in office, the number was sixty-six, showing an

increase of 47 per cent. on the preceding year. This rose, as we have shown, to sixty-nine in 1876, and reached its culminating point of seventy-three in 1877. In 1878 it fell to sixty-five; in 1879, to fifty-three; and this year, up to the present time, to thirty-three; or reckoning for the whole year, we may, perhaps, set down the new Lodges for 1880 as thirty-eight. We cannot but think this diminution is principally due to the additional precautions taken by the authorities to not unnecessarily multiply Lodges, especially in the Metropolitan area, where, as we have already said, there are, in round figures, some 300 already in working order. We will go further, and say that we think this greater caution must be largely due to the wise counsels of our late respected Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, who never missed the opportunity of pointing out, in his kind and therefore the more impressive manner, how necessary it was the utmost care should be taken in order to keep Freemasonry select, that is, as regards worthiness of character. That new Lodges should spring up in the Provinces and Abroad is but natural, especially in the case of the latter as applied to our Colonial possessions and dependencies, where new centres of industry are always being created, and the old ones go on by leaps and bounds. It is noticeable, however, in the case of the Metropolis, that while the whole increase for the six years reached eighty-eight, sixty-six, or three-fourths of that number, were constituted in the first three years, and only twenty-two in the last three. A recapitulation of the actual figures for each year will prove instructive. In 1875, fifteen new Lodges; in 1876, twenty-five; in 1877, twenty-six; in 1878, eleven; in 1879, eleven; and in 1880, *none*.

We will now devote a brief space to the roll of Royal Arch Chapters. This contains as nearly as possible 600, each of which is attached to a particular Lodge, so that with 1760 Lodges—of which about 150 are not yet entitled to

have Chapters—there are, on the average, about three Chapters to every eight Lodges. The distribution of the Chapters is as follows : in the Metropolitan District some 110, in the Provinces over 370, in Districts Abroad over 110. Comparing these figures with the Lodges, we find in the Metropolis the proportion is rather more than one to every three Lodges (110 Chapters to 300 Lodges); in the Provinces nearly two to every five (over 370 Chapters to 1000 Lodges), and in Districts Abroad, less than one to every four (over 110 Chapters to 470 Lodges). We do not know that, in the absence of further information, it is possible, even if it were desirable, to carry further the analysis of the Grand Chapter Roll and its comparison with that of Grand Lodge. We shall merely add, therefore, that though the work of Grand Chapter is done very quietly, the Degree has fairly kept pace with the Craft in respect of progress during the last six years.

FROM THE "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE" OF THE
8TH JANUARY, 1881.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

WE published last week the usual brief particulars of the amounts contributed to our three Masonic Charities during the past year. The total represented the magnificent sum of £49,762 : 11s. 5d, which, as compared with the £44,731 : 9s. 3d. raised in 1879, showed an increase of £5,031 : 2s. 2d. We purpose now examining these particulars with some minuteness, so that our readers may be in a better position to judge for themselves what was done, and the better understand to what, if any, cause the differences in the incomes of the several Institutions are attributable.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as first in the order of priority, as a matter of course, has the first claim

on our attention. Under the head of "Donations and Subscriptions" is entered the sum of £14,726 : 8s. 11d, but large as this sum is, there are other amounts received by the School during the year, which, if they are to be placed in any category at all, must be looked upon as "Donations." There is, firstly, the Bentley Shaw memorial of one thousand guineas (£1,050), raised by West Yorkshire for the purpose of commemorating in perpetuity the virtues and Masonic services of the late Bro. Bentley Shaw, who for so many years was Deputy Grand Master of the Province, and who, from 1875 till his death, was likewise its Provincial Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry. Then the special vote of £300 by the Supreme Grand Chapter, and the Legacy of £100, cannot be deemed otherwise than gifts. Therefore, superadding these three amounts to the £14,726 : 8s. 11d, we have a total of £16,176 : 8s. 11d. to represent the "Donations and Subscriptions" to the Girls' School in 1880. The Permanent Income in the shape of Dividends was £1,245, to which must be added the Annual Grants by Grand Lodge (£150) and Grand Chapter (£10 : 10s), making the permanent revenue £1,405 : 10s. These two sources of supply stand to each other in the ratio of about eleven and a half to one. The Miscellaneous items amount to £205 : 12s, and swell the grand total for the year to £17,787 : 10s. 11d.

Next in order is the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution with £16,301 : 4s. Here, again, the Donations and Subscriptions, amounting to £13,200 : 8s. 6d, must be swelled to £13,600 : 8s. 6d. by the addition of the Special Grant (£300) by Supreme Grand Chapter, and the Legacy of £100. Taking the several sources of Permanent Income we find they together reach £2,682 : 16s. 4d, made up of Dividends and interest £1,732 : 16s. 4d, and Annual Grants by Grand Lodge (£800) and Grand Chapter (£150). Miscellaneous items are insignificant, being only £18.

Comparing the Donations with the fixed income, we find the former is to the latter in the ratio of about five to one.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys brings up the rear with £15,673 : 15s. 8d. Of this amount £14,318 : 8s. 5d. are set down as Donations and Subscriptions. To this add the Legacy of £100 and the Special Grant of Grand Chapter (£300), together with £357 for purchased admissions, and we arrive at a total under this head of £15,075 : 8s. 5d. The Permanent Income is very limited, consisting of the Grand Lodge Annual Grant of £150, the Grand Chapter Grant of £10 : 10s. and Dividends £381 : 10s. 9d., making a total of £542 : 0s. 9d. The Miscellaneous items reach £56 : 6s. 6d.

If we now compare our several Institutions one with another as regards these three different heads of revenue, we arrive at the following results. In respect of Donations and Subscriptions, the Girls' School stands first, with £16,176 : 8s. 11d. Next in order is the Boys' School, with £15,075 : 8s. 5d. and last, the Benevolent, with £13,600 : 8s. 6d. In respect of Permanent Income, the Benevolent Institution is a long way in front, with the sum of £2,682 : 16s. 4d., the Girls' School following £1,405 : 10s., and then the Boys' School, with £542 : 0s. 9d. In Miscellaneous, the Girls' School is first, with £205 : 12s.; the Boys' School second, with £56 : 6s. 6d., and the Benevolent third, with £18. It results from this that, while the Girls' School met with the largest amount of support last year, its Permanent Income is little more than one-half of that of the Benevolent, while it is rather more than double that of the Boys' School. The Boys' School, with the next largest share of donations, is most woefully behind in respect of Permanent Income. As, indeed, our readers are well aware, it is only in consequence of the brilliant success of last year, that it has been enabled to raise the amount of its investments somewhat beyond the figure they stood at when it was

resolved on erecting the present School, and the whole of its funded property was sold out in order that it might form the nucleus of the fund to be raised for building. It has now invested exactly £15,000 stock, which, at the average rate of four per cent., gives £600 a year, the difference between which sum and that actually received in 1880 being accounted for by the fact that, from the latest investment having been made within the last six months, the Institution cannot as yet have derived any benefit from the providence of its rulers. The Subscriptions, &c. stand to its Permanent Income—as indicated by the receipts for 1880—in the ratio of about twenty-seven to one; or, if we take the full amount at £600, at about twenty to one, as compared with the eleven and a half to one of the Girls' School, and five to one of the Benevolent. In other words, the Benevolent is about four times, and the Girls' School not far short of twice, as well off in the important source of income as the Boys' School. No doubt, in the course of years, these differences will be lessened; but for some time to come it will behove the Craft generally to bear this fact in consideration. There is one other point to which we feel justified in drawing attention. The Benevolent receives annually from Grand Lodge £800, and Grand Chapter £150; or, together £950; while each of the Schools receives only £150 from the former and £10 : 10s. from the latter. The Benevolent, therefore, receives nearly three times as much from these Bodies as the Boys' and Girls' Schools, taken together. We are speaking from memory, but we believe we are correct in saying that the grant of £150 per annum to each School was fixed as a kind of annual composition in lieu of half-a-crown per head for each gentleman initiated into Freemasonry in the year. This plan was adopted in 1839, when the average annual number of initiates must have been at the very outside 1,200. Now, at the Masonic banquet given by ex-Lord Mayor, Sir F.

W. Truscott, G.J.W., His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, G.M., in speaking of the amazing progress of Freemasonry during these latter years, mentioned in illustration of his point, that about 10,000 gentlemen were annually received into the Fraternity. Thus, if the old half-crown payment per initiate were now in force, each of the Schools would receive about £1,250 a year, or eight and one-third times as much as it actually receives. Now, we do not wish to see any one of our Institutions too liberally patronised by Grand Lodge at the expense of the others, but it strikes us as being only reasonable it should treat all three of them with equal liberality. We can well understand Grand Lodge should have given more largely to the Benevolent till within the last few years, for was it not mainly established by Grand Lodge itself? But there is no sufficient or satisfactory reason now why all three should not receive an equal measure of support from both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. All three would then fare about equally well in respect of Permanent Income.

We will only carry our examination one step further. The Boys' School Festival last year was the most productive, and yielded over £14,000. The Girls' School stood next with about £13,800, and then came the Benevolent Institution with over £12,000. Thus of the total Subscriptions, &c. of, in round figures, £44,500, quite £40,000 were contributed at the Festivals. Other £1,200 comprise the Special Grants of £300 each by Grand Chapter and the three Legacies of £100 each. The Bentley Shaw Memorial accounts for £1,050, and Purchased Admissions for £357. Adding these together we get a total of £2,607, which leaves about £1,900 as representing the subscriptions sent in apart from the Festivals, and the greater portion of this would appear to have gone into the coffers of the Benevolent and Girls' School. What, if any, amount of promised subscriptions remains still outstanding at the end

of the year we have no means of determining. We should imagine that, as the Boys' School Festival was the last of the three that was held, the bulk of what may yet have to be received will have to be credited to that Institution. We will conclude by expressing a hope that as the aggregate of 1880 exceeded by £5,000 and upwards that of 1879, so the results of the year we have just entered upon may be even more satisfactory still.

FROM "THE FREEMASON" OF MAY 8th, 1880.

THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

BRO. John Henderson Scott, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, was initiated into Freemasonry in the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, No. 271, February 18th, 1853. He has filled every office in the Lodge from I.G. upwards, and has been thrice elected W.M. and occupied the chair in the years 1859, 1865, and 1877. In the Prov. G. Lodge he was appointed Prov. S.G.D. in 1859; Prov. J.G.W. in 1861; Prov. S.G.W. in 1865-6 and 7; Prov. G. Sec. 1873 to 1876, and Dep. Prov. G. Master in 1877; and at the Annual Festival of Grand Lodge in April 1880, he was appointed one of the Junior Grand Deacons of England. Bro. Scott has always been looked up to as one of the best working Masons in Sussex. Having been instructed by the late Brothers G. E. Pocock and Stephen Barton Wilson, he has adopted the working of the "Emulation Lodge of Improvement." He has installed thirty-two W.M.'s; consecrated five new Lodges, and assisted at the consecration of thirteen other new Lodges, and has worked every section of the Three Lectures. He is a Life Governor of each of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. In 1877, he was a Steward for the Boys' School and presented a list amounting to £270 : 6s. 0d.

At the Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in 1880, he represented the Province of Sussex as Steward, when his list amounted to £610. 10s. ; he also represented the Province as one of the Stewards on the occasion of the Installation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. of England at the Albert Hall. In Royal Arch Freemasonry, Bro. Scott has been equally distinguished and energetic. He was exalted in the Lennox Chapter, No. 271, in 1857, and has served the office of M.E.Z. twice, H. four times, and J. three times. With but few exceptions he has installed all the Principals and exalted the majority of the Companions of that Chapter since 1862. He is father of the Royal Sussex Chapter, No. 732, of which he was M.E.Z. in 1869. He was the founder and the first M.E.Z. of the Cyrus Chapter, No. 38 ; he has assisted at the consecration of three new Chapters, was appointed Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England in May 1880, and Prov. G.H. at the resuscitation of the Prov. G. Royal Arch Chapter of Sussex in April last. To show the appreciation in which he is held by the Brethren of the Province, he has been elected an honorary member of almost all the Lodges and Chapters in Sussex.



THE
HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE,
No. 56.

A HISTORY

OF THE



No. 56,

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

CONSTITUTED 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1736.

A Memorial

OF THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL HELD ON THE 19TH
DECEMBER, 1878.

BY

THOMAS FRANCIS, W.M.

Portsmouth:

BRO. HENRY LEWIS, MACHINE PRINTER, HIGH STREET.

1883.



THE

Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love,

No. 56.

THE original Charter or Warrant having been lost or destroyed, it is impossible to give a transcript of what would have been a rare and interesting document; and, as no record of the same exists in Grand Lodge, we are also unable to give the names of those members of the society who were the founders of the Lodge, and the first Master and Wardens.

In the year 1736, when the Craft was under the rule of John Campbell, Earl of Loudoun, we find that a Lodge was constituted on December 21st, and numbered 151, meeting at the "Black Dog," Castle Street, Seven Dials, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday; Master's Lodge every Sunday; of the eighteen Lodges warranted during the year of the Grand Mastership of that nobleman, but three now remain, and it is only by a reference to the numerous lists of Lodges that were published during the last century that we can trace the existence of the above Lodge.

In the year 1740, the list of Lodges was re-numbered for the first time since the revival in 1717, and the Lodge was then numbered 136, still meeting at the "Black Dog," in Seven Dials, but it was shortly afterwards located at

"The Crown and Angel," Cateaton Street. At the alteration of numbers in 1756, it was placed as "35, The George," Ironmonger Lane, and still meeting on the second and fourth Tuesday. In 1766, the place of meeting was at "The Star," Coleman Street; at the re-numbering of Lodges in 1770, it was placed as "No. 71," Ironmonger Lane, and in 1774, the place of meeting was again "The Star," Coleman Street. It was about this period that Lodges began to adopt some particular name or title, very often after the sign of the house in which they assembled; in a list of 1779, this Lodge first appears under the title of "Lodge of Brotherly Love," The Blue Boar, Russell Street, Bloomsbury.

The following extract is from the "Freemason's Magazine," Vol. VI., 1859, and is worth reproducing here as a specimen of Lodge procedure last century.

ANCIENT RECORDS.

"Lodge of Fortitude," held at the Roe Buck in Oxford Street, Wednesday, the 2nd August, 1780, being the third night in the Quarter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge night were read and confirmed. Present—Bro. Artz, R.W.M., Bro. Connor, S.W., Bro. Moze, J.W., Bro. Stokes, P.M., Bro. Poole, Treas., P.T. (pro tem) Bro. Maze, Sec., (pro tem) Bros. Smyth, Tatham, Hewson, Smeeton, Mackay, Martin, Bradby, Taylor, Devenet.

Cash Brought forward	£2 8 3
House Bill and Tyler	0 14 9
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Cash in hand	£1 13 6
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"Business being over, the Lodge was closed in due form. J. H. Maze, Sec.

"'Lodge of Fortitude,' held at the Roe Buck in Oxford Street, Wednesday, the 16th August, 1780,

being the fourth night in the quarter. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last Lodge were read and confirmed. Present—Bro. Artz, R.W.M., Bro. Connor, S.W., Bro. Moze, J.W., Bro. Taylor, P.M., P.S., Bro. Poole, Treas., P.S., Bro. Harrison, Sec., Bros. Tatham, Smeeton, Hewson, Devenet, Bradby, Martin, Tozer, Williams. Visitor—Bro. Moody, W.M. of the 'Lodge of Brotherly Love.'

Cash brought forward	£1 13 6
Visitor	0 0 9
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	£1 14 3
House Bill and Tyler	0 12 8½
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	£1 1 6½
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"Business being over, the Lodge was closed in due form. Harrison, Sec."

It appears by the foregoing that one Bro. Moody was Master of the Lodge at the period, for there was no other Lodge then bearing the same title; he is credited with the modest sum of ninepence, probably the value of the refreshment he received.

"The Lodge of Fortitude" was constituted in February 1722, and was at this time No. 6 on the roll, it became No. 12 at the Union in 1813, and still retains that position as "Fortitude and Old Concord" Freemasons' Hall, London.

In 1781, the Lodge of "Brotherly Love" was numbered 55, the place of meeting in 1783 being at the "Bedford Arms," Bedford Street, and in 1788, at the "King's Head," Holborn.*

It appears by the Grand Lodge Records, that the two last members registered in 1788 were residents in Sussex,

* This last place of meeting in London was kindly communicated by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M., author of the "Four Old Lodges," but too late to appear in the Petition for the Centenary Warrant.

viz., on "December 15th, John Bradby, Victualler, Petworth, and William Keane, Coachmaker, Arundel," and it is probable that these two Brethren, in conjunction with others, were the cause of the Lodge being removed to Arundel in the next year, 1789; for the next roll of Brethren registered commences as follows: "A list of those Brethren of the 'Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love,' No. 55, who have been registered in the Grand Lodge since the Lodge has been removed from London to Arundel in Sussex," which is found in a register book still in the Lodge's possession; the first entry being James Holmes Goble, May 6th of that year, a transcript of which is given at the end of these pages.*

The members now adopt the prefix "Howard" to the name of Brotherly Love, by which title the Lodge has been known ever since; so named, according to the statement of the late Bro. John Wilson, P.M., in honor of the Eighth Duke of Norfolk, who was installed Grand Master on January 29th, 1730. In "the Book of Constitutions," A.D. 1756, appears the following:—

"Grand Lodge, which was held in due form at the "Devil's Tavern" aforesaid, on 29th January, 1731, with former Grand Officers, and those of thirty-one Lodges. Deputy Grand Master Blakenby acquainted the Lodge, that though our Right Worshipful Grand Master was now at Venice, he was not unmindful of the Brotherhood, but had sent three kind presents, namely:

1. Twenty pounds to the Fund of Masons' Charity.
2. A large Folio Book of the finest Writing Paper for the Records of the Grand Lodge, most richly

* According to the records of the "Royal Clarence" Lodge, Brighton, William Henby was Master of the Lodge in August, 1789; he was an Attorney-at-Law of Clifford's Inn, and is registered as a joining member on the 18th December, 1786.

bound in Turkey and gilded, and on the Frontispiece in vellum the Arms of Norfolk amply displayed with a Latin inscription of his noble titles. And on the end the Arms of Masonry likewise amply displayed and illuminated.

3. The old Trusty Sword of Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden, that was worn next by his successor in War the brave Bernard, Duke of Saxe-Weimar, with both their names on the Blade, which the Grand Master had ordered Bro. George Moody (the King's Sword Cutler) to adorn richly with the Arms of Norfolk in Silver on the scabbard ; in order to be the Grand Master's Sword of State for the future.

The Lodge express'd grateful acceptance in their own agreeable manner.

The Feast was again postponed."

Before the end of the year six individuals had joined the Lodge ; in 1790, ten more ; and in 1791 but four. In 1792, the numbers were again altered and the Lodge placed No. 51 on the roll, thus being raised on the list by one hundred places since its constitution in 1736 ; that number of Lodges which held priority of the one under review having been struck off during that period ; the place of meeting was at the " Crown Inn," and at the end of the next year there was no increase of numbers ; in 1794, two candidates appear to have joined, and the next three years are a blank ; in the latter, 1797, it appears by a list published that year, that the Lodge was still at the same place of meeting, and that the days of meeting were first and third Saturdays in Winter, and the first Saturday in Summer.

In 1798, three names were added to the list ; in 1799, five ; in 1800, seventeen, the last year of the century being credited with the greatest increase of membership that the records extant show ; the next two years appear likewise to have been far above the average, viz., an increase

of ten and eleven respectively ; in 1803, four ; in 1804, blank ; and in 1805, three ; in 1806, two ; the next two years but one in each ; in 1809, there are seven names registered and one entered " not registered," but the reason is not stated ; in this year, Bro. John Wilson was initiated on October 20th, and he was a member for over 50 years ; the place of meeting being the " Wheat Sheaf," where the Lodge was located for upwards of twenty years ; the days of meeting being then the first and third Mondays.

In 1810, eleven members were either initiated or admitted, six or seven of them being from Chichester or its vicinity, then without a Lodge, and their object in joining was probably for the purpose of petitioning for warrant for constituting in 1811 the " Lodge of Friendship," No. 624, Grand Lodge, " Moderns," which in the year 1828 joined the " Harmony Lodge" constituted in 1812, as " No. 35," under the Grand Lodge " Ancients" and is now " Union Lodge, No. 38.*

There was but one member registered in each of the three following years 1811-12 and 13 ; in the latter year, the two Grand Lodges " Moderns" and " Ancients" were united under the title of " The United Grand Lodge of England," and a new roll of Lodges was issued, when the " Lodge of Brotherly Love" was placed 72 ; in 1814 no members were added to the list, and only two in 1815, when the list ends.

On the fly leaf of this register book is found the following entry, under the date of February, 1811, and, if this be an example of an annual custom, it would prove that the brethren were not unmindful of those in distress.

"Account of money sent from the " Lodge of Brotherly Love" to London in February, 1811.

* The Grand Lodge founded in 1717 was known as the " Moderns," the rival Grand Lodge founded in 1750-1 as the " Ancients."

To the Liquidation Fund	£3	16	0
„ Hall Fund	2	12	6
„ Charity Fund	1	1	0
„ Cumberland Schools*	2	1	0”

The first amount, paid to the liquidation fund for the discharge of the debts of the society, viz., of two shillings per member, was instituted by the Grand Lodge, in 1798, and was abolished in December, 1810, and it proves that the Lodge had at this time thirty-eight members on its roll; a very creditable number for a country Lodge at that period.

At the other end of the book is a list of members in 1809, continued as initiated or admitted up to the end of 1821; there are thirty-seven names in the list up to the end of 1809, and against several of them are the initials R.A., as well as against three of those registered in 1810: these letters appear to have been subsequently added, and evidently allude to the Royal Arch Chapter, some relics of which are still in possession of the Lodge. On one of the Jewels are the dates 1810 and 2346, the former denoting the year of constituting the Chapter, the latter being merely the date of the deliverance of the Israelites from the Babylonish Captivity, viz., 536 B.C. + 1810; all records of this Chapter are lost, and as there are none in Grand Chapter, it is possible that it may have emanated from the Extinct Chapter constituted at Chichester in 1790.

In 1816 no members were registered, but in 1817 there were three; in 1818 three; in 1819 one; 1820 six; and in 1821 three: the remainder of the list is extracted from the two minute books still extant. There is also a book of Bye-Laws, printed in 1822, at the Sussex Advertiser Office, Lewes; they appear to have been carefully drawn up, are rather minute as to detail, provision being made in cases of emergency which might arise in the case of death

* Now the Royal Masonic School for Girls.

or resignation of any of the officers, and commence with the following "Introduction" :—

"Masons are but men, and Laws are therefore necessary to point out to them their duty, to deter them from the violation of it, and to punish the contumacious. The Master, Wardens, and Brethren, have enacted for themselves the following Bye-Laws, subject to such alterations and additions as shall hereafter be deemed expedient."

The first Bye-law alludes to the "Jewels, Decorations, and other Property," it is divided into four sections, and provides for the safe keeping of the Lodge paraphernalia: the second is headed "Times of Assembling," and is divided into five sections; the first states that the place of meeting was the "Wheat Sheaf Inn," at six o'clock in the evening on the second and fourth Mondays in every month, between Michaelmas and Lady-Day, and at seven o'clock on the second Monday in every month, between Lady Day and Michaelmas; the third section refers to the keeping of the Festivals of the two SS. John, unless it shall be determined to the contrary at the two next previous regular Lodge nights, (and the minutes prove that the Festival of St. John the Evangelist was not kept "in consequence of many of the brethren being engaged during the Christmas week,") it also states "that Summonses are to be sent to all the Members, when it is agreed by the Lodge to celebrate either of the Festivals;" this shows that the brethren were not summoned to the regular meetings, and the fine for not attending the Festival was "two shillings and sixpence." Section four refers to the fines for non-attendance at the regular meetings, a member not attending within an hour of the time fixed for assembling to be fined "Threepence;" and if he did not attend during the evening "Sixpence;" but this rule did not extend to those residing beyond three miles from the Lodge. The third law relates to the

“Master,” and sets forth the day of his election, viz., on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, and requires him to have served the office of Senior Warden of some Lodge; the second and third sections are similarly worded to the Constitutions with respect to his death, and the time of installation, and appointment of his officers; and the fourth and last section alludes to the fine of Ten shillings, should he refuse to take office after being duly elected; the next law is respecting “the Wardens,” also in four sections, and the fine for refusing to serve after appointment is Five shillings; the next refers to “The Treasurer” and is the longest in the book, being divided into eight sections, one of which sets forth that he shall bind himself, his executors, &c., by bond, to guard against any loss of the property which might happen to the property in his hands; and the last section gives the amount of the fine for refusing to act after being appointed as Ten Shillings, but he shall not be liable to serve twice.

The law relating to the Secretary is also divided into eight sections; the fine in case of his refusing to serve office is Five Shillings, and the forfeit for “Stewards” and “Deacons” refusing to serve is One Shilling and Sixpence; it appears that the Tyler was paid One Shilling and Sixpence for each night of meeting, not a very handsome remuneration, but probably considered sufficient at that period.

According to the law respecting “Candidates” it appears that the initiation fee was Three Guineas, this being the minimum for Country Lodges, as fixed at the Union in 1813, which, strange to say, still remains so, and we venture here to remark that we think it might, with advantage to the Craft in general, be doubled. The fee for a joining member was One guinea, Military gentlemen being exempt from the rule, as they were allowed to become members on paying their first visiting fee. Any qualified Brother could visit the Lodge at the

discretion of the Master and Brethren, on paying a sum not exceeding the above amount, at the option of the W. Master and Brethren present. The law respecting "Contributions" is a long one, divided into six sections, it gives the amount of subscriptions to be paid by quarterly instalments at eight shillings per annum, per member, residing within three miles of the Lodge, and ten shillings per annum for those beyond that distance, exclusive of sixpence per quarter to the fund of Benevolence; it also permits every member at each meeting to expend what he likes, but not less than sixpence. The sixteenth Bye-Law is headed "Charity," and as it is so curt and pithy we think it worth reproducing here; "Charity is neither to be defined nor enforced: but it should never be lost sight of by Masons. It is significantly noticed here to remind the Brethren of this Lodge, from time to time, that it is the great end of all our laws." The seventeenth and last refers to the reading and amendment of the Bye-Laws, and then follows the "Charge of a Freemason," extracted from the Book of Constitutions, as well as the form of declaration and description of aprons.

The following particulars of the working of the Lodge are extracted from the two minute books which record the transactions of the Lodge up to 1838, and do not furnish any subject of importance to the Craft in general.

The first entry is under date of January 14th, 1822, and it appears Bro. Edwin Lee was the W.M., and we find that the following members were P.M.'s at this period, viz., Bros. Blanch, Jas. Seller, and J. Wilson; the latter filled the chair on this occasion, the W.M. being absent. Bro. Crees was the S.W. and Bro. Tarrenden was J.W. pro tem., the rest of the officers were not initialed, if present; there were ten members at this meeting, including the Tyler, Bro Finch, who held this office every year till the Lodge ceased working.

It appears it was the custom to propose and second that a candidate be initiated or advanced, and on this

occasion after the minutes were confirmed, it was proposed and seconded that Bros. Calkin and Hindle be raised at the next Lodge, and this appears to be all that took place; indeed there are many occasions on which confirming the minutes was all that occurred.

28th January. The W.M. was present and ten other members; also as visitor, Bro. Stephen Farrenden, of "Lodge of Friendship," No. 624, Chichester. Bro. Parish was present but his name is not in the register book, so he was probably initiated in the preceding year; the complaint of the Lodge in committee at Liverpool was taken into consideration, and it was resolved that the whole of the Lodge be formed into a committee, five to be competent to act, and the Lodge was to be guided by its decision on making their report. The raising of Bro. Calkin was postponed, and Bro. Wells (late 52) was proposed as a joining member.

February 11th. The joining member was elected, the report of the committee appointed at the last Lodge was ordered to be produced as soon as convenient, and it was again proposed that the two F.C.'s should be raised the next Lodge night, as well as Bros. Dyer and Booker, if in attendance.

25th February. After the Lodge was opened into the Second Degree, it was again proposed, that Bros. Calkin and Booker being in attendance, be raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason this evening, on their giving the usual proofs of their qualification. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree and they were raised in due form.

11th March. Thirteen members present, including the Tyler, Bro. Hindle, were raised.

25th March. A Petition for relief from the widow of a deceased member was deferred to another Lodge.

8th April. Bro. Parish was, on proposition duly made and seconded, passed to the Second Degree, and the consideration of the widow's petition again deferred. Bros. S.

Farrenden and W. Mustin, visitors, but the name or number of their Lodges is not given; the former was from Chichester, and probably the latter.

13th May. Mr. Hore, officer of the Privateer Cruiser, was proposed as a Candidate for initiation, and Bro. Taylor proposed, "That Mr. George Faulkner, who was duly balloted for as a Candidate for Masonry, on the 9th January, 1821, may now be initiated into the Society, which was seconded by Bro. Crees, whereupon it was ordered to be taken into consideration at the next Lodge night."

"The petition of the widow was again deferred on account of the lateness of the hour." This appears to have been the mode often adopted to shelve a proposition brought before the Lodge, but what they really did to take up their time seems a mystery.

10th June. According to the list of members present at this meeting it shows that Bro. Smart was the Junior Warden, for at all the previous meetings some member had temporarily filled that office. After the minutes were confirmed the proceedings of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, dated 6th March last, were read, and this appears to have been a general custom.

Mr. William Hore was elected, and then the case of Mr. Faulkner was gone into, and it states that he was restrained from appearing in due time to be initiated, in consequence of being prejudiced against the Society by Bro. G. D.—; whereupon it was proposed and seconded, that "Bro. D.—be summoned to attend the next regular Lodge to answer the accusation, and to show cause why the Lodge should not inflict some punishment for such improper conduct," and the ballot for Mr. Faulkner was again postponed. The case of the widow was again discussed, and several brethren stated that she was not in such distressed circumstances as was represented; it was resolved not to

relieve her any more from the funds of the Lodge. It was also proposed and seconded "That the ensuing Festival of St. John be celebrated by a Dinner, to be on the table precisely at half-past four o'clock, and that summonses be sent to all absent Members to assemble at 4 o'clock," to which the Lodge unanimously agreed. Bro. Edward Wills was proposed and seconded as a joining member; there is no entry of his election, though his name afterwards appears as a Member.

24th June, being St. John's Day. There were twelve members present, besides the Tyler and two visitors, Bros. Wm. Mustin, and S. Farrenden. This being the day for the election of the W.M. for the year ensuing, two candidates were proposed, viz., Bro. Wilson and Bro. Crees, and so they proceeded to ballot, and the result was the former polled nine and the latter five votes; it is evident that the two visitors were allowed to vote, a very irregular proceeding. Bro. Wilson was declared duly elected by a majority of four, after which the Brethren sat down to a substantial dinner and spent the remainder of the day in "harmony, hilarity, and social mirth;" at a late hour the Lodge was closed in due form.

8th July. The W.M. elect assumed the duties of his office,—already a P.M.—and communicated to the Brethren present that he had appointed the following to be his officers: Bros. T. Crees, S.W.; Wm. Calkin, J.W.; T. Farrenden, S.D.; C. C. Cole, J.D.; J. Hersee, I.G.; W. Harmer, Steward; J. Finch, O.G.; E. Lee, P.M.. Secretary; the latter was also elected Treasurer.

12th August. At this meeting there was a good attendance, thirteen in all. Wm. Hore was initiated. As Bro. D.—did not attend to answer the charge of prejudicing a candidate against the Society, it was resolved "That Bro. D.—be again summoned to attend the next Lodge to answer the accusation, and to show cause why the Lodge should

not inflict some punishment for such improper conduct ;” and at the next Lodge, on the 9th September, it was resolved that Mr. Faulkner having allowed twelve months to elapse without stating any reason for not attending, he could not be initiated without a fresh proposition. Bro. D.—did not answer to the second summons, or forward any reason why he did not attend ; it was unanimously resolved “ That he be summoned to show cause at the next regular Lodge why he should not for his contumacy be excluded the Society.” Bro. Stephen Farrenden was again a visitor.

At the next meeting, on the 14th October, Bro. D.—attended and stated what had passed between him and Mr. F., viz., “ that he had told Mr. F. masonry would be of no good to him, and that if he, D.—, had not been a mason he never would be one.” The former probably never was one, and the information he received from D.—his friend we think, might be given sometimes with advantage in the present day ; the reasons given by the offending brother for his not answering the summons before, not being considered satisfactory, it was agreed to consider the business at the next regular Lodge ; the meetings were now twice in the month.

October 28th. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. Seller, and unanimously agreed to, “ That Bro. D.—’s name be erased from the books of the Society.” So we hear no more of this case, and in all probability the offender did not feel hurt at the sentence, or he would have appealed against it, there being no Bye-Law authorizing them to act thus. The W.M. read a petition from a member of the “ St. George’s ” Lodge, No. 534,* North Shields, and stated that from the distressing position of the Brother, he had relieved him to the amount of one pound, and it was ordered that the Treasurer repay the same out of the funds of the Lodge.

* Constituted 1792, No. 497 (Moderns), erased in or before 1863.

11th November. After the minutes were confirmed, "The Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, when, on the proposition of Bro. Sellers, F.M., duly seconded by Bro. Hersee, it was unanimously agreed to reward Bro. H. Seller, who had previously given the necessary proofs of his qualification, with the Degree of a P.M. of A. and S." Bro. Calkin having proved himself duly qualified to be rewarded in Masonry, it was on the proposition of Bro. Lee, seconded by Bro. Seller, "also unanimously agreed to reward him with the same degree." The Lodge was then regularly opened in the Past Masters' Degree, when Bros. H. Seller and Calkin were severally advanced to the degree of P.M. of A. and S.

As other irregularities subsequently appear to have taken place, we will allude to this subject further on. At the next meeting, on the 25th November, there was no business, except reading an appeal from the Brethren in Committee at Liverpool, respecting a recent resolution in Grand Lodge.

At the next meeting, on the th December, Bro. J. Dicker, of No. 166,* Portsmouth, was present and a vote of thanks was tendered to him for his present to the Lodge of a set of Hiram's, and it was decided not to celebrate the coming Festival of St. John; Mr. E. C. Pettybridge, an Excise Officer, residing at Lavant was proposed, and at the meeting on 23rd December he was elected; a prospectus from Bro. W. Wright, of the "Lodge of Virtue,"† No. 311, Bath, was read respecting the issue of a portrait of the Rev. S. J. Tufnell, D.P.G.M. for Sussex, and the Lodge subscribed for three copies; Bro. Dyer was raised, and the advancement of Bro. Parish to the same degree deferred to a future Lodge.

* Twelve Brothers Lodge 138 (Ancients), constituted 1808, erased in or before 1832.

† Constituted 1769, No. 246 (Moderns) erased in or before 1832.

On the 13th January, 1823, three visitors were present, viz., Bro. W. Penn, "Lodge of Harmony," No. 35, Bro. W. Wright, "Lodge of Virtue," No. 311, and Bro. George Biddle, probably the same as was initiated in 1809; the candidate was initiated and Bro. Hore passed.

On February 10th Bro. Parish was raised, and on the 24th of the same month another protest from the members of No. 31, Liverpool, was read. The Lodge was not opened in March or April in consequence of there not being sufficient members present for the two meetings in March; and in April in consequence of the lateness of the hour at which the Brethren assembled.

At the meeting on May 12th, there were only six present, a communication from Grand Lodge was read, transmitting the Resolution of the Grand Lodge on March 5th, expelling twenty-six individuals from the order; these were the refractory members of the Lodge at Liverpool, No. 31, which was expunged from the roll, and so ended the disturbance which had been carried on from the year 1818;* this was the meeting at which it was to be decided whether the Festival of St. John should be held, but owing to there being so few members present, the subject was deferred till the next Lodge; the names of two members were excluded from the list, one being unable to pay his arrears, the other because his residence was unknown, the resignation of Bro. Rice was accepted, and the annual return to Grand Lodge for the year ending 25th March was signed by the proper officers.

At the next meeting, on the 9th June, it was decided to celebrate the Festival of St. John with a Dinner, and

* Some of the brethren excluded belonged to the "Lodge of Sincerity," No. 486, Wigan, Lancashire, which was erased in 1828; strange to say this Lodge still exists as an independent one, holding its meetings regularly at the "King's Head," on the Monday nearest the Full Moon: it has about fifty members who form a Sick and Benefit Society with ample funds at their disposal; there is also attached to it a Royal Arch Chapter, and a Knights Templar Encampment.

vide "History of Masonry in Wigan," by Bro. J. Brown.

summonses were to be sent to all absent members for them to assemble at four o'clock.

On the 24th June, being the Annual Festival, there were present the following Brethren: Bros. J. Wilson, W.M., Blanch, Seller, Lee, P.M.'s, Crees, S.W., Calkin, J.W., Farrenden, S.D., Cole, J.D., Hersee, I.G., Harmer, Booker, Parish, and Mills, Sen., and Bro. Penn of the "Harmony Lodge," Chichester, visitor. Bro. Wilson was proposed and seconded to continue in the chair, it was accordingly agreed to, and he was declared duly elected, after which the brethren adjourned to dinner.

The Lodge was not opened in July there being only four brethren in attendance, but at the next meeting on the eleventh of August, the summons from the Provincial Grand Secretary requesting the attendance of the Master and Wardens at a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held at Brighton, on the twenty-fourth of July, was read. "The W.M. having stated that the officers had, in obedience to the above summons, attended the P.G.L. at Brighton, proposed that the sum of Three pounds fifteen shillings, being twenty-five shillings to each officer, should be allowed out of the funds of the Lodge, towards defraying their expenses on that occasion, which, being seconded by Bro. Seller, was unanimously agreed to." It was also agreed to subscribe one guinea annually to the Boys' School; and the W.M. appointed the following brethren as officers for the year: Calkin, S.W., Farrenden, J.W., Cole, S.D., Burberry, J.D., Hersee, I. G., Harmer, Steward, and Lee, Secretary, (the latter was elected Treasurer) and Finch, Tyler. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Lee for his services in the past year; on the 8th September, Bro. S. Farrenden was again a visitor, and Mr. Leggett, who was proposed at the last Lodge, was elected a candidate.

The next minute of importance is recorded under the date of November 24th, conveying the intelligence that the

“Royal York” Lodge, No. 587, Brighton, had been restored to its position on the roll. The Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and then in the fourth degree, and three brethren were proposed and seconded to be rewarded with the fifth degree; and at the next Lodge, 8th December, after the minutes were confirmed, and a proposition had been made and seconded respecting Mr. Leggett, “who is still absent from this part of the county,” deferring his initiation until the next regular Lodge—this was done in consequence of his not having presented himself within the time specified in the Bye-Laws—the following entry appears. “They then opened at once into the fourth degree, when Bro. Crees proposed that Bro. Cole be rewarded with the degree of a P.M. of A. and S., which being seconded by Bro. Seller, was agreed to unanimously, and Bro. Cole was accordingly rewarded with the degree of a P.M. of A. and S. in due form. Bro. Crees also proposed that Bro. Cole be honored with the Excellent Degree this evening, which being seconded by Bro. Seller was unanimously agreed to.” “The Lodge having opened into the fifth degree, Bros. Calkin, Harmer, Farrenden, and Cole, were respectively honored with the Excellent Degree in due form.” “The Lodge then opened into the Super-Excellent Degree, when on proposition duly made and seconded, Bros. Finch, Calkin, Farrenden, Harmer, and Cole, were respectively admitted members of the Order in due form.”

“All business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form.”

We are here at a loss to ascertain under what constitution they obtained their Royal Arch Warrant, if they ever had one, as these three degrees were probably preliminary to Exaltation; but of the latter we do not find any mention throughout the minutes: anyhow, such proceedings were irregular in a Craft Lodge, according to the Articles of Union in 1813, when the P.M.’s degree, or the ceremony of

passing the chair, was dispensed with as a qualification to the order of the Royal Arch, though there is little doubt that similar irregularities were practised in other Lodges for several years afterwards. It was fortunate for the members that such proceedings were unknown to Grand Lodge, or in all probability they would have been "honored" and "rewarded" with suspension, which would have closed their Lodge in a formal manner for a period.

On December 22nd, Mr. Leggett was again excused, the Lodge opened into the second degree, and Bros. Dyer and Wheeler were proposed and seconded to be rewarded with the degree of a P.M. of A. and S. the first convenient Lodge night.

On January 12th, 1824, the following visitors were present, all of the "Harmony Lodge," Chichester, viz.—Bros. Farrenden, Penn, and Smith, and Mr. Leggett was initiated. Nothing of importance transpired till the meeting on the 8th March, when two members were struck off the list for being in arrears. Mr. Charles Marthew was proposed as a candidate, and Bro. Hind, "who is about to leave this part of the country," was unanimously made an honorary member of the Lodge; and on the 22nd March, Bros. Farrenden and Smith were again visitors, and the candidate proposed at the last Lodge was elected and initiated.

On the 12th April, a communication was read from Bro. Smart, requesting a certificate to enable him to join the Worthing Lodge, this was the "Royal Sussex" Lodge, No. 721, constituted in 1820.

On the 27th of the same month, a Lodge of Emergency was convened for the purpose of passing Bro. Leggett.

On the 14th of June, Mr. George Verrall, of Worthing, was proposed for initiation, and it was decided to hold the annual Festival on St. John's Day. On this day Mr. Verrall was ballotted for and elected; he was only proposed

ten days previously; this act was in opposition to the spirit of the constitutions, as it was not done at a regular Lodge. The candidate was in attendance and was initiated. Bro. E. Lee, P.M., was elected W. Master for the ensuing year, and after the dinner the Lodge was at a late hour closed; there was no Lodge held in July, but at the meeting in August, Bro. Marthew was passed and the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Wilson and Finch having been elected Treasurer and Tyler, T. Farrenden, S.W., Cole, J.W., Crees, S.D., Burberry, J.D., Hersee, I.G., Harmer, Steward, Wilson, Secretary, and Calkin, Organist.

On the 13th September, the W.M. installed his officers, to each of whom he delivered a charge, after which he rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Farrenden was a visitor at this meeting, as well as at the second Lodge in October, and the first in November; we suppose this brother had some business at Arundel, for it was a long distance for him to come, though he was known to be a zealous and energetic mason: at this latter meeting on the 8th of the month, Bro. Marthew was raised, and then at the three next meetings the Lodge was not opened.

On January 10th, 1825, Bro. Leggett was raised, and Bro. the Rev. E. Cartwright, Prov. Grand Chaplain, was proposed as a joining member; this brother edited the posthumous works of the Rev. Jas. Dallaway; and on the 14th February, he was unanimously elected, at which meeting Mr. Wimble was proposed, he being elected at the meeting on the 14th March. A petition was read from one of the members praying for relief, and he was voted five pounds; Bro. J. Byass was proposed as a joining member; and the meeting expressed their approval of the purchase of an engraving of His Grace the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Prov. Grand Master.

On March 28th, Bro. Byass was elected, and Bro. Marthew was proposed to be rewarded with the degree of

a P.M. of A. and S, the first convenient Lodge night, on his giving the necessary proofs of his qualification.

On the 9th May, Mr. Wimble was initiated.

The Festival of St. John was celebrated on the 24th June, there being twelve members present, and Bro. Wilson was again elected W. Master for the ensuing year; he was not invested until August 8th, when he took his place as W.M., and on the 12th of September, Bro. Wimble was passed.

On the 16th October, there was a good muster of the brethren, namely ten, and the W.M. appointed his officers, Bros. Lee and Finch being elected as Treasurer and Tyler: they were T. Farrenden, S.W., C. C. Cole, J.W., E. Lee, P.M., Secretary, T. Crees, S.D., D. Dyer, J.D., J. Hersee, I.G., and W. Calkin, Organist.

For the next three meetings the Lodge was not opened, there being no names entered for the first two; the only business at the Lodge on the 12th December was a resolution not to celebrate the Festival of St. John.

The Lodge was not again opened till the 23rd January, 1826, neither did it open on the 13th February, but on the 27th of the same month the Lodge subscribed for one copy of Illustrations of Masonry, by Dr. Oliver, some of the members also subscribing; Bro. Wimble was raised in March; in April the Lodge was opened and closed, but in May and June it was not, and, consequently, no arrangement was made for celebrating the Annual Festival, though the Brethren assembled on the 24th June to the number of seven, again re-elected Bro. Wilson as W.M. and afterwards adjourned to dinner.

The Lodge was not opened in July and August, so the officers were not appointed until September, when they were invested as follows: Bros. Cole, S.W., Wimble, J.W., Dyer, S.D., Wheeler, J.D., Hersee, I.G., E. Lee, P.M. Secretary and Treasurer, and Finch, Tyler.

On the 9th October, a letter was read from Bro. Hinton, stating that the Prov. G.M. had appointed him Prov. G. Secretary, and that all communications were to be forwarded to him or to the D.P.G.M., and it was proposed that Bro. Wimble be rewarded with the degree of a P.M. of A. and S. the first convenient Lodge night.

At the next four meetings nothing appears to have been done but simply to confirm the minutes ; the Lodge did not meet on the fourth Monday in December as it fell on the 25th, Christmas Day.

At the second meeting afterwards, on January 22nd, 1827, a letter was read from the Lodge at Lewes, dated January 1st, but it does not state to what it referred.* The Lodge was not opened for the second meeting in February ; and at the first meeting in the next month, "Mr. Edward Burton, Manager of the Theatre of this Town," was proposed as a candidate, and Bro. Wilkinson, of the "Lodge of Felicity," No. 75,† was present as a visitor ; and at the next Lodge on the 26th of the same month, the following visitors from the "Royal Sussex" Lodge, 720, Worthing, were present, viz., Bros. Sarsons, W.M., MacWherter, S.W., Anderson and Mackinock, probably in honor of Mr. Burton who was unanimously elected and initiated at this meeting ; this is the last entry in the first Minute Book, and it is written on the inside of the cover.

The next meeting, on the 9th April, is recorded in the Second Minute Book, and the only business done was confirming the minutes.

On the 3rd May the Lodge was "Convened upon Emergency," the Lodge was not opened, but the W.M. informed the brethren present "That he convened the

* This letter referred to charges which had been made against Bro. Harry Winton, P.M., "South Saxon Lodge," and which had been investigated and disproved.

† This Lodge still exists as No. 58, meeting at the "Ship and Turtle," Leadenhall Street, London.

meeting for the purpose of informing them that the Provincial Grand Lodge was to be held at Horsham on the 9th inst., and it was agreed that, provided six members of the Lodge attended the P.G. Lodge, the sum of five pounds should be allowed out of the Funds of the Society, and if a less number, then the sum of four pounds:" the Lodge was not opened on the 14th May, but on the 11th June the W.M. stated that he had attended the P.G. Lodge, accompanied by Bros. Cole and Crees, and he gave an account of the proceedings of the day which is not entered on the minutes: it was also resolved at this meeting to commemorate the "Annual Festival" on the 24th June, when Bro. Crees was unanimously elected W.M., and the sum of Three pounds was voted towards the expenses of the dinner: on the 9th July, Bro. Crees was installed as W.M., and at the next meeting on the 15th August, he appointed the following brethren to the various offices, Bros. Wimble, S.W., Cole, J.W., Dyer, S.D., Wheeler, J.D., Hersee, I.G., Byas, Steward, and Lee, Secretary. Bro. Wilson was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Finch, Tyler.

On the 8th October a letter from the P.G. Secretary was read, stating that "Bro. Atree, of Brighton, had been appointed D.P.G. Supt. of Royal Arch Masonry."

For several meetings there is nothing of any importance recorded, there being no work, so the minutes were simply confirmed, the Lodge being sometimes opened in the Second Degree.

On January 14th, 1828, a prospectus of the "History of Initiation," by Bro. Dr. Oliver, was laid before the meeting, and it was resolved that the "Lodge should subscribe for one copy," and the names of four of the members present were down for one copy each, but, on turning to the list of subscribers to the first edition of this interesting work, published in 1829, we find the Lodge is down for two copies, and seven of the members are down

for nine copies, and that Bro. Wilson is styled Past Prov. Grand Senior Warden ; strange to say we only find one other Sussex Lodge subscribing, the "Wellington" at Rye, and no individual members of any of the other Lodges in the Province.

On the 11th February it was decided "to pay the Landlord one shilling for firing and candles," so it appears that the Lodge had previously not been charged for the use of the room at Bro. Hersee's establishment ; on the 24th March two visitors were present, Bro. Randell of the "Amity" Lodge, No. 229, now 137, Poole, and Bro. Mason of the "British" Lodge, Cape of Good Hope, No. 637, now 334 : Mr. Lowry was proposed, and on the 14th April he was elected a candidate ; two visitors were present, viz., Bros. Martin and Sevatriidge, but it does not state to what Lodge or Lodges they belonged. On the 12th May, it was unanimously ordered that "the Candlesticks and other Decorations be new gilt and lacquered, and that the three Pedestals be painted in imitation of marble ;" it was also resolved to commemorate the ensuing Festival of St. John by a Dinner to be provided for twelve members certain, and that three pounds be appropriated towards the expenses out of the Funds of the Lodge, and Mr. Lowry being in attendance was duly initiated.

On the 9th June, Bro. George Augustus Coombes was proposed as a joining member, and it was unanimously resolved to postpone the celebration of the, "Festival of St. John the Baptist" till Thursday, the 24th July, owing to several of the Brethren being unavoidably prevented from being present on the 24th instant.

On the 14th July, Bro. Coombes was elected a member, and Bro. Wimble was elected W. Master for the year ensuing.

On the 24th July the Lodge "was convened to celebrate the Festival of St. John by a dinner," eight

members besides the Tyler were present, and Bros. Randell and Sevatriidge visitors. "The Lodge did not open, but about half-past four o'clock the Brethren sat down to an excellent dinner, and spent the remainder of the day in Harmony and Social Mirth:" and on the 11th August, Bro. Sevatriidge, Custom Tide Surveyor of Littlehampton, was proposed as a joining member: he was unanimously elected on the 13th October, the Lodge not being opened in September.

On the 10th November, Bro. Wilson, P.M. as W.M., Bro. Lowry was passed to the second degree: the Lodge was not opened till the 8th December, when a letter was read from the Lymington Lodge, the "New Forest" Lodge, now numbered 319, "touching the good behaviour of Bro. Sevatriidge who lately belonged to that Lodge," and Bro. Wimble was installed W.M.: at the next meeting, on the 22nd of the same month, he appointed the following brethren as his officers, viz., Bros. the Rev. — Cartwright, S.W., Cole, J.W., Dyer, S.D., Wheeler, J.D., Lee, Secretary, and Crees, Steward; and Bros. Wilson and Finch were elected as Treasurer and Tyler, all the brethren appointed to office were not present, but the W.M. desired their presence at the next regular Lodge to install them: he, however, did not attend the three next meetings, and the Lodge was not again opened till the 23rd February, 1829, when "the minutes were confirmed," and it was then closed.

On the 9th March, "it was resolved on a motion duly made and seconded, that the Treasurer do lay a statement of the Lodge Accounts before the brethren on the next regular night of meeting."

The Lodge was not opened on the two next regular nights of meeting, but, on the 27th April, an Emergency meeting was held "to consider the future place for holding the Lodge, in consequence of Bro. Hersee, the Landlord, being about to give up the house in which they were

assembled," and it was unanimously resolved that the W.M. make arrangements with Mr. Hood, the Landlord of the "Norfolk Arms" Inn.

On the first Lodge at their new place of meeting, on the 11th May, ten members were present; this is more than had attended for some time, and the W.M. informed the brethren that, subject to the sanction of the Lodge, he had agreed to pay Mr. Hood "two shillings and six-pence" for the use of his room on each night of meeting, which was agreed to, and it was decided to celebrate the Annual Festival.

The Lodge was not opened on the 8th June: on the 24th, twelve members were present and one visitor, Bro. Tamplin, of Brighton; a letter was read from Bro. W. Raper, of Chichester, intimating that the Prov. Grand Master had appointed him Prov. Grand Secretary in the place of Bro. Hinton, and requesting that all communications be forwarded to him in consequence of the resignation of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. S. J. Tufnell. Bro. Wilson was again elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the brethren adjourned for dinner, the Lodge being closed at 10 p.m. From this date the attendance of Bro. Wilson, who was present with few exceptions till within this last year, begins to fall off.

The Lodge was not opened in July, but in August he was present and after the Lodge was opened in the second degree, it was proposed and seconded—"that Bro. Lowry be this evening raised to the sublime degree of a M.M.," which was accordingly carried out.

In September the Lodge was not opened, but at the first meeting in October the minutes were confirmed, and the transactions of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge were read, which was very seldom omitted to be done when they were received. The minutes were confirmed on the 26th inst., and again on the 9th November.

The Lodge was not opened on the next two regular nights of meeting, and on the 28th December, the minutes were confirmed, the report of the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was read, and the Lodge adjourned till the second Monday in March next, emergency excepted.

The W.M. had only attended once since his election, no officers had been appointed, the attendance of the members had decreased, and evident signs of decay had set in, owing, no doubt, to continually electing a Past Master to the chair, and also to the laxity of the members in not enforcing the Bye-Laws, or we should not have heard of the resolution requesting the Treasurer to lay before the Lodge a statement of the accounts, for, according to Clause 6, under the head of "Treasurer," his accounts should have been examined and passed four times in every year: there is nothing in our opinion which will bring about dissatisfaction in a Lodge sooner than the omission to lay before the members a regular financial statement of its position, and this omission combined with a monopoly of the chair is sure to result in a disaster. A W.M. is requested to impart instruction to his subordinates, and surely any P.M. who has the welfare of his Lodge at heart would take care not to be flattered too often by being considered the only one in the Lodge capable of discharging the duties of W.M., but would find some members who could with some slight assistance manage to discharge those duties.

On the 8th March, 1830, there was no business but the reading of the Grand Lodge report of the previous December, and the meeting adjourned till the second Monday in May, when the Lodge was not opened; there were present Bros. Lee, P.M., Crees, P.M., Cole, Hersee, and Finch, Tyler, and we find these to have been the most regular attendants from the commencement of the minutes, but after this date the name of Bro. Lee disappears.

The next meeting was not till the 21st September, 1831, an interval of sixteen months; Bro. Wilson was the

W.M., and Bros. Blanch, Seller, Crees, and Wimble, Past Masters, and four other members ; there was no mention of its being an emergency meeting : if it was not, its proceedings were most irregular ; two candidates, Messrs. Viney and Miller, were proposed and balloted for, and Bro. Pearse was proposed as a subscribing member, to be balloted for that evening " as he is so well known," the three candidates were all unanimously approved.

The next meeting was on the 28th of the same month, when the two candidates proposed and elected at the last Lodge were initiated, and another candidate was proposed. The brethren did not assemble again till the 21st November ; we think that an influx of candidates of the locality should have induced a more regular assembly of the Lodge, but such was not the case, for the next two years the meetings were at long intervals, and evidently show a want of zeal on the part of the W. Master : at this last meeting there were twelve members present besides the Tyler, and Mr. Minister was balloted for and initiated.

They did not meet again till the sixth of February, 1832, when it was proposed that the three recently initiated brethren should be passed at the next Lodge, which was on the 20th of the same month, when they were all three passed to the second degree : they met again in April when it was proposed that the three Fellow Crafts who were present should be raised to the third degree the next Lodge night. This, after an interval of five months, was held on the 17th September, when Mr. Brewer was proposed, and there appears to have been an attempt to return to their regular bi-monthly meetings, as it was resolved " that the Lodge shall meet on that day fortnight for the purpose of raising the three candidates for the third degree," and summonses were to be sent to all absent brethren ; so the Lodge was held on the 8th of October, when Bro. Brewer was elected, and the three brethren raised. There is no

record of the candidate being initiated, this is an omission on the part of the Secretary, for at the next meeting, on the 12th November, it was resolved that Bro. Brewer be passed to the second degree the next Lodge night ; however, he was not present, so there was nothing done but reading and confirming the minutes.

At the next meeting, on the 10th December, Bro. George Augustus Coombes, late of the "Plato" Lodge, Cambridge,* was proposed as a joining member; Bro. Brewer was present, but there is no entry of his receiving the second degree; he probably however was passed, for at the Lodge on the 28th January, 1833, it was resolved that he be raised the next Lodge night. The number of the Lodge is now given as 64. Up to the end of the previous year the minutes had been written by only two hands, viz., Bros. Lee and Wilson: the former's name had not appeared as being present since May, 1830; the records from then till now being written by Bro. Wilson, who still sat as W.M., though there is no mention of his re-election, neither had any officers been appointed. At the aforementioned meeting there were six members present, whose names were initialed as filling the different offices, and from this time till the end of the records in 1838, some three or four scribes appear to have taken a part. There is no entry of Bro. Coombes having been balloted for, and at the next meeting, on the 25th February, Bro. Wilson was present and "gave lectures in each degree."

The next meeting was on the 8th April, when it appears that Bro. Brewer had been raised at one of the previous Lodges, for on the proposition of Bro. Crees, the Lodge was opened in the fourth or P.M.'s degree, and "Bros. Parish, Miller, Sevtridge, Viney, and Brewer were

* Constituted by the "Moderns" in 1793, as the "New Cambridge" Lodge, No. 515, Cambridge, subsequently changed to "School of Plato," and erased in 1859.

installed P.M.'s of A. and S., and passed the chair in ancient form," and Bro. Wimble proposed "Bro. Hill of the 'South Saxon Lodge' as P.M. of A. and S. on some future occasion" which was agreed to.

After an interval of five months the Lodge met on the 9th September, and Bro. Hill was present as a visitor, but there is no mention of any ceremony being carried out. Bro. Wilson was present and promised to make the necessary returns of the brethren to the Grand Lodge.

They assembled again on the 13th January, 1834, and Bro. Coombes was present for the first time, and acted as Secretary, pro. tem. A Mr. Smith was proposed as a candidate. They met again on 10th February, Bro. Coombes acting as Treasurer and Secretary, and the candidate, was initiated. Then again on the 16th of the same month, but it is not stated for what purpose; it was proposed seconded, and agreed to, that Bro. Smith be passed to the second degree at the next Lodge, on his giving the necessary proof; and "he was tried and found to have attained such a proficiency in the Craft that his claim was unanimously admitted." The next proposition probably gives the reason for this meeting; it was "that the Lodge be removed to another place, unless the inconvenience to which the Lodge for some time had been subjected be remedied." However, we hear no more of this complaint, and we are under the impression that the decline of the Lodge rested with the members themselves.

They do not meet again till May, when Bro. Smith was passed, and Bro. Crees suggested that the Grand Lodge be informed of the Lodge having changed its place of meeting; they had met at the "Norfolk Arms" for over five years, and it was probably owing to communications being still addressed to the "Wheat Sheaf," that it occurred to Bro. Crees that the same had not been done; then follows an interval of four months till September, when ten

members were present, and Bro. Smith was raised to the third degree.

Then comes a longer interval, for they do not meet till the sixth of April, 1835; this could not have been a regular night of meeting for it was the first Monday in that month; nine members were present, and Bro. Wilson proposed "Bro. Coombes as W.M. for the ensuing year, which being seconded by Bro. Crees, he was elected by acclamation, to be installed on the next Lodge night with his officers." They met again on the eleventh of May, there were only three members besides the Tyler present, and Mr. R. Blake Duke was proposed as a candidate. The meetings appear to have been very irregular, for the next is on the 18th of the same month, when Mr. Duke was unanimously approved. Bro. Coombes was present as W.M., but nothing is mentioned of his having been installed.

On the 15th June—this must have been the third Monday in the month—Mr. Duke was initiated, there being nine members present and one visitor, Bro. Butler; it was also resolved that the Festival of St. John be celebrated, which took place on that day. The W.M. was present and six others, and this is the last time they held their Annual Festival.

Their next meeting was on the regular day, viz., July 15th, when, "on a proposition duly made and seconded, it was unanimously ordered, that the Treasurer do lay a statement of the Funds of the Lodge before the Brethren on Monday next, the 20th inst.; and it was also ordered that the Secretary do apply to Bro. Wilson for the proper form and method of applying to the Grand Lodge for certificates;" at this meeting we for the first time hear of the penalty being imposed upon absentees, and we are inclined to think that the Bye-Law respecting the same had never been enforced, though the wording of the minute tends to convey the contrary, viz., "Bros. Wilson, Calkin,

and Minister, were amerced in the customary fines for non-attendance," and the first section of the first degree was worked; this is also the first mention of working the sections, and we believe that to Bro. Smith must be given the credit of setting so good an example.

At the next meeting, on the tenth of August, Bros. Coombes, W.M., Wilson, Calkin, and Minister were fined for being absent. They met again on the fourth Monday in September, and Bro. Duke was passed.

Their next meeting was on November the ninth, when Bro. Smith, the Senior Warden, acted as Master, and the first and second sections of the first degree were worked; at the meeting in December, Bro. Duke was raised, the W. Master being present and acting as P.M., and this being the last time his name appears on the records. Bro. Wilson filled the chair probably for the purpose of conducting the ceremony of the third degree; they do not assemble again till March, 1836, but the Lodge was not opened, and the entry of the names of the two or three members present is given with the same result for every month up till October, when Bro. Wilson, who had not attended since March, acted as W. Master; six other members were present and two visitors, Bro. John William Bake, of the "Lodge of Fortitude," No. 170,* Plymouth, and Bro. John Hoyland, No. 87†; the only work done was "the W. Master exercises the brethren in the first and second sections of the first degree," and "Bro. Crees was instructed to provide candles for the Lodge;" this looks as if they intended to continue their meetings, but on 14th November there were only two members and the Tyler present, so the Lodge was not opened; in the next month the Lodge completed its existence of "one hundred years," but centenary commemora-

* This Lodge was then No. 122, now 105.

† It is difficult to identify this Lodge as the name is not given, most likely the "Mount Lebanon," No. 73, London, or "Fortitude," Manchester, now No. 64.

tions were not then considered of much importance, and the celebration of the same was left as in many other instances to be carried out by a later generation.

For two years the members did not assemble, probably owing to some petty jealousies which would very likely arise in a Lodge where one or two had possessed full authority for several years, and expected the same to continue; especially when one or two young Masons, and perhaps over zealous ones, dared to put in force those rules and regulations which had so long been neglected.

The next meeting was on October the tenth, 1838, and as this was on a Wednesday it was probably called for the purpose of proposing a candidate, viz., Mr. C. H. Bennetts, of Worthing, and "that he be balloted for on Thursday evening, the first of November next;" they accordingly met on that day and there were present Bros. Wilson, P.M., as W.M., Smith, S.W., Duke, J.W., Crees, I.G., and Finch, Tyler; the candidate was elected and initiated.

Then comes a long slumber of more than 20 years, this last entry being confirmed on July 19th, 1859, and being signed by J. Wilson, W.M.; but, before entering on the particulars of the resuscitation of the Lodge, it will, we think, be interesting to add the names of those brethren who had been members of the Lodge since its removal from London in 1789, as many of them will be easily identified as old residents of the Town of Arundel and the neighbouring parishes of West Sussex.

LIST OF MEMBERS of the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love" from 1789 to 1838: those who have the word "admitted" written against their names in the Register Book appear to be joining members.

James Holmes Goble	...	...	1789
Thomas Bull	...	...	"
Charles Lane	...	...	"
James Byass	...	...	"

James Holmes	...	...	1789
James Elliott	...	...	"
Robert Horn	...	...	1790
Sir George Thomas, Bart.		...	"
Inigo Freeman Thomas	...	...	"
George Dehang	...	...	"
Jno. Weller	...	...	"
Thomas Towers	...	...	"
Wm. Perkins	...	...	"
Jno. Kitchener	...	...	"
Jos. Gregson	...	...	"
Thos. Till	...	...	"
Robert Burfield	...	...	1791
Jno. Langrish	...	...	"
Robt. Budd	...	not dated	
Harvey Byass	..	"	
Jos. Hinde	...	...	1794
Jno. Tuersley	...	...	"
Jno. Hills	...	...	1798
S. Bennett	...	...	"
Wm. Robinson	...	...	"
Thomas Foster (admitted)		...	"
Leslie Phillips	...	...	1799
Wm. Clarke	...	...	"
Robert Knowles	...	...	"
Jos. Ritson	...	...	"
Jonth. Ritson	...	...	"
Thos. Crees	...	...	1800
Jno. Potter	...	...	"
Wm. Puttock	...	...	"
Wm. Miles (admitted)	...	...	"
Jno. Blanch	...	...	"
Hy. Overington	...	...	"
Geo. Mant	...	...	"
Geo. Heather	...	...	"

Jno. Crowther	...	...	1800
Jas. Grant	...	...	"
Peter Lane	...	...	"
Chas. Christmas	...	...	"
Thos. Jutton	...	...	"
James Mannings	...	...	"
J. B. Mant	...	...	"
Jno. Everett (admitted)	...	...	"
Jno. Jackson	...	...	"
Jno. Downer	...	...	1801
Andrew Forest	...	...	"
Wm. Allen	...	...	"
Jos. Smith	...	...	"
Robert Watkins	...	...	"
Geo. Rose	...	...	"
Jas. Teasdale	...	...	"
Thos. Burberry	...	...	"
Thos. Deadman	...	...	"
Jos. Graysdale	...	...	"
Jas. Scott	...	...	1802
Jas. Williams	...	...	"
Geo. Deadman	...	...	"
Jno. Brown	...	...	"
Richd. Lillywhite	...	...	"
Geo. Glossop	...	...	"
Wm. Woods	...	...	"
Jno. Hersee	...	...	"
Richd. Triggs	...	...	"
Wm. Thorne	...	...	"
Jos. Smart	...	...	"
Wm. Till	...	...	1803
Geo. Street	...	...	"
Fulwer Craven	...	...	"
Hy. Halstead	...	...	"
Wm. Twine	...	...	"

Saml. Winter	...	...	1803
Jas. Souter	...	...	"
Jno. Marshall (admitted)	...	...	1806
Jas. Warren	...	...	"
Jno. Keeping	...	...	1807
Rd. Elliott	...	...	1808
Jas. Seller (admitted)	...	...	1809
Wm. Davis	...	...	"
Rd. Bateman	...	...	"
Jas. Sickelmore	...	...	"
Geo. Biddle	...	...	"
Jos. Page (not registered)	...	...	"
S. C. Peckett	...	...	"
Jno. Wilson	...	...	"
Thos. Crowther	..	...	1810
Jos. White (admitted)	...	...	"
*Jno. Reynolds Rhoads (Oxford Militia)	...	...	"
Rev. Jno. Youatt	...	...	"
Thos. King	...	...	"
Rev. S. J. Tuffnell (admitted)	...	...	"
Jas. Florence	...	...	"
Stephen Stone	..	...	"
Samuel Stephens (admitted)	...	...	"
Rich. Dally	...	...	"
Jno. Pratt	...	...	"
Michl. Tillstone	...	...	1811
Jas. Rice (admitted)	...	...	1812
Wm. Fuller	...	...	1813
Geo. Downer	..	...	1815
Edwin Lee	...	...	1817
Joseph Smart	...	...	"
Jas. Johnson	...	...	"
Jno. Cranstone	...	...	1818

* This is the only member who was probably not a resident in the Province.

Wm. Best	...	...	1818
Chas. Cole	...	..	"
Wm. Bets	...	...	"
Jno. Finch	...	...	"
DI. Dyer	...	...	1819
Jno. Wheeler	...	...	"
Matthew Taylor	...	...	1820
Thos. Farrenden	...	...	"
Hayden Hindel	...	...	"
Hy. Seller	...	...	1821
Chas. Booker	...	...	"
Wm. Calkin	...	...	"
E. Wills (admitted	...	...	1822
— Parish (according to the Minute Book this brother was passed 8th April, having been probably initiated at the end of the previous year.)			
Edwd. Wills, Sen.	...	...	1822
Wm. Hore	...	...	"
E. C. Pettybridge	...	...	1823
Jas. Leggett	...	...	1824
Chas. Marthew	...	...	"
Geo. Verrall	...	...	"
Rev. E. Cartwright (joined)	...	...	1825
John Byass	...	...	"
John Wimble	...	...	"
Edw. Burton	...	...	1827
Chas. Lowry	...	...	1828
John Sevatriidge (joined)	...	...	"
Geo. Viney	...	...	1831
Rupert Miller	...	...	"
Robert Pearse (joined)	...	...	"
Jas. Minister	...	...	"
John Brewer	...	...	1832
G. A. Coombes (joined)	...	...	"
— Smith	...	...	1834

Robert Blake Duke	...	...	1835
Chas. Hy. Bennetts	...	...	1838

RESUSCITATION OF THE LODGE.

Transcript of Warrant of Confirmation.

ZETLAND, G. M.

TO all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

WE, Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland, Baron Dundas, of Aske in the County of York, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England,

Send Greeting.

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of Grand Lodge that a Warrant, bearing date 21st of December, 1736, was issued under the Seal of Masonry authorizing certain brethren therein named to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the "Black Dog" Inn, Castle Street, Seven Dials, in the parish of Saint Giles, in the County of Middlesex, and which Lodge was then No. 151. At the alteration of numbers in 1756 it became No. 136, at the alteration in 1770 it became No. 85, at the alteration in 1781 it became No. 71, and in the year 1789, the said Lodge removed to Arundel, in the County of Sussex. At the alteration in 1792 it became No. 55, and in consequence of the Union of the two Fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons on the 27th December, 1813, it became No. 72, and by the general alteration of numbers in 1832, it became and is still registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge, No. 64, and is

now held at the Town Hall, Arundel, in the County of Sussex, under the Title or Denomination of the No. 64. "HOWARD LODGE OF BROTHERLY LOVE."

AND WHEREAS the Brethren now composing the said Lodge have by their Memorial represented to us that their said Warrant has accidentally been destroyed, and have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation. NOW KNOW YE that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request, do hereby grant this OUR WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION unto our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Wilson, Octavius P. Hart, John Hemery, Gavin Elliott Pocock, Henry Verrall, John S. Farmer, John Fabian, Vincent P. Freeman, William Henry Chittenden, George Tatham, and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge, authorizing and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Arundel aforesaid, on the third Tuesday of every month, or at such times as to the Brethren thereof may appear necessary, and be regulated by their Bye-Laws in conformity with the General Laws of the Craft, and then and there when duly congregated to make, pass, and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. AND FURTHER, at the petition of the said Brethren, We do appoint the said John Wilson to be the Master, the said Octavius P. Hart to be the Senior Warden, and the said John Hemery to be the Junior Warden, for continuing to hold the said Lodge under this Warrant of Confirmation until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every Member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge, and who must previously have duly served as Warden in

a Warranted Lodge, shall be installed in Ancient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. AND WE DO REQUIRE you the said John Wilson to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform, and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. AND WE DO ENJOIN you to make such Bye-Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. AND WE DO REQUIRE you to cause all such Bye-Laws and Regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors, Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Fox Maule, Baron Paumure of Brechin and Navar, County Forfar, K.T., G.C.B., &c. &c. &c., OUR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, or to the Deputy Grand Master for the time being, at least once in every year a List of the Members in your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein, and Brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and monies payable thereon, it being our Will and intention that this Our Warrant of Confirmation shall continue in force as long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said John Wilson

are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of London, this 27th January, A.L., 5860, A.D. 1860.

By Command of the M. W. Grand Master,
PANMURE, D.G.M.

Wm. Grey Clarke, G.S.

Repeated applications from the Grand Lodge having been ignored, a peremptory demand dated Freemasons' Hall, July 9th, 1859, for the payment of dues to the Fund of Benevolence, and a summons to the next Quarterly Communication to show cause why the Lodge should not be erased from the Roll, appears to have awakened the dormant state of the surviving members, and on the nineteenth of the same month a Lodge was held at the "Norfolk Hotel," the three following brethren being the principal officers, viz., Bros. John Wilson, P.M., as W.M., Chas. C. Cole as S.W., Rupert Miller as J.W., and the following as visitors, to some of whom must be given the credit of the present existence of the Lodge, for without their valuable aid there could have been little hope of ever restoring it to a regular working state;—Bros. G. E. Pocock, the Provincial Grand Secretary, V. P. Freeman, the present P.G. Secretary, J. Fabian, 338, O. Hart, 466, John Downer, late 64, W. Verrall, 390, J. S. Farmer, 38 and 338: the W.M. having appointed them to fill the vacant offices, the minutes of the last Lodge held on November 1st, 1838, were read and confirmed; the letter from Grand Lodge was then read, and it showed that the last payment to the Fund of Benevolence was made in March, 1836, and the last name registered was that of Robert Blake Duke; it was thereupon "Resolved that the dues from that date to June

the thirteenth last be paid, which amounted to six pounds nineteen shillings and six-pence, for the three before mentioned brethren, and at the same time to express regret to the Board of General Purposes, that the same had been so long neglected." The petition of Bro. Downer to the Grand Lodge was then signed by the W. Master and Wardens ; ten brethren were proposed as joining members and the Lodge was closed. At an emergency meeting on the 2nd August, the ten brethren were elected, nine of them hailing from Brighton, and one residing in the town, viz., Bro. Octavius Hart, who was elected Treasurer ; Bro. Downer was elected Tyler.

At the regular meeting on the 22nd of this month, Bro. James Powell, of the " Union Lodge," Chichester, a member of the craft well known in Sussex and the south-eastern part of the neighbouring Province of Hampshire, was present as a visitor ; a letter having been sent to the W.M. requesting that the names of three brethren to be balloted for as joining members be placed on the summons for this Lodge was then read, and they were duly elected ; the death of Bro. Downer, the Tyler, was announced, at the age of 86 years ; a Committee was appointed to revise the Bye-Laws ; and the day of meeting altered to the fourth Friday. At the meeting in September, Bro. C. C. Cole was elected Tyler, and the first candidate since the revival of the Lodge was proposed ; and on the 28th October a candidate who had been proposed by letter was, with the former elected, and both of them were initiated by the W.M. : eleven visitors were present to do honor to the W.M., and the following Resolution was then made and carried :—“ That the brethren of the ‘ Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love,’ No. 64, desire to express the gratification with which they meet their Worshipful Master, Bro. John Wilson, on this day to celebrate his Masonic Jubilee, and they most cordially congratulate him on the satisfaction he

must feel in having witnessed the successful resuscitation of this his Mother Lodge, which from unavoidable circumstances, had been unable to meet for so many years :” by the old Register book it appears that Bro. Wilson was initiated on the 20th of October, 1809. At this meeting the following members were appointed to office and invested :— Bros. O. Hart, Treasurer, S.W., Hemery, J.W., G. E. Pocock, Secretary, Farmer, S.D., Freeman, J.D., Fabian, I.G. ; some candidates and joining members were proposed, and after business was over a banquet was held in honor of Bro. Wilson, at which Bro. Pocock presided, the following visitors being present : Bros. Taylor, Prov. G. Chaplain, J. H. Scott, Prov. S.G.D., the now much respected D.G.M. of the Province ; Smithers, Prov. G.D. of C., F. Crew, P.M., No. 1, Secretary of the Masonic School for Girls, Lowdell, P.M., 338, Dixon, J.W., 338, Elliott, J.W., 45, Geere, 338, Curtis and Martin, 394.

At the Lodge held in November the day of meeting was changed to the third Tuesday, and at the December meeting a vote of thanks was given to the W.M. for his presentation to the Lodge of a Silver Square and Compasses for the Master’s pedestal. On the 17th January, 1860, the following petition was forwarded to Grand Lodge :—“ To the Right Honourable the Earl of Zetland, Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England. Most Worshipful Grand Master, we, the undersigned, being regular registered Masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, and subscribing members of the ‘ Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love,’ (constituted in 1736) and being No. 64 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, beg to submit the following facts to your consideration.

“ It appears from our minute books that the Lodge which had been held in London was removed to Arundel

in 1789, and was then No. 51.* At the Union in 1814 it was No. 72, and in 1832, when the list of Lodges was revised, it was No. 64. That from unavoidable circumstances the Lodge did not meet from 1836 till July, 1859, when it was resuscitated, and the arrears of Quarterage paid to the Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge.

“ We have used every endeavour in our power to ascertain in whose possession the original Warrant of 1736 was last confided, and regret to say have failed in our endeavours to discover it, and we believe it to be lost ; but, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being most anxious to conform to the Book of Constitutions, and to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art, we very earnestly pray for a Warrant of Constitution continuing and confirming the said “ Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love,” No. 64, in all its rights, privileges, and immunities conferred by the original charter of 1736, and empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at the Town Hall, Arundel, on the third Tuesday in every month, and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the Order and the laws of the Grand Lodge.

“ Dated at Arundel, this 17th day of January, 1860.”

The prayer of the petitioners was answered, the Warrant of Confirmation being dated 27th January, 1860, and endorsed “ Paumure, D.G.M.”

Their meeting in February was for the first time held in the Town Hall, where they have ever since continued to assemble. In July, Bro. J. Wilson was installed W.M., and up to this date sixteen brethren had joined the Lodge and seven candidates had been initiated. In July, 1863, a communication was received from Grand Lodge to the effect

* The authorities of Grand Lodge appear to have copied this number in drawing up the Warrant of Confirmation, tho No. was 55 and was 51 in 1792. (See petition for Centenary Warrant.)

that the Lodge would thenceforth stand in the register of Grand Lodge as No. 56.

In July, 1866, Bro. Hart was for the second time installed W. Master, the number of members steadily increasing, and in October of the same year, the day of meeting was altered to the third Thursday. In May of the following year the W. Master was removed by death, and at the next meeting Bro. Wilson was again elected to fill the chair, but his installation and the Annual Banquet were not held in July owing to the funeral of the late Prov. G.M., Col. C. Dalbiac, taking place on the same day; strange to say Bro. Wilson, like his predecessor, did not live to complete his year of office, for on Saturday, the first of February, 1868, a Lodge of Emergency was summoned by the S.W., Bro. Fabian, for the purpose of paying the last act of respect to the remains of the late W. Master and Past S.G.W. of the Province, whose remains were followed to the grave by the R. W. Lord G. Pelham, Prov. G.M., several officers, Present and Past, of the Prov. G. Lodge, and many other members of the Craft.

At the regular Lodge meeting in March it was unanimously resolved that an honorary membership be tendered to Bro. Gavin E. Pocock, P.G.S.B., England, Prov. G. Secretary, and W.M., 271, in acknowledgment for exertions and invaluable assistance during the years 1859-60 when the Lodge was resuscitated, and, at the next meeting in May, a letter from Bro. Pocock was read expressing his thanks and acceptance of the same.

At the Lodge in June, Bro. Fabian, P.M., the S.W.-who had acted as Master since the death of Bro. Wilson, was elected W.M. for the year ensuing, but at the meeting in July his election was not confirmed, owing to the desire of some of the members that a resident brother should fill the chair, a very laudable feeling no doubt, but a course which if persisted in would soon lead to the collapse of many

country Lodges, especially when so few of the resident members take an active part in the working of their Lodge; for we must all admit that brethren residing at a distance who show their zeal by a regular attendance should, if competent to discharge the duties of Master in turn after qualifying themselves, if possible be unanimously approved in being elected to such an honourable position if they desire it; however, at the Lodge in August, the J.W., Bro. T. U. Price, was elected Master, and it subsequently appears that the non-confirmation of the election of Bro. Fabian had its evil effects, for though it was proposed to alter the Bye-Laws by deferring the election of the Master to August, and the installation to September, the latter ceremony could not be performed either in that or in the following month, owing to there not being sufficient P.M.'s present. In November, there being not one present, the Lodge was not opened, but at the regular Lodge in December, Bro. Price was installed, and the Annual Festival has since that time been held in that month, and we hope that no such petty jealousies will occur again to mar the harmony and perhaps check the prosperity of the Lodge; in June, 1869, the date for election of the W.M. was altered to November.

In March, 1870, Bro. the Rev. G. Ross, P.M., "St. Andrews," No. 1151, P. Prov. G. Chaplain, Cornwall, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge; this brother made some exertions to form a Royal Arch Chapter, and endeavoured to enlist the assistance of some of the members of No. 38, "Union" Lodge, Chichester, and No. 1141, the "Mid Sussex" Lodge, Horsham, but without effect, and at such a result we are not at all surprised. The next year, strange to say, was a blank one with regard to an increase of numbers, for neither a candidate nor a joining member was proposed, but the W.M. took care to employ and instruct his brethren by occasionally rehearsing the different ceremonies, or by working a section or two.

In November, 1875, Bro. Charles Carpenter Cole, who had acted as Tyler for the last ten years died; he was the oldest member of the Lodge, having been initiated in November, 1818.

At the meeting held in December, 1877, the late William Arthur Butt, J.W., W.M. elect was installed in the chair of K.S., a brother who by his genial manner and generous disposition endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and it was during his term of office in the March following, by a unanimous resolution, decided to petition the Most Worshipful Grand Master for a Centenary Warrant, and on May 16th, 1878, a petition engrossed on vellum was signed in open Lodge by the Master and Wardens and duly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemason's Hall, London.

Towards the end of the following month the much wished-for Centenary Warrant was received from Grand Lodge, and at the regular meeting in July, the brethren were highly gratified by having the opportunity of inspecting the document.—See pages 54, 55, 56, 57.

At the meeting in August, Bro. Francis was by the unanimous consent of the members presented with a Gold Centenary Jewel in acknowledgment of the trouble he had taken in drawing up the Petition to Grand Lodge; it was at the same time decided to postpone the commemoration of the Lodge being placed on the roll of Centenary Lodges until the Annual Festival in December, but on that day, owing to unforeseen events the brother who had been elected for installation was unfortunately compelled to be absent, and he therefore declined the office, and the ceremony did not take place. The members present on this occasion were Bros. W. A. Butt, W.M., G. T. Evershed, P.M., as S.W., E. E. Street, J.W., A. Hearn, Treasurer, T.U. Price, P.M., Secretary, P.P.G.D., R.P. Garwood, P.M., W. Read, P.M., P.P.G., Purst., A. H. Smith, S.D., T. Francis, P.M., 804, and

P. J. Emery ; the following visitors honored the Lodge with their presence :—the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master, the W. Bro. J. H. Scott, D.P.G.M., Bros. W. Sergisson, Prov. S.G.W., J. St. Clair, Prov. J.G.W., V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Secretary, W. Hall, Prov. S.G.D., J. M. Kidd, Prov. G.D.C., W. G. Sharp, Assistant Prov. G.D.C., C. Tompkinson, Prov. G. Supt. of Works, W. Farncombe, Prov. G. Sword Bearer, W. T. Nell, Prov. G. Purst, J. B. M'Whinney, A. J. Hawkes, E. Bright, J. Holford, Prov. Grand Stewards, and the following W. Masters of Lodges : H. Davey, "Royal Brunswick," 732, Brighton, T. Morris, "Tyrian," 1110, Eastbourne, E. T. Byass, "Ockenden," 1465, Cuckfield, and J. Eberall, "St. Cecilia," 1636, Brighton.

The brethren assembled at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the usual formalities of opening the Lodge and reading the minutes having been got through, the Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the Prov. G. Wardens were greeted in the usual manner, the Centenary Warrant was passed round for inspection, and the members were congratulated by Bro. J. H. Scott on being the possessors of such a document ; Bro. W. A. Butt then presented the Lodge with a Life Subscribership in the Royal Masonic Boys' School of the value of ten guineas, in commemoration of his year of office as W. Master, for which he was heartily thanked. A vote of thanks to Sir W. W. Burrell was then passed for his presence with his officers on this auspicious occasion, to which the Prov. G.M. responded in his usual happy style : the Lodge was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Norfolk Hotel, where the visitors were entertained and a pleasant evening spent,—one we trust long to be remembered by all present,—and it is to be hoped that the members will take a greater pride in their Mother Lodge now she has attained such a position. At this period there were thirty-five members on the roll, a very respectable muster for a Lodge situated in a scantily populated district.

Since the resuscitation in 1859, 48 candidates have been initiated and 38 brethren have joined the Lodge, and the following members have filled the chair :—

Bro. J. Wilson	...	1859-60
" " ...	...	60-61
" O. P. Hart	...	61-62
" M. Fressen	...	62-63
" H. G. Baynes	...	63-64
" J. P. Cole	...	64-65
" J. Udal ...	...	65-66
" O. P. Hart	...	66-67 (second time)
" J. Wilson	...	67-68 (third time)
" T. U. Price	...	68-69
" G. Light ...	...	69-70
" G. T. Evershed	...	70-71
" J. N. Stonor	...	71-72
" A. C. Shout	...	72-73
" J. Fabian	...	73-74
" W. Read ...	...	74-75
" R. B. Garwood	...	75-76
" J. T. Suter	...	76-77
" W. A. Butt	...	77-78

The following members have been appointed to office in Provincial Grand Lodge :

Bro. J. Wilson	...	Prov. S.G.W., 1860
" O. P. Hart	...	" G. Deacon, 1863
" H. G. Baynes	...	" " Pursuivant, 1863
" J. P. Cole	...	" " Organist, 1864
" T. U. Price	...	" " Deacon, 1871
" W. Read	...	" " Pursuivant, 1877
" G. T. Evershed	...	" " Deacon, 1879



COPY OF PETITION FOR CENTENARY WARRANT.

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c. &c. &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Fraternity of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, No. 56, on the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England,

Shumbly Sheweth,

THAT the Warrant of Constitution of the above-named Lodge was granted by the Right Honorable John Campbell, Earl of Loudoun, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, on the 21st day of December, 1736, the number of the Lodge being 151, and the place of meeting, the "Black Dog" Inn, Castle Street, Seven Dials, London. The number was altered to 136 in 1740, and the place of meeting to "The Crown and Angel," Cateaton Street. In 1756 the number and locality were again altered to 85, "The George," Ironmonger Lane, and in 1768 the Lodge assembled at "The Star," Coleman Street. In 1770 the number and locality are registered as 71, Ironmonger Lane. In 1774 the place of meeting was again at "The Star," in Coleman Street, and in 1779 at "The Blue Boar," Russell Street, Bloomsbury. The number was again altered in 1781 when the "Lodge of Brotherly Love" was raised to 55, the Members afterwards assembling at "The Bedford Arms," Bedford Street. In 1789 the Lodge was removed to Arundel (its present locality), and in 1792 by the alterations of the numbers it became 51, assembling at "The Crown Inn" until 1809, when the place of meeting was "The Wheat Sheaf," at Arundel aforesaid.

THAT at the Union of the two Grand Lodges in 1813 the Lodge was registered as No. 72, and in

by a few of the surviving Members, and the sum of £6 : 19s. 6d. was forwarded to the Grand Lodge in 1859 for the "Fees of Benevolence," which evidently covered the indebtedness of the Lodge, as in the Report of the Board of General Purposes agreed to by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication of the 7th day of September, 1859, the "Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," Arundel, was reinstated into all its former privileges, the summons of the Grand Lodge "to show cause at the next meeting of Grand Lodge why it should not be erased" being withdrawn.

THAT your Petitioners append a Copy of the Warrant of Confirmation which was granted in 1860 by the M.W.G.M., the Right Honorable the Earl of Zetland, in consequence of the original Charter having been accidentally destroyed; some of the numbers however as cited on the Warrant do not agree with the records in the possession of your Petitioners. In 1863 the number distinguishing the Lodge was altered to 56. The Meetings of the Lodge are held at the Town Hall, Arundel, and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition—financially, socially and numerically.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray that your Royal Highness will be graciously pleased to favorably consider their Petition and to authorise the issuing of a Special Warrant for the granting to your Petitioners permission to wear a Centenary Jewel. And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

T. U. PRICE, P.M., Secretary.

Arundel, 16th day of May, 1878.



WM. ARTHUR BUTT, W.M.

GEORGE LIGHT, P.M., S.W.

EUGENE E. STREET, J.W.

TRANSCRIPT OF CENTENARY WARRANT.

ALBERT EDWARD, G.M.



To the Master, Wardens, other Officers, and Members of "The Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love," No. 56, Arundel, and all others whom it may concern,

Greeting.

WHEREAS it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 21st day of December, 1736, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorizing and empowering them and their regular successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at the "Black Dog" Inn, Castle Street, Seven Dials, in the Parish of Saint Giles, in the County of Middlesex, and which Lodge was then registered in the Books of the Grand Lodge, No. 151. At the alteration of numbers in 1740 it became No. 136; at the alteration in 1756 it became No. 85; at the alteration in 1770 it became No. 71; and at the alteration in 1781 it became No. 55. That in the year 1789 the said Lodge was by permission removed to Arundel, in the County of Sussex. At the alteration of numbers in 1792 the Lodge became No. 51, but in consequence of the Union of the two Grand Lodges, and the formation of the United Grand Lodge, on the 27th day of December, 1813, it became No. 72. At the alteration in 1832 it became No. 64, since which, owing to the general alteration in the numbers in 1863, it has become and now stands on the Register as No. 56, meeting at the Town Hall, Arundel, in the

AND WHEREAS the Brethren composing the said Lodge are desirous now that it has completed the Centenary of its existence, to be permitted to wear a Jewel commemorative of such event, and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

NOW KNOW YE that we, having taken the subject into our consideration, have acceded to their request, and in virtue of our prerogative Do HEREBY GIVE AND GRANT to all and each of the actual Subscribing Members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all Masonic meetings, suspended to the left breast by a sky blue ribbon, not exceeding one inch and a half in breadth, a JEWEL or MEDAL, of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a CENTENARY JEWEL, but such Jewel is to be worn only by the Brethren who are bona-fide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge, and for as long only as each shall pay his regular stipulated Subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England.

GIVEN at London this 25th June, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

BY COMMAND of the Most Worshipful Grand Master,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

JOHN HERVEY, G.S.

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